

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

April 23, 2019

Attendees:

Committee Members

Ray Lambert, Chair
William Bagwell, Vice Chair
Dwight Davis
Rob Leebern
Aaron McWhorter
Mark Mobley
Brother Stewart
Dee Yancey
Bodine Sinyard, Board Chair, Ex-officio

Board Members

Nancy Addison – Via Conference Call
Dwight Evans
Joe Hatfield
Duncan Johnson
Bill Jones
Tim Lowe
Billy New
Miki Thomaston

Guests

Ronny Just, Georgia Power
Chris Newton, Georgia Power
Bill Hodges, Hodges, Harbin, Newberry & Tribble
Joe Carnahan, Luck Stone Corp.
Mark Williams, Luck Stone
Clint Courson, Hodges, Harbin, Newberry & Tribble
Bryan Tolar, GA Urban Ag Council
Jim Renner, Southern Ionics Minerals
Chris Manganiello, Chattahoochee Riverkeepers
Rosa Chi, GA Power
Scott Tanner, Joe Tanner & Associates
Debbie Phillips, GA Industry Environmental Coalition

Staff Members

Mark Williams, Commissioner
Terry West
Walter Rabon
Kyle Pearson
Wes Robinson
Melanie Johnson
Cathy Barnette
Amber Carter
Artica Gaston
Houston Webb
Thomas Barnard
Jeff Cown
Dave Crass
Steve Friedman
Rusty Garrison
Doug Haymans
John Bowers

Richard Dunn, Director
Lauren Curry
Karen Hays
Chuck Mueller
Dika Kuoh
Sydney Brogden
Kevin Chambers

The April 23, 2019 meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee was called to order by Chairman Bodine Sinyard.

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

Mr. Lambert called on Karen Hays, Chief of the Air Protection Branch of the Environmental Protection Division, to present the Proposed Amendments to the Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1, Pertaining to Permit Fees.

Ms. Hays presented the background on permit fees and what the costs include. She further presented that there are two types of air permit fees, which are air permit fees calculated annually based on emissions, and permit application fees charged for certain types of permit applications. She added that there is no change proposed to the dollar per ton annual fee, FY 2020 annual fees shall be calculated using calendar year 2018 emissions, and there is no change to the permit application fees that began March 1, 2019.

Ms. Hays presented the rulemaking timeline. The Board was briefed in January, a public comment period began in February with no comments received, and she requested favorable consideration of the proposed amendments.

Mr. Lambert asked a question about how much money EPD spent versus collected and conversation ensued.

Mr. Johnson asked if EPD is required to collect funds and conversation ensued.

Mr. Stewart asked about the number of coal fired power plants operating in Georgia and conversation ensued.

A motion was made by Mr. Bagwell, seconded by Mr. Mobley, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to the Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1, Pertaining to Permit Fees, as presented.

Mr. Lambert called on Karen Hays, Chief of the Air Protection Branch of the Environmental Protection Division, to brief the Board on the proposed amendments to the Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1, Pertaining to Miscellaneous Changes and Updates.

Ms. Hays presented the miscellaneous rule updates, which are regularly updated to incorporate changes to US EPA rules, incorporate new US EPA rules, update references to the most current document, and remove obsolete requirements. She further presented key changes which include: updates to the New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) and National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAPs), update definitions, a revision to the open burning rule, removal of the Gasoline Dispensing Facilities- Stage II Rule, revisions of the Permit Requirements rule, and revisions to the Emission Reduction Credits Rule. Ms. Hays added the rulemaking timeline includes briefing the

Board in April, a public hearing and comment period in June and July, and she will request adoption of the proposed amendments in August 2019.

Mr. Mobley asked if they changes will impact burning timber and conversation ensued.

Mr. Lambert asked if five counties will have additional requirements and conversation ensued.

There being no further business, the Committee meeting was adjourned.