Walton County MS4
Three requests. Documented answers.

MEETING BRIEF | Warren Whitaker and Tabitha Miller
Tuesday, November 3, 2026 - 3:00 p.m. Central - at the office

Purpose: Establish current stormwater permit status, identify every overdue obligation, and obtain a correction plan with a responsible owner and deadline.

Verified: The county posts 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 MS4 reports. The latter covers October 15, 2023-October 14, 2024. Public posting does not prove DEP receipt. DEP generally requires annual reports in the first five-year cycle, then reports in years two and four unless it requires more frequent reporting. [1-3]

Not yet verified: Current coverage and renewal status, applicable filing deadlines, DEP receipt of required filings, and outstanding deficiencies. The county admission described by Commissioner Liles needs to be tied to the exact statement and records.

1 | Define exactly what is overdue

Ask: "When staff said we were not up to date, precisely what was overdue?"
Request: Each missed permit condition, filing, inspection, maintenance task or corrective action; its original deadline; the date staff identified it; and its current status. Distinguish paperwork gaps from unfinished field work.

2 | Prove coverage and required submissions

Ask: "Show us current permit coverage and what DEP actually received."
Request: Permit number and coverage dates; DEP acknowledgment; renewal Notice of Intent; current Stormwater Management Program; and required reports for the current and preceding permit cycles, with due dates, submission receipts and DEP deficiency correspondence. Explain years when no report was required.

3 | Show the work and the correction plan

Ask: "What records support the reported work, and what remains unresolved?"
Request: Asset and outfall maps; pond and inspection logs; illicit-discharge and construction-enforcement records; maintenance work orders; and an unresolved-problem list showing location, ownership, responsible department, interim action, cost and target completion date. Include a shared mosquito-control referral and closure log; distinguish mosquito findings from permit violations.

Close: "Please deliver a written status table within 10 business days: obligation, due date, evidence, gap, owner and correction date. Who owns delivery?"

Proposed management deadline, not a statutory public-records deadline. Request an estimate before chargeable records work.

Responsibility check: The 2023-2024 report names Melinda Gates as program contact and Buddy Wright as responsible authority at that time. Confirm today's assignments, including Scott Caraway's role; do not infer current duties from the older report. [2]

Sources: [1] County NPDES program: mywaltonfl.gov/806 | [2] County 2023-2024 MS4 report | [3] Florida DEP Phase II requirements

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