

**Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee
October 7, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

Members in attendance

Daniel Bostrom, Hallie Calig, Deborah Cope, Roy Davis, Harold Falls, Joy Ingram, Dale Meryman, Ph.D., Cam Oberting

Members absent

Daniel Alberdi, Kenneth Parker, Tony D'Aquila, Janet Dougherty, Dr. Wayne Echelberger, Melanie Higgins, James Harris

Guests

Noel Marton, P.G., Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS)

EPC Staff in attendance

Dr. Garrity, Executive Director, Richard Tschantz, General Counsel, Deborah Sinko, Interim Director Wetlands Management Division, Richard Boler, General Manager ERM Division, Andrew Zodrow, Assistant Counsel, Jeannette Figari, CEAC Liaison.

1. Call to Order

The Chairman was out of the country on business and the Vice Chairman, Deborah Cope, called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of the October 7, 2011 Meeting Minutes

At this time, there was not a quorum present, so no action was taken.

3. Public Comment

No comment was taken at this time.

4. Review of the September 15, 2011 EPC Regular Meeting

Dr. Garrity reminded the CEAC members that the September EPC meeting was cancelled and; therefore, there are no items to review.

5. Preview of the October 20, 2011 EPC Regular Meeting

Dr. Garrity, Executive Director, identified the agenda items proposed for the October 20, 2011 EPC meeting.

- Dr. Garrity will present the State of the Environment Report
- The Executive Director evaluation forms will be distributed to each of the Commissioners. They will be asked to complete them and return them at the November EPC meeting.
- The petroleum cleanup and compliance State budget issue will be addressed by staff.
- Staff will provide an update on their progress in identifying all potential Brownfields locations within Hillsborough County.
- Staff will provide the annual update on the implementation of the Fertilizer Rule.
- Included in the Executive Director's Report will be a summary of the EPC Management's meeting with the Chinese Delegation and an update on EPC's Permit Tracking System.

6. Discussion of HB421

Prior to the meeting, CEAC member Roy Davis, had circulated a summary of the 2010 House Bill 421, *An Act Related Agricultural Exemptions from Environmental Resource Permitting Requirements*, for the CEAC members to review. Mr. Davis also invited Mr. Noel Marton, from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, to speak to the CEAC members regarding the implementation of this legislation within Hillsborough County. Generally, HB 421 provides some exemptions from State wetland permitting (ERP) for Agricultural activities. Assistant Counsel for the EPC, Andrew Zodrow, was also present and provided input with regard to EPC regulation. In response to a question regarding the impact of HB 421 on EPC's regulatory authority, Mr. Zodrow's opinion was that it was not binding upon the EPC as there was no preemption clause and the EPC does not have delegation of the ERP permitting that is referenced in the Legislation.

7. Update on EPA's Proposed Numeric Nutrient Criteria

Mr. Richard Boler, General Manager Environmental Resource Management Division, provided an update on the EPA's proposed Numeric Nutrient Criteria. His presentation included background information regarding the establishment of water quality standards, an explanation of nutrients and the issues associated with nutrient management. He explained the difference between Florida's current narrative criteria for regulating nutrients and the EPA's proposed numeric criteria and he closed the presentation with an update on the progress of the rulemaking process. Mr. Boler responded to questions raised by CEAC members regarding this matter.

8. Other Business

At this time, there were enough members present to constitute a quorum and the Vice Chairman called for a motion to approve the September minutes. A motion was made and the September 12, 2011 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

CEAC member Harold Falls reminded the other members that the Phosphate Conference was to be held on October 12th and 13th at the Lakeland Civic Center.

CEAC member Hallie Calig asked the Committee members in attendance to raise their hands if they had served more than two consecutive terms. She then asked that the record reflect that six out of the eight members in attendance had served more than two consecutive terms.

The Vice Chairman inquired as to what items were proposed for the November 7th agenda. There were none and she requested that the Committee schedule the Executive Director's State of the Environment report for the November meeting.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.