

Minutes
Environmental Protection Committee

Jekyll Island Club Hotel
Club Ballroom
371 Riverview Drive
Jekyll Island, GA 31527

September 24, 2013

Attending:

Committee Members

Ray Lambert, Chairman
William Bagwell, Vice Chairman
Nancy Addison
Phyllis Johnson
Aaron McWhorter
Mark Mobley
Mark Phelps
Rob Leebern, Board Chairman, ed-officio

Board Members

Dwight Davis
Duncan Johnson
Bill Jones
Paul Shailendra
Bodine Sinyard
Mark Smith
Philip Watt
Philip Wilheit
Dee Yancey

Visitors

Bryan Tolar, Georgia Agribusiness Council
Jon D. Johnston, EPA
Lynn Smith, Georgia House of Representatives
Lynne Riley, Georgia House of Representatives
Buddy Harden, Georgia House of Representatives
Bob Hanner, GSWCC
Jeffrey Harvey, Farm Bureau
Alice M. Keyes, One Hundred Miles
Robby Arrington, Altamaha Riverkeeper
Sonny Timmerman, CMPC
Ashby Nix, Satilla Riverkeeper
Megan Desrosiers, One Hundred Miles
Harry Geisinger, Georgia House of Representatives

Staff Members

Mark Williams
Jud Turner
Homer Bryson
Spud Woodward
Dave Crass
Dan Forster
Becky Kelley
Eddie Henderson
Steve Friedman
Kyle Pearson
Lauren Curry
Zachary Harris
Cathy Barnette
Taylor Brown
Jeff Weaver
Chris Hodge
Wayne Hubbard
Mary Walker
Doralyn Kirkland
Lisia Kowalczyk
Karl Burgess
LuAnn Mutzabaugh
Will Ricks
Bert Denner
Brandon Baker
Bryant Bowen
Tim Bonvechio
Mark Carson
Doug Haymans
Brad Gane
Buck Bennett
Shawn Jordan
Terry Throwbridge
Joe Bradford

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Chuck Williams, Georgia House of Representatives
Sally Clark, Georgia Chamber
Michelle Sloan, Georgia House of Representatives
Buck Dixon, Georgia House of Representatives
Ben Stowers, Georgia Natural Resources Foundation
Stan Humphries, CMPC
Rick Gardner, CMPC
Bob Beal, ASMFC

Steven Smith
Bill Jiles
Travis Griffin
Bryan Gray

The September 24, 2013 meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee was called to order by Chairman Rob Leebern.

Chairman Leebern called on Ray Lambert, Chairman of the Environmental Protection Committee.

Chairman Lambert called on Stephanie Busch, Manager of the Waste Reduction Unit, to present a briefing on the proposed amendments to the Rules for Solid Waste Management, Chapter 391-3-4, pertaining to composting, mulching, and anaerobic digestion.

Ms. Busch stated there are currently 37 composting facilities in Georgia. She further stated the majority of these facilities fall under the permit-by-rule process. She added five of the facilities in Georgia are permitted by a Solid Waste Handling permit.

Ms. Busch stated the Waste Production Unit of EPD has been working with stakeholders to amend these rules for the past six years. She further stated EPD has worked to resolve the issues identified by stakeholders in the proposed rule revisions.

Ms. Busch stated EPD would solicit public input and hold a public hearing in November. She further stated the Division anticipates presenting the amendments for final action at the January Board meeting.

Chairman Lambert called on Jeff Cown, Chief of the Land Protection Branch, to present a briefing on the proposed amendments to the Rules for Solid Waste Management, Chapter 391-3-4, pertaining to scrap tire management.

Mr. Cown stated during the 2013 legislative session HB 226 was passed by the General Assembly. He further stated this bill updated the Solid Waste Management Act.

Mr. Cown stated HB 226 expands the requirements for the tire carriers by requiring a carrier permit for any individual transporting more than 10 tires. He further stated it also requires each carrier to display a decal on their vehicle. He added people transporting tires for clean-up activities are exempt.

Mr. Cown stated HB 226 also modifies the storage requirements for scrap tires.

Mr. Cown stated the purpose for revising these rules was to amend in the changes of HB 226, clarify language, update requirements to reflect changes in the industry, address beneficial reuse approval requirements, revise requirements for sorters, processors, and disposal facilities, and address financial assurance and closure of permitted facilities.

Mr. Cown stated EPD would be meeting with stakeholders to seek input in November, present the proposed revisions to the Board in the spring of 2014, and hold a public hearing in April or May of

2014. He further stated the Division anticipates bringing the proposed rules to the Board for final adoption in June of 2014.

Chairman Lambert called on Keith Bentley, Chief of the Air Protection Branch, to brief the Board on the proposed amendments to the Rules for Enhanced Inspection and Maintenance, Chapter 391-3-20.

Mr. Bentley stated the Inspection and Maintenance Rules were last updated in 2007. He further stated the proposed changes would update and clarify the rules by replacing obsolete terms, adding standardized terms where necessary, updating the rules to be consistent with federal rules and the Georgia Inspection and Maintenance Act, and update the rules to improve compliance and enforcement.

Mr. Bentley stated public notice would be issued in October and a public hearing would be held. He further stated the Division anticipates bringing the proposed rules back to the Board for adoption in December of 2013.

Chairman Lambert called on Jud Turner, Director of EPD, to brief the Board on an item.

Director Turner stated EPD has been involved in a multi-year discussion with the Corps of Engineers concerning the crediting of return flows in federal facilities, specifically concerning Lake Allatoona and Lake Lanier. He further stated he would be presenting the Board members with a full briefing by the end of the week.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.