



**Chatham County Environmental Review Board
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: July 15, 2010

Location: Dunlap Classroom

Board Members Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tara Alden	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hal House (on leave)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lin Andrew	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sonny Keisler
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Catherine Bollinger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Allison Weakley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Raj Butalia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vic D'Amato
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Elaine Chiosso (Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Steve Wing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Martha Girolami		

Present: Three Chatham County citizens

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Fred Royal, Chatham County Environmental Resources Division

Note: Motions and resolutions are noted in **red**

Elaine opened the meeting.

1. Approval of Environmental Review Board (ERB) meeting minutes from June, 17, 2010.

Allison Weakley moved to approve. Elaine Chiosso seconded. All approved.

2. Public Input

No input.

3. Staff Report

a. County Biosolids notification recommendation

Fred Royal followed up with Andy Siegner, Environmental Health Director, Chatham County, regarding steps the County can take to notify and provide public access to information regarding biosolids disposal.

Mr. Royal reported he reviewed Chatham County biosolids information for the past ten-to-eleven months to gain a better understanding of what was happening. He indicated the Chatham County Board of Health (BOH) is waiting for a State report that came out in Mar/Apr to make a decision on how to proceed. He reported the BOH is currently busy with the lead issue.

Elaine Chiosso suggested George Lucier ask the BOH to make comments to ERB.

Steve Wing said the State's document is not very detailed. It's a summary of the state's biosolids program and how it's administered.

Discussion ensued among board members about how to respond and about advanced notification and posting public documents. Orange County has advanced notification which has led to a reduction in public complaints.

Mr. Royal recommended that the ERB make specific suggestions to the Board of Commissioners (BOC) regarding biosolids reporting.

Ms. Chiosso asked Steve Wing and Catherine Bollinger to form a subcommittee to come up with specific suggestions to give to the BOC. In the meantime, Tara Allden will talk to the Orange County lawyer regarding Orange County's procedures. E-mail suggestions to Steve Wing. Suggestions are due before the August 19, 2010 ERB meeting.

b. Jordan Lake Scientific Advisory Board appointment

Fred Royal has agreed to serve on Board. There will initially be monthly meetings and then quarterly meetings.

c. Environmental Resources Division Program Priorities Summary

Fred Royal is drafting a three-year strategic plan. It is currently in draft form. He would like to have a final version by the end of the month. The plan was briefly reviewed and discussion ensued on a variety of subjects pertinent to the plan. He thanked Elaine Chiosso and Tara Allden for their help.

Mr. Royal asked for comments, via e-mail and Elaine Chiosso suggested that comments be made using *reply all* so everyone can see suggestions.

d. Environmental Review Board minutes procedures

Fred Royal reviewed procedures for reviewing and distributing meeting minutes and will post the document on the ERB Web site.

Sonny Keisler asked that motions and resolutions be highlighted for ease of reference.

e. Watershed Review Board (WRB) Meeting – July 8, 2010

Tara Allden summarized the recent WRB meeting. Going forward, she would like a one-page summary of the statement-of-the-case provided to WRB members before a WRB meeting. This way, board members will have an idea of the topic.

4. Jordan Lake Buffer Rules: Amendments to the Watershed Protection Ordinance

Fred Royal gave a status update for the amendments to the Jordan Lake Buffer Rules. He highlighted key points in the ordinance for those who are newer board members.

Mr. Royal is working with the Division of Water Quality (DWQ) on twenty-six comments they have. He will have the final ordinance in September.

Ms. Chiosso wanted to know if the Table-of-Uses can be changed. She suggested to board members that any changes they wanted should be submitted to Mr. Royal before the August ERB meeting.

Mr. Royal noted that anything more restrictive than the current rules will likely be approved by DWQ. Mr. Royal noted that laws in the ordinance cannot be changed.

Raj Butalia suggested that a subcommittee be formed. Mr. Butalia will form subcommittee. Allison Weakley agreed to help and have suggestions by the August 19th ERB meeting. Mr. Butalia asked ERB members to please review the ordinance and e-mail comments. He will compile.

5. Draft Comments on NCDOT's Hwy 64 Corridor Study

Elaine Chiosso and Allison Weakley met to compile draft comments on the Highway 64 corridor study. Ms. Chiosso reviewed the comments and asked for additional comments. Note: comments were only made on the Environmental section of the study document.

Ms. Chiosso asked for everyone to review the final draft and get comments back to her as soon as possible.

Tara Alden motioned to approve draft comments with any other comments due to Ms. Chiosso prior to the August 19th meeting. Catherine Bollinger seconded. Motion passed. Lin Andrew abstained.

6. Announcements and updates from ERB Members

Elaine Chiosso announced that Cynthia van der Wiele, Chatham County Director of Sustainable Communities, is assembling a list of things that Chatham County is doing to mitigate climate change.

Sonny Keisler gave an update on the Rocky River. He explained that species of crayfish are being impacted because of wastewater in the river. The Rocky River Heritage Foundation is planning to obtain a 319 Grant for further study via NC State University.

Elaine Chiosso said there are people interested in mineral rights in Chatham County with respect to natural gas. Ms. Chiosso reminded the board that fracking is currently illegal and the need to be proactive.

Ms. Chiosso would like someone to always represent ERB at Chatham Conservation Partnership

7. Adjourned

Tara Allden moved to adjourn. Allison Weakley seconded. All approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Next meeting:

Date: August 19, 2010

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Dunlap Classroom

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