

## **Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – January 4, 2010**

### **Members in attendance**

Daniel Alberdi, Jeremy Burris, Hallie Calig, Roy Davis, Wayne Echelberger, Ph.D., Harold Falls, Melanie Higgins, Ann Hodgson, Ph.D., Joy Ingram, David Jellerson, Vicki Kenyon, Dale Meryman, Ph.D., Cam Oberting, George Parker Jr.

### **Members absent**

Deborah Cope, Kim Koleos

### **Guests**

None

### **EPC Staff in attendance**

Richard Garrity, Ph.D., Executive Director; Richard Tschantz, General Counsel; Hooshang Boostani, Waste Management Director; Jeannette Figari, CEAC Liaison.

### **I. Regular Business**

Chairman Jellerson called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

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

There were no members of the public present.

#### **b) Approval of November 2, 2009 Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the November 2, 2009 minutes. No corrections were noted and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **c) Review – December 17, 2009 EPC Meeting**

Dr. Garrity provided a brief review of the December EPC meeting.

- The Commission authorized the Chairman to sign the new petroleum clean up contract with the DEP.
- The Nitrogen Management Consortium Reasonable Assurance agreement was approved by the Commission and a brief summary of the program was provided.
- Dr. Garrity reviewed the Agency's Mission, Vision and Values and distributed a State of the Environment rack card.
- The Commission voted to extend the Executive Director's contract for three years.
- The Commission supported staff's request for authorization to work with the Legislative members to help ensure full funding for the Inland Protection Trust Fund which supports the State Petroleum Cleanup Program.
- An update on the progress of the Fertilizer rule development was presented and the Commission voted to direct staff to develop two possible options for the rule adoption: one option would reflect the TBEP model and the second option would reflect the Orange County model. Staff was also directed to conduct three workshops to take public input on the proposed rule language.
- Air Division staff presented a report on the noise standards for East Bay Raceway. Staff recommended no change to the current sound level limits and the Commission supported staff's recommendation.

At the conclusion of Dr. Garrity's review, David Jellerson informed the Committee that he presented the proposed CEAC Bylaw amendments to the Commission and they were approved.

**d) Preview – January 14, 2010 EPC Meeting**

Dr. Garrity informed the Committee that the January EPC meeting had been cancelled.

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

**a) Nominations for and election of CEAC Chairman and Vice Chairman.**

Hallie Calig presented the Nominating Committee's recommendations for Chairman and Vice Chairman. Danny Alberdi was presented as the nominee for the Chairman's position and Dr. Wayne Echelberger was presented as the nominee for the Vice Chairman's position. Both gentlemen indicated they were willing to accept the nominations. No nominations were offered from the floor and George Parker, Jr. made a motion that the Committee unanimously elect Danny Alberdi as Chairman and Dr. Echelberger as Vice Chairman. The motion was seconded by Melanie Higgins. The motion carried 13-0, with Mr. Alberdi abstaining.

The new Chairman thanked the Committee for the nomination and Mr. Jellerson for his numerous years as Chairman. Individual members and the Committee expressed their thanks to Mr. Jellerson for his service.

Mr. Alberdi spoke to the group about impending environmental issues in the upcoming year and the Committee's duty to advise the Commission concerning environmental issues.

**III. Other Business**

No other business was addressed.

**Agenda Items for February 1, 2010 CEAC Meeting**

Mr. Alberdi suggested that the Committee might wish to consider scheduling a discussion about the EPA's proposed numeric nutrient criteria for the February meeting. The Committee discussed the issue and decided that they would need to schedule an informational presentation for February and then invite representatives from different interests to comment on the proposed rule for the March meeting. Rick Tschantz offered to provide the legal background that led to the development of the numeric criteria and the Committee requested EPC staff present an overview of the proposed rule and, if possible, have a representative from the DEP available to answer questions.

Dr. Garrity distributed a copy of an e-mail he received from the EPA regarding its plans for the proposed rulemaking concerning water quality standards for the State of Florida's lakes and flowing waters.

A planning session was scheduled for the upcoming meeting. A request was made to have the CEAC liaison send the members a copy of the previous year's planning calendar.

A request was made to also schedule an update on the Agency's proposed fee adjustments. It was noted that staff was still working on the adjustments and did not have any final recommendations to present; however, the staff would provide a preliminary update.

With no further business to address, a motion was made to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.