

**Water Quality Subcommittee  
(St. Marys River Management Committee)**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**August 1, 2011**

**6 p.m.**

The Water Quality Subcommittee (of the St. Marys River Management Committee/SMRMC) held a meeting on August 1, 2011, at the Cedar River Seafood restaurant in Callahan, Florida.

**Members and Visitors in attendance:**

Merrill Varn, Kevin Shell, Philip Jones, Dean Woehrle, Steve Nance

**Section 319 Grant project update**

Merrill Varn, Charlton County, outlined the duties of each of the subcommittees for execution of the Section 319 grant for Horsepen Creek. SMRMC is responsible for hosting four sampling and remediation meetings, three “Blue Ribbon” policy committee meetings, one Field Day, and 1-4 wrap-up meetings. Varn told the members that Dr. Laurie Fowler would also like the SMRMC’s input at the initial grant planning meeting on September 22 or 23. In addition, Dr. Fowler would like for the committee to collect existing educational materials concerning septic tank maintenance.

Merrill Varn and Philip Jones (Camden County) agreed to go to the September 22/23 planning meeting. Jones agreed to collect educational materials for Camden County, Kevin Shell agreed to collect materials for Baker County, and Varn agreed to collect materials for Charlton County. Varn said she would contact Nassau County member Winifred Stephenson about getting the information from Nassau County. The members will need to bring the information to the next SMRMC meeting on August 29.

The hosting responsibilities of the subcommittees remain the same: Water Quality will host sampling and remediation meetings; Land Use & Planning will host policy meetings; both subcommittees and perhaps the Public Outreach committee will help with the Field Day and the wrap-up meetings. Varn suggested that if the grant is funded on time that the SMRMC might want to suggest scheduling the Field Day for the Friday prior to the annual river cleanup (third Saturday in March).

There was brief review of the minutes of the meeting and subsequent communications between Miocene Holdings, LLC, and the Georgia Environmental Protection Division.