

Minutes
Environmental Protection Committee
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S. E.
Suite 1252 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

September 22, 2009

Attending:

Committee Members

Jim Walters, Acting Chairman
Earl Barrs
Warren Budd
Ray Lambert
Tom Wheeler
Bill Carruth, Board Chairman, ex-officio

Board Members

David Allen
Bill Archer
Gene Bishop
Jenny Lynn Bradley
Joe Hatfield
Mabel Jenkins
Bob Rutland
Loyce Turner
Jim Tysinger

Visitors

Ron Bradford, Music Visions
Andrew Schock, The Conservation Fund
Will Wingate, Georgia Conservancy
Walter Jones, Morris News Service
Shana Udvardy, Georgia Conservancy
Shirl Parsons, Georgia Wildlife Federation
Doug Fulle, Oglethorpe Power Corporation
Mike Giles, Georgia Poultry Federation
Aaron Estis, The Estis Group
Lee Lemke, Georgia Mining Association
Abit Massey, Georgia Poultry Federation
Jackie Jackson-Teel, Savannah Metro Planning Commission

Staff Members

Chris Clark
Carol Couch
Paul Burkhalter
Todd Holbrook
Susan Shipman
Dan Forster
Becky Kelley
Marlin Gottschalk
Ray Luce
Dave Crass
Jill Andrews
Susan Reeves
Brad Gane
Steve Friedman
Jennifer Kaduck
Linda MacGregor
Lauren Curry
Emily Hitchcock
Jeff Weaver
Homer Bryson
Terry West
Doralyn Kirkland
Jim Ussery
Lon Revall
Bill Donohue
Ronnie Phillips
Mary Ann Evans
Yolanda Fanning

The September 22, 2009 meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee was called to order by Board Chairman Bill Carruth. Chairman Carruth called on Jim Walters, Acting Chairman of the Environmental Protection Committee in the absence of Chairman Walter Hudson.

Mr. Walters called on Jennifer Kaduck, Chief, Land Protection Branch, for presentation of the action item on the proposed FY-10 Spending Plan for the Solid Waste Trust Fund (SWTF).

Mrs. Kaduck stated that the FY-10 amended appropriation for the SWTF is \$1,407,138. She further stated that she would like to request approval to spend \$208,760 from the FY-10 appropriation for a six month contract with the Department of Community Affairs for tasks associated with managing a state-wide recycling campaign for solid waste, such as managing the state-wide litter campaign, supporting the Great American Clean-up, the annual Christmas tree recycling campaign, all state-wide “Keep Georgia Beautiful” affiliates, reviewing local solid waste management plans, cost accounting reports for all local governments, as well providing technical assistance for planning for solid waste management.

Mrs. Kaduck stated that she would be returning for approval of the entire SWTF later in the year. She further stated that she is working with the Office of Planning and Budget to determine how the \$1.4 million should be distributed.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Barrs and carried unanimously that the Committee recommends that the Board adopt the Resolution regarding the proposed FY-10 Spending Plan for the Solid Waste Trust Fund. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

Discussion ensued regarding the clean up of a scrap tire site in Upson County.

Dr. Couch called on Linda MacGregor, Chief, Watershed Protection Branch, for an informational briefing on the Coastal Stormwater Supplement to the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual.

Mrs. MacGregor stated that the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual had been produced eight years ago outlining stormwater Best Management Practices (BMP) that are used around the state to guide local development. She further stated that standard BMPs were not as effective in coastal areas. She added that over the past couple of years, a number of stakeholders were instrumental in developing the Coastal Stormwater Supplement to address coastal issues.

Mrs. MacGregor stated that the Coastal Stormwater Supplement not only addresses the site specific coastal development issues, but it also shifts the focus from not only treating the runoff to preventing the runoff at the source. She added that there are tools for coastal developers to help provide the environmental protection needed as stormwater becomes more of an issue on the coast.

Mrs. MacGregor stated that the manual was funded through the Nonpoint Source 319 program, and a federal grant from NOAA, which required a local match. She further stated that Chatham County has adopted the manual as a part of their local ordinance. She added that other communities are in the process of adopting the manual.

Mr. Walters called on Will Wingate, Georgia Conservancy, for comments. Mr. Wingate stated that he would like to thank Dr. Couch and her staff for the process and feels it is very responsive to the needs of the coast.

Mr. Walters called on Jackie Jackson-Teel, Natural Resources Administrator for Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission, for comments.

Mrs. Teel stated that she would like to thank EPD and all stakeholders involved in the process for an outstanding collaborative effort in bringing the Coastal Stormwater Supplement to fruition.

Mrs. Teel read a letter from A. Gregg Bayard, Managing Partner of Barbour Pointe, which commends EPD and stakeholders for the Coastal Stormwater Supplement. (Letter attached hereto and made a part hereof)

Dr. Couch stated that she very much appreciated all the hard work on this issue.

Dr. Couch gave an update on the current flood situation and steps that are being taken for emergency response efforts.

Board Chairman Carruth called on Loyce Turner, Chairman of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Committee, who called on Becky Kelley, Director of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Division (PRHSD) for comments on the present budget situation regarding state parks.

Mrs. Kelley stated that she would like to announce “Free Day in State Parks” this Saturday, September 26. She further stated that this is tied in with National Public Lands Day, which is a national effort to make people more aware of the importance of public lands, whether it is for hunting, fishing, recreation or conservation purposes.

Mrs. Kelley stated that upon realizing the loss of revenue to allow a free day in State Parks, PRHSD began calling on their partners and friends to help offset some of

the cost. She introduced Connell Stafford, who was instrumental in arranging Coca Cola as a Platinum Sponsor, and Steve Leonard, Associate Director of Strategic Sales at Verizon Wireless, who was also a Platinum Sponsor, stating that both companies contributed \$10,000.00 each to underwrite the cost of this very important day.

Mrs. Kelley stated that she would hand out information on all activities at the State Parks around the state and encouraged everyone to attend an event their closest park.

Mrs. Kelley gave an update on the Friends of State Parks and thanked them for all their help with the current budget situation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.