

Minutes of the Chatham County Environmental Review Advisory Committee Meeting,
November 12, 2015

Attendance

Committee members:

Present: Elaine Chiosso, Jerry Cole, Fran DiGiano, Luke Groff, , Terry Schmidt, Sherri Stuewer, Graham Swift, Dave Mattison, and Vic D'Amato

Absent:, Ray Bode, Mary Beth Koza

Guests: Jeannie Ambrose

Staff: Dan LaMontagne, Chatham County Director of Environmental Quality

Call to order

6:30 PM by Chairman Jerry Cole for meeting to begin following the published Agenda

Introductions of all in attendance

Recording Secretary

- Elaine Chiosso was designated by chairman, Jerry Cole, as recording secretary for the meeting

Approval of minutes of the October 8, 2015 meeting

- Graham Swift moved to accept the minutes and Terry Schmidt seconded the motion. All members of committee voted to approve the motion.

Public Input No public input

Sanford wastewater sludge application discussion

Sherrii discussed her most recent findings about how coal ash leachate could impact Sanford WTP, and sludge that could be spread on agric. fields in Chatham– see her memo to ERAC

- Main concerns are 5 metals including lead (see memo)
- Looks like they would be over the limit for arsenic
- Concern about lead – as much as 10% exceedance using H&S report – language about “adjustment” that is not at all clear.
- 4 elements (aluminum, antimony etc) that H&S advised should be monitored. What levels would cause concern?

11 other chemicals –Sherri pulled out 3 more that there are no plans to monitor, but ERAC members suggested we should ask why none of the are going to be monitored.

- What is the amount of leachate that will be sent to WTP, how often? We should ask how Charah plans to equalize storage and delivery rate?
- These questions will go the Chatham BoC before going to Sanford – under their name if they prefer. Jerry will put together a preamble to BOC explaining this, and send both the questions and preamble to ERAC members first.

Solarbee discussion –newest version of the report shows no improvement in chl *a* levels or pH and unlike Hudnell's explanation there was plenty of bluegreen algae. Jerry asked if ERAC wants to report this information to the BOC. Elaine made motion that they to make report to Board, Sherri seconded the motion. Fran will write up draft report.

Updates from County Staff- Dan

Legislation–discussion of H44 riparian buffer provisions. Chatham’s ordinance is in the water supply ordinance and we may not need to do that. We have until January 2017. Dan plans to talk to county attorney.

Stormwater Ordinance –also under HB765 any delegated program cannot exceed the state model -- a state model ordinance will be created. We have to submit our ordinance to state in March.

Comprehensive Plan Status- a contract with Land Design and a first meeting is being planned.

Coal ash air quality sampling: Dan’s office has been asked to monitor air quality on coal ash route through Chatham - much of the truck traffic at present time is to carry dirt for new rail spur. Have taken baseline sample, and has just taken the first active sample today for truck traffic. Analyzing 20 different metals – 8 hour total particulate sample (EPA standard) .

Announcements and updates from ERC members

Elaine announced availability of Waterkeepers Carolina sludge report - mapping tool and report are available online at:

<http://www.waterkeeperscarolina.org/sludge-in-our-waters/>

We will not have our scheduled meeting in December unless there is an issue that needs our attention– our next meeting will be in January 14.

Sherri made motion to adjourn at 7:55