

Minutes
Environmental Protection Committee

Young Harris College
Rollins Campus Center
Charles Suber Banquet Hall
1 College Street
Young Harris, GA 30582

December 1, 2015

Attending:

Committee Members

William Bagwell, Chairman
Dwight Evans, Vice Chairman
Dwight Davis
Aaron McWhorter
Mike Phelps
Matt Sawhill
Ray Lambert, Jr., Board Chair, ex-officio

Board Members

Nancy Addison
Duncan Johnson, Jr.
Phyllis Johnson
Mark Mobley (Via Conference Call)
Paul Shailendra
Bodine Sinyard (Via Conference Call)
Philip Watt (Via Conference Call)
Philip Wilheit
Dee Yancey

Visitors

Joe Thacker, CH2M Hill
James Mathis, Williams
Kristen Drew, Williams
August Nicholas, Williams
Leon Watkins, Whitestone Landfill
Brent Simmons, Williams
Chris Manganiello, Georgia River Network
Ronny Just, Georgia Power
Bryan Tolar, Georgia Agribusiness Council

Staff Members

Mark Williams
Jud Turner
Dave Crass
Dan Forster
Eddie Henderson
Becky Kelley
Steve Friedman
Kyle Pearson
Zachary Harris
Cathy Barnette
Taylor Brown
Amber Carter
Mary Kathryn Yearta
John Bowers
Jac Capp
Jeff Cown
William Hover

The December 1, 2015 meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee was called to order by Ray Lambert, Chairman of the Board of Natural Resources.

Chairman Lambert called on William Bagwell, Chairman of the Environmental Protection Committee, who called on Jac Capp, Chief of the Watershed Protection Branch, to present the proposed amendments to Rules for Safe Drinking Water, Chapter 391-3-5.

Mr. Capp stated that the Safe Drinking Water program is a federal program and that the Environmental Protection Division has primacy to implement in Georgia. He further stated that the Environmental Protection Agency amended one of their rules as it pertains to total coliform in drinking water, which necessitates EPD to update the state rule to be consistent with the federal rule to maintain primacy. He also stated that the board was briefed at the August meeting and there was a public hearing held in October. He added that EPD did not received any comments about the proposed rule.

Mr. Capp stated he would request the Committee recommend that the Board approve the item as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Sawhill, seconded by Mr. Evans and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to Rules for Safe Drinking Water, Chapter 391-3-5, as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.