

FEBRUARY 20, 1997 - EPC - DRAFT MINUTES

The Environmental Protection Commission (EPC) of Hillsborough County, Florida, met in Regular Meeting, scheduled for Thursday, February 20, 1997, at 10:00 a.m., in the Boardroom, County Center, Tampa, Florida.

The following members were present: Chairman Jan Platt and Commissioners Dottie Berger, Joe Chillura, Thomas Scott, and Ed Turanchik (arrived at 10:20).

The following members were absent: Commissioner Chris Hart (represented the Board at a Florida Association of Counties board meeting) and Commissioner Jim Norman (attended a State Correctional meeting).

Chairman Platt called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Following the pledge of allegiance to the flag, Commissioner Scott gave the invocation.

CONSENT AGENDA - A. Approval of minutes of July 18, 1996, and January 16, 1997. B. Monthly Activity Reports. C. Legal Department Monthly Reports. D. Pollution Recovery Trust Fund. E. Gardinier Settlement Fund.

**Commissioner Chillura moved approval of the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Scott, and carried four to zero.** (Commissioner Turanchik had not arrived; Commissioners Hart and Norman were absent.)

CITIZENS ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CEAC) - CEAC Vice Chairman Barry Lenz advised there was no quorum for the regular meeting of CEAC on February 17, and therefore the members who attended were unable to vote on the projects related to the Gardinier Settlement Fund applications. It was CEAC's request that the EPC defer the item until CEAC had an opportunity to vote on the projects. EPC Chief Legal Counsel Sara Fotopulos advised that deferral of the item was at the EPC Board's discretion. Commissioner Berger expressed her position that CEAC should be given an opportunity to review and take official action. Mr. Lenz also reported that CEAC was reviewing the EPC rules, with a subcommittee having been appointed by Chairman Thomas to consider Wetland Rule, Chapter 1-11; Mr. Lenz served as chairman of that committee, which had met twice. Also being considered was Wetland Rule 1-2 and would have been heard in public hearing if a quorum had been present on February 17. **Commissioner Chillura moved the Gardinier Settlement Fund item be deferred to the next EPC meeting and after CEAC had made comments and recommendations, which was seconded by Commissioner Scott, and carried four to zero.** (Commissioner Turanchik had not arrived; Commissioners Hart and Norman were absent.)

Ms. Ann Schnapf, Tampa Chapter of the Audubon Society, indicated that at the next meeting she would speak to certain restoration projects that the Society had been working on for several years.

Referring to the backup material, Chairman Platt requested that dividers/tabs be placed between the items for easier reference.

WASTE MANAGEMENT DIVISION - Mr. Hooshang Boostani, EPC staff, referred to the written quarterly status report on Superfund sites, submitted in the backup material. In response to Commissioner Chillura, who asked about time lines relative to the Stauffer Chemical Company site, Mr. Boostani advised there were no time lines; clean-up had been performed and remedial design of the project would be next. He also reported there were nine Superfund sites in Hillsborough County, with two added, and two had been cleaned up and would be monitored.

WATER MANAGEMENT DIVISION - Mr. Chris Dunn, EPC staff, asked the EPC Board to authorize the Executive Director to execute a Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council(TBRPC)/EPC contract for analysis of stormwater and atmospheric deposition samples, which was part of a study managed by the TBRPC. EPC's part of the project included analysis of 16 water and 16 air samples per week for a period of 40 weeks; compensation to EPC for it's work would be about \$26,000. **Commissioner Chillura moved approval, seconded by Commissioner Scott, and carried four to zero.** (Commissioner Turanchik had not arrived; Commissioners Hart and Norman were absent.)

WETLANDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION - Discussed earlier in the meeting under CEAC items and deferred.

Mr. Thomas Koulianos, EPC staff, pointed out changes that had been made to the agenda backup material for easier reference. Items would be tabbed in the future.

Mr. Roger Stewart, EPC Executive Director, distributed copies of an article from The St. Petersburg Times regarding a claim for \$82,000 on a tank cleanup effort where no work had been performed. Mr. Stewart related that type of situation could not happen in Hillsborough County because of EPC's involvement in the local tanks program.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

READ AND APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:  
RICHARD AKE, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk