

## **Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – August 2, 2010**

### **Members in attendance**

Jeremy Burris, Hallie Calig, Roy Davis, Wayne Echelberger, Ph.D., Melanie Higgins, Ann Hodgson, Ph.D., Joy Ingram, David Jellerson, Vicki Kenyon, Dale Meryman, Ph.D., Cam Oberting, James Harris, Sr.

### **Members absent**

Daniel Alberdi, Deborah Cope, Harold Falls, Kim Koleos, George Parker, Jr.

### **Guests**

Jessica Stempien, FDACS

### **EPC Staff in attendance**

Dr. Garrity, Executive Director; Rick Tschantz, General Counsel; Hooshang Boostani, Waste Management Division Director; Tom Ash, Water Management Division; Dave Karlan, Water Management Division; Alex Roberts, Water Management Division; Laura Thorne, Water Management Division; and Jeannette Figari, CEAC Liaison.

### **I. Regular Business**

Chairman Alberdi was out of town and Dr. Echelberger chaired the meeting in his absence. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Echelberger welcomed the new Temple Terrace appointee, Mr. James P. Harris Sr. and asked Mr. Harris to introduce himself to the Committee at which point, Mr. Harris proceeded to introduce himself to the members.

#### **a) Public Comment**

Dr. Echelberger called for public comment. No one spoke at this time.

#### **b) Approval of the June 7, 2010 CEAC Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the June 7, 2010 CEAC meeting minutes, the motion passed and the minutes were approved unanimously.

#### **c) Review of the July 15, 2010 EPC Meeting**

Dr. Garrity provided a brief overview of the issues that were addressed at the July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- The Commission conducted a continuation of the Public Hearing to consider adoption of the proposed Fertilizer Use and Landscape Management Rule, Chapter 1-15. A rule was adopted by the Commission during this public hearing.
- The Commission conducted a continuation of the Public Hearing to amend Chapter 1-6, Services – Fee Schedule. Dr. Garrity recommended that the Commission delay any action on the fee adjustments to a later date and that the Commission consider a one-time allocation of funds to the Agency from the County Administrator's 12 month plan to be used specifically to eliminate the furlough days for FY11. The Commission supported this recommendation and it passed at the budget reconciliation meeting.
- Based on recent efficiencies and savings realized by the Agency this year, there was sufficient funding to eliminate the September 9<sup>th</sup> furlough day; therefore, Dr. Garrity indicated that the

Agency planned to eliminate the September 9<sup>th</sup> furlough day unless the Commission had any objections. No objections were raised and the Agency will be open on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

- Jerry Campbell, Air Management Division Director, gave an air quality presentation which focused on the current exceedances and the reasons for those exceedances.

Dr. Garrity distributed copies of the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) pertaining to the Fertilizer Use and Landscape Management Rule. This information is posted on the EPC website.

#### **d) Preview of the August 19, 2010 EPC Meeting**

Dr. Garrity informed the Committee that the August EPC meeting was cancelled and the next regular EPC meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2010. Some items to be included on the September agenda will be a request from the Waste Management Division to designate the third week in September as Pollution Prevention Week (P2) and report from the Air Management Division regarding possible air monitoring due to the oil spill. Dr. Garrity informed the Committee members that the Navy Secretary would be holding a town hall meeting in St. Petersburg to discuss the Gulf Restoration efforts being undertaken in response to the New Horizon oil spill.

Dr. Garrity responded to questions about the continuation hearing on both the proposed Fertilizer Use and Landscape Management Rule and the proposed fee adjustments to Chapter 1-6.

## **II. Items for Discussion, Action or Presentation**

### **a) Recycling Discussion**

CEAC member, Joy Ingram, who coordinated the presentation, gave a brief introduction and history of recycling then introduced Katie Brown, Waste Reduction Specialist for Hillsborough County, who discussed the options for dealing with waste and provided information on Hillsborough County's current programs including the waste to energy facility, the South County landfill, the yard waste processing facilities and the recycling program. Ms. Brown answered many questions raised by CEAC members regarding Hillsborough County's waste management efforts.

### **b) Status Report on Approved PRF Projects**

Laura Thorne, Water Management Division, scheduled three Pollution Recovery Fund project status presentations for the August meeting: the *MiniFARMS Best Management Practices Implementation* project; the *Sediment Metals Status in Lake Thonotosassa, Hillsborough County, Florida*; and the *Erosion Control/Oysterbar Creation on the Alafia Bank Bird Sanctuary – Phase 1*.

Jessica Stempien, Project Manager for *MiniFARMS Best Management Practices Implementation*, provided an overview of the MiniFARMS program, an FY 2010 Project Status and an explanation of the cost share practices. Ms. Stempien provided detailed information regarding the four MiniFARMS that are currently participating in the project; 3 Pines Tree Farm Phase I & II, Council Growers, Inc., Exotic Plumeria and Carl Little Peanuts. The proposed projects for FY 2011 were identified and an update on the available funding was provided.

Dave Karlan, Water Management Division, project manager for *Sediment Metals Status in Lake Thonotosassa, Hillsborough County, Florida* indicated that the primary concern for this study was to determine if the levels of lead in the sediment of Lake Thonotosassa would result in the Lake being designated as impaired. Mr. Karlan provided background information on Lake Thonotosassa, specifics on the Total Maximum Daily Loads for lead, and he explained EPC staff's data sampling and analysis and the staff findings. The findings indicated that none of the metals in the sediment, including lead, exceeded the FDEP water quality standards.

Ann Hodgson, Ph.D., project manager for *Erosion Control/Oysterbar Creation on the Alafia Bank Bird Sanctuary – Phase I* reiterated the project need, purpose and objective and provided details on the current status of the project. Ms Hodgson indicated that they had acquired the necessary permits and that installation of the oysterbar was scheduled to take place in October 2010.

Each of the project managers responded to questions posed by CEAC members during their presentations.

### **III. Other Business**

Mr. Roy Davis distributed a copy of the *Farm and Ranch News* to each of the members present and requested that they read his column and be prepared to discuss it at the next CEAC meeting in September.

### **IV. Agenda Items for the September 13, 2010 CEAC Meeting**

Two items are scheduled for discussion at the September CEAC meeting; the continuation of the update on the previously approved Pollution Recovery Fund (PRF) projects and the discussion on Mr. Davis' column in the *Farm and Ranch News*.

A motion was made to adjourn, the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.