

Calvert County Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes – February 25, 2019

Members Present: Patty Long-Bradley, Jane Dodds, Ron Klauda, Holly Budd, Peter Vogt, Chris Roettgen, Craig Simmons, Joanne Simmons, Carys Mitchelmore

Staff: Will Hager; Scarlett Dorothea Oller

Guests/Liaisons: Curtis Larsen, Shelby Cross

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.
- II. **Guest Speaker Program:** Curtis Larsen spoke on causes of cliff erosion, methods to mitigate associated damage, and related issues for land management professionals to consider.
- III. **Approval of Agenda:** Commissioner Long-Bradley motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Dodds seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Dodds motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Vogt seconded. Commissioner Long-Bradley abstained from the vote due to her absence last week. With that exception, the motion passed unanimously.
- V. **Old Business:**
 - a. Review Action Items from the 1/28/19 EC Meeting — Commissioner Klauda reported the end-of-year presentation had been given to Chair Budd for review. Will Hager reported he was awaiting an answer on who would present it for the Board of County Commissioners. Several members reported attending mandatory ethics training. Scarlett Oller agreed to coordinate with her supervisor to find a time for Commissioner Dodds to deliver presentation materials to Planning & Zoning storage.
 - b. EC Shirt Follow Up — Scarlett Oller advised the shirt purchase process was ongoing.
 - c. Year-End Report for 2018 — Will Hager reported research was ongoing into the possibility of Commission members presenting their year-end report to the Board of County Commissioners.
 - d. EC's Comments on the Dec. 2018 Draft Comprehensive Plan- Will Hager reported the EC's comments on the draft Comprehensive Plan had been submitted for Planning Commission review.

VI. Sub-Committee Reports:

- a. FAQs —Commissioner Klauda reported he had forwarded the Wastewater FAQs to the FAQ Subcommittee for approval. The Sustainability FAQs are being developed by the FAQ Subcommittee. The Radon FAQs are being developed by the FAQ Subcommittee. Commissioner Klauda spoke of the need to tailor FAQs to their target audience and the Commission discussed who that target audience might be. Scarlett Oller agreed to research the feasibility of tracking the views of each posted FAQ document.
- b. Public Education/Outreach
 - Revamp and Relaunch of the “Pump for the Bay” Contest -- The Commission agreed to research prizes to contribute to the Pump for the Bay contest. Scarlett Oller agreed to find the donation request letter and brochure from previous years for this year’s use.
- c. Public Guest Speaker Program — Commissioner Vogt summarized recent additions to the Guest Speaker schedule. Shelby Cross agreed to research the possibility of having a representative of the Master Naturalist program give a talk.
- d. Sustainability — Commissioner Roettgen agreed to research possible prizes for next year’s STEM expo and science fair.

VII. New Business:

- a. Radon Testing — The Commission reviewed Commissioner Roettgen’s proposed addition to Calvert County Code regarding mandatory radon testing for home sales. Commissioner Roettgen agreed to write a proposal explaining the importance of the proposed addition. Commissioner Klauda motioned that Commissioner Roettgen’s proposal and proposed addition be forwarded to Director Mark Willis of Planning & Zoning for his approval.
- b. General Announcements — Commissioner Vogt suggested the group find a speaker on the topic of geothermal energy. Will Hager reminded the group that completed financial disclosure forms were due on March 31. Will Hager announced that the application of Shelby Cross would be considered at the March 12 Board of County Commissioners meeting.
- c. Upcoming Events: Next Meeting — March 25, 2019

VIII. Public Comment: There were no public comments.

IX. Adjournment

- Commissioner Craig Simmons moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mitchelmore seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.