

Chatham County Environmental Review Advisory Committee (ERAC)

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: October 9, 2014

Location: Conference Room, Dunlap Building

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jerry Cole at 6:30 PM.

Committee Members Present:

Jerry Cole

David Mattison

Victor D'Amato

Fran DiGiano

Sherri Stuewer

Terry Schmidt

Also Present:

Dan LaMontagne, Chatham County Director of Environmental Quality

Hillary Pace, Chatham County Planning Department

Introductions:

Introductions of all ERAC members were made as well as Hillary Pace, a member of the Chatham County Planning Department.

Selection of the recording secretary for the meeting minutes:

Chairman Cole appointed David Mattison recording secretary.

Approval of minutes from the May 8, 2014 meeting:

The minutes were approved unanimously following a motion by Victor D'Amato and second by David Mattison.

Public Input:

There was no public input.

The Committee adjourned at 6:40 p.m. and reconvened as Watershed Review Board following motion by Sherri Stuewer, which was seconded by Vic D'Amato.

Watershed Review Board

Hillary Pace, Chatham County Planning Department, made a presentation on the Proposed Watershed Ordinance Amendments, including comments and subsequent modifications based on the September 11, 2014 Chatham County Environmental Review Advisory Committee/Watershed Review Board meeting (please see the attached). After some discussion, Terry Schmidt moved to approve the Proposed Watershed Ordinance Amendments and was seconded by Sherri Stuewer. The motion was approved unanimously. The Watershed Review Board was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. following a motion by Vic D'Amato which was seconded by David Mattison and was reconvened as the Chatham County Environmental Review Advisory Committee.

Discussion of Committee Mission and Chatham County Advisory Committee Conflict of Interest Policy

Please see the attached. The Committee read both documents. Regarding the Conflict of Interest Policy, it was agreed that there are no known conflicts of interest by the Committee members. Mr. Cole recommended that members become familiar with the policy and advise the Committee should any such conflict arise. Regarding the Mission, Dan LaMontagne provided the background of the current wording and a discussion followed. After much discussion, it was determined that the first two bullet items of the Mission were not necessary as the first bullet item has been accomplished by the previous Environmental Review Advisory Committee and the second bullet item is no longer necessary as an outside contractor now performs all environmental assessments. Although the third, fifth, sixth and seventh bullet items were agreed upon, it was ultimately agreed that the fourth bullet item should be revised and Dan LaMontagne offered to develop alternative language.

Updates from County staff:

Dan LaMontagne updated the ERAC on the Super Park, a business/industrial park located in Moncure. The site has gone through the Site Readiness phase, including partnerships with Aqua to supply sewer/wastewater services and Chatham County to supply water.

Announcements and updates from ERAC members:

- Robert Soots resigned from ERAC.

Adjournment – Following an agreement to meet in November 2014, Fran DiGiano moved to adjourn, and was seconded by Victor D’Amato. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.