

Meeting Minutes DRAFT
Chatham County Environmental Review Advisory Committee
(ERAC)
June 14, 2018, - 6:30 p.m.
Performance Building Conference Room

Present:

Staff: Rachel Thorne, Watershed Protection supervisor,

Members Present: Fran DiGiano, Vic D'Amato, Elaine Chiosso, Jeanette Ragland, Terry Schmidt, Sherri Stuewer, Ray Bode, Farrell Moose, Terri Tyson,

Absent: Vic D'Amato, Elaine Chiosso, Ray Bode

Guests: Jeannie Ambrose, Diana Hales

1. Introductions

2. Selection of the recording secretary for the meeting minutes – Mary Beth Koza

3. Approval of meeting minutes from April 12, 2018 edits to the meeting notes correct name - Lindsay Ray Clerk to the Board

Minutes approved by acclamation

4. Public Input - none

5. Watershed Review Board Training

Mr. Richard J. Rose, County Attorney, provide an explanation the variance process of an informal hearing. Sworn testimony of speakers. A person of standing, applicant or Board members can ask questions. A member of the Board summarizes, and the case is discussed. Finding and conclusions summarized by the County Attorney can be completed if there is no opposition. If opposition, the county attorney is asked to summarize and present the findings of fact and evidence. The Board must vote. The decision can be appealed. Landowners of adjoining properties will be notified and other municipalities of the Jordon Lake Watershed (if applicable).

6. Correction Process: Rachael Thorn, Watershed Protection Division Supervisor – Chatham County Erosion Control Program will investigate the process to correct stream delineations on minor sub divisions.

7: Flatwood Solar EIA

Discussion of application

Applicant was not present to address comments or questions

Items discussed to include.

- Archaeology property review
- Chatham County historical
- Carbon sink
- Any additional concerns should be emailed to Rachel Thorne

8: Updates from Country Staff

- Briar Chapel - Beaver Issue
Presentation to County Board on Monday June 18,2018
- Coal Ash Payment to County approx. 3 million
- UDO – RFP for consultant has been issue

9: 2017 Annual Report – Terri will take the lead and draft for next meeting

10. Announcements and updates from ERAC members

- Commissioner Hales asked the group how and where the EARC can add value? What does environment mean for the county? Conservation of natural spaces is important issue for the County and how do we support this. What committees do we need to work with to support this effort? (Parks and Regulation, Agricultural Review)

11 . Adjournment

Next meeting: July 12, 2018

6:30 pm at Performance Building Conference Room