

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

August 30, 2017

Attending:

Committee Members

Ray Lambert, Chairman
William Bagwell, Vice Chairman
Dwight Davis - Via Conference Call
Dwight Evans
Aaron McWhorter
Mike Phelps
Brother Stewart
Dee Yancey
Duncan Johnson, Jr., Board Chairman, Ex-Officio

Board Members

Nancy Addison
Bill Jones
Mark Mobley
Matt Sawhill
Bodine Sinyard
Miki Thomaston
Philip Watt – Via Conference Call
Philip Wilheit

Guests

Ronny Just, Georgia Power
Chris Manganiello, Chattahoochee Riverkeeper
Alex Bradford, Georgia Farm Bureau
Duncan Hughes, Soque River Watershed Association
Darrel Snyder, Georgia Power
Bill Hodges, HHNT
Blake Ravlerson, Georgia Farm Bureau
Leigh Elkins, Vinson Institute
Lea Dixon, Georgia Conservancy
Scott Tanner, Joe Tanner & Associates

Staff Members

Walter Rabon
Terry West
Kyle Pearson
Wes Robinson
Cathy Barnette
Amber Carter
Rusty Garrison
Col. Eddie Henderson
James Hamilton
Spud Woodward
John Bowers
Steve Friedman
Maj. Thomas Barnard
Lt. Col. Jeff Weaver
Stephen Adams
Sam O'Neal
Doug Haymans
John Martin
Richie Golden
Michael Chadwell
Robin Freeman
Bola Akande
Farida Lammari
Sirisha Ramireddy
VJ Nandiraju
Bola Akande
Rick Lavender
Allison Asbrock
Jenifer Wisniewski
Linda May
Linda He
Thom Litts
Heidi Ferguson
Bill Hover
Alan Isler
Richard Dunn

Lauren Curry
Sydney Brogden
Jac Capp
Jeff Cown
Karen Hays
Dika Kuoh
Chuck Mueller
Erin Ruoff
Sarah Visser
Laura Williams

The August 30, 2017 meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee was called to order by Chairman Duncan Johnson.

Chairman Johnson called on Ray Lambert, Chairman of the Environmental Protection Committee. Chairman Lambert called on Jeff Cown, Chief of the Land Protection Branch, to present the Proposed Amendments to the Rules for Hazardous Waste Management, Chapter 391-3-11.

Ms. Cown stated the first action item is an item that is being redone due to an administrative error. He further stated that the purpose of the proposed rule is for us to retain primacy for our Hazardous Waste program. He added that the proposed update is to amend Chapter 391-3-11 to incorporate by reference regulations published by EPA through November 28, 2016 and to address EPA's comments on previous rule revisions, and this includes Hazardous Waste Generator Improvements Rule and Hazardous Waste Export-Import Revisions.

Mr. Cown stated that we briefed the Board in March, we had a public comment period but we missed an administrative notice and have fixed that, so after the May meeting we did another public comment period and no comments were received on this rule. The National Guard did speak in support of this rule. He further stated that he requests favorable consideration of adoption of this Rule.

A motion was made by Mr. Bagwell, seconded by Mr. Yancey and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to Rules for Hazardous Waste Management, Chapter 391-3-11.

Chairman Lambert called on Jeff Cown, Chief of the Land Protection Branch, to present the Proposed FY 2018 Solid Waste Trust Fund Spend Plan.

Mr. Cown stated the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act requires the Board's approval of the spend plan. He further stated the Solid Waste Trust Fund was established in 1990 and it is funded from a \$1.00 fee on each new tire sold by retail tire dealers in the state. He added the \$1.00 fee was reauthorized in 2014 and will expire in 2019 and we will have to go back to the legislature at that time to continue this program.

Mr. Cown stated that in FY 2017, we manage over 7,000 scrap tire generators, 178 tire carriers, 55 tire sorters and 9 scrap tire processors. He further stated that we have a very good scrap tire processing program in the state that allows us to reuse these tires. He added that in 2016 our inspections went up and our enforcement went up as well, and enforcement action will trend back down.

Mr. Cown stated that last year, we cleaned up through enforcement 33 tire piles, almost 16,000 Passenger Tire Equivalents (PTE), at a savings to the State of almost \$65,000. He further stated that we contracted 57 site cleanups, with almost 115,000 PTEs at a cost of \$433,000. He added that each tire dumped can produce up to 10,000 mosquitos.

Mr. Cown stated that for amnesty events and cleanups as of August 1, 2017, we will clean up an estimated 175,415 tires at the cost of \$562,454 which includes 30 amnesty events, 13 right-of-way cleanups and 9 dump site cleanups. Mr. Cown further stated that these are fluid numbers, but we currently have 63 illegal scrap tire dump sites, 184,542 PTEs and it will take us about \$738,167 to clean up.

Mr. Cown stated that we are asking \$2,559,747 for EPD program execution & management, we are asking to spend up to \$1,080,944 on cleanups for both state contractors and local government reimbursements, and \$438,533 to evaluate three abandoned landfills. He further stated that we have found if we do an engineering evaluation up front, we have good plans to bid out that closure and cleanup.

Mr. Cown requested favorable consideration of the total budget of \$4,079,224 for the FY18 Solid Waste Trust Fund Spend Plan.

Mr. Bagwell stated that it seems to be costing about \$3.50 a tire to clean up and asked if that is accurate. Mr. Cown stated yes, it costs about \$3.00-\$5.00 a tire to clean up a PTE.

Mr. McWhorter asked if that cost estimate includes delivery to a recycling site. Mr. Cown replied yes, it does include them picking it up, transporting to the processor, and the processing fee at the processor.

A motion was made by Mr. Yancey, seconded by Mr. Bagwell and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the FY 2018 Solid Waste Trust Fund Spend Plan.

Chairman Lambert called on Karen Hays, Chief of the Air Protection Branch, to brief the Board on the Proposed Amendments to the Rules for Radioactive Materials, Chapter 391-3-17.

Ms. Hays stated that Georgia is an Agreement State with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and that means the Georgia Environmental Protection Division has the authority to license and inspect sources of radioactive materials in Georgia. She further stated that one of the conditions of retaining

this authority is the Georgia Rules have to be periodically updated in order to be compatible with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's own rules. She added the major feature of this package is to adopt 10 CFR Part 37, which is called "Physical Protection of Category 1 and Category 2 quantities of Radioactive Materials".

Ms. Hays stated that after this briefing, we will have a 30-day public comment period with the public hearing tentatively scheduled on October 10, and will request adoption at the December Board meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.