

Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee

August 7, 2017 meeting minutes

Roger P. Stewart Center

3629 Queen Palm Drive, Tampa 33619

Members in attendance:

Hallie Calig, Travis Council, Harold Falls, Jason Gorrie, James Harris, William Mitchell, Cam Oberting, Joseph Walsh, Ph.D., Paul Thibault

Members absent:

Christopher Lovett, Dharma Ramos, Breanne Strepina, David Wilson

Guests in attendance:

Mary Lusk, UF-IFAS; Karen Michalski, citizen

EPC staff in attendance:

Janet Dougherty, Executive Director; Hooshang Boostani, Director Waste Management Division; Sam Elrabi, Director Water Management Division; Jerry Campbell, Director Air Management Division; Christopher Pratt, Water Management Division; Julie Christian, Water Management Division; Jeannette Figari, CEAC Liaison.

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m.

Minutes

The April 3, 2017 and July 10, 2017 meeting minutes were approved with no corrections.

Public comment and introductions

Chairman Walsh welcomed Commissioner Kemp's new appointee, Paul Thibault, and asked him to introduce himself to the Committee members. The guests in attendance, Karen Michalski, a prospective CEAC appointee, and Mary Lusk, a guest speaker, were also asked to introduce themselves. The Committee members and EPC staff responded in kind.

Pollution Recovery Fund (PRF) Project A17-07: Small Farms for Clean Water: Compost Education to Encourage Sustainable Manure Management

The Committee had requested that Mary Lusk, Project Manager for PRF Project A17-07, attend the August CEAC meeting to answer questions and provide clarification of the Small Farms for Clean Water project. According to Ms. Lusk, the proposed project is an educational program that targets water pollution associated with the excess nutrients and bacteria from manure on small (hobby) horse farms in Hillsborough County. Ms. Lusk utilized a power point presentation to summarize the proposed project outputs, outcomes and impacts. Through the course of her presentation, Ms. Lusk responded to questions raised by the Committee members. Upon conclusion of the discussion, Chairman Walsh and the Committee members thanked Ms. Lusk for her time and waited until she left the room before proceeding with the 2017 PRF project discussion.

Pollution Recovery Fund (PRF) project recommendations for 2017

Chris Pratt, Water Management Division, distributed a scoring matrix and PRF Application Score Sheet 2017 for the members to review. These documents illustrate the criteria and process used by the staff to rank and score each project. Additionally, Mr. Pratt employed the use of a power point presentation to provide a summary of the proposed projects and their corresponding funding requests.

The EPC staff recommendations for approval or denial of each project were shared with the CEAC members. The Committee was asked to provide their recommendations for staff to bring to the Commission at the next scheduled EPC meeting.

Hallie Calig moved to support the staff recommendations; the motion was seconded by Travis Council and the motion passed, 8 in support and 1 abstention.

Administrative Matters

No matters were addressed during this portion of the meeting.

Other Business

Chairman Walsh informed the Committee of a discussion pertaining to CEAC that took place during the July 20, 2017 EPC Meeting. The Commission Chairman, Les Miller, made a motion for EPC staff to work with the CEAC members to formulate a plan to restructure CEAC and bring that plan back to the Commission for consideration. Two options that were mentioned during the EPC meeting were that CEAC become an ad hoc committee or a subcommittee of the Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC).

Per direction of the Commission, the Committee members; the Executive Director and the Division Directors in attendance engaged in a discussion of the matter. There appeared to be a consensus that CEAC becoming a subcommittee of the CAC was not a viable option. It was agreed that further discussion of the matter would be scheduled for the September 11, 2017 CEAC meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.