

# Calvert County Environmental Commission

## Meeting Minutes – June 24, 2019

**Members Present:** Chris Roettgen, Patty Long-Bradley, Ron Klauda, Autumn Phillips-Lewis, Jane Dodds

**Staff:** Will Hager, Scarlett Dorothea Oller

**Guests/Liaisons:** Sheila Stevens, Bill Clark

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.
- II. **Guest Speaker Program:** Bill Clark, District Manager of the Calvert Soil Conservation District, spoke about historic patterns of shoreline erosion in Calvert County and modern measures to prevent future erosion.
- III. **Approval of Agenda:** This item was tabled due to lack of a quorum.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes:** This item was tabled due to lack of a quorum.
- V. **Old Business:**
  - a. Review of Action Items from 5/20/19 Meeting — Commissioner Klauda reported he had forwarded information to Commissioner Cross for inclusion in an updated FAQ flier. Commissioner Roettgen agreed to ask the August guest speaker, Janna Jackson of the Exelon Corporation, about her speech topic. All present commission members reported they had completed or were enrolled in a mandatory ethics training. Commissioner Klauda reported he had sent a draft of the land FAQs to each commission member for review. Commissioner Cross was not present to advise the commission about the herpetology FAQs. Will Hager reported that the air FAQs were approved and that the radon and sustainability FAQs were still waiting for approval.
  - b. Application for Appointment — Commissioner Klauda said Commissioner J. Simmons would finish her third and final term in June and expressed a desire to revisit the application of a potential member submitted a few months prior. Will Hager said the commission would be required to advertise the vacancy and accept applications over a two-week period, at the end of which the commission could review both the previously submitted application and any new applications received during the two-week period.

- c. Dominion Tour – The commission discussed potential dates for the Dominion tour. Commissioner Klauda suggested an online survey be used to gather all members' availability.

## **VI. Sub-Committee Reports:**

- a. FAQs – Will Hager reported editing the Air FAQs. Commissioner Klauda restated Commissioner J. Simmons' conclusion that conventional radon testing and remediation strategies may be ineffective and suggested further research may be necessary before publishing Radon FAQs.
- b. Public Education/Outreach – The Green Living event had low attendance. Commissioner Dodds reported the giveaways, such as straws, were well received. Commissioner Long-Bradley noted the eraser giveaways may present a choking hazard and recommended they not be distributed. Commissioner Dodds agreed to retrieve the watershed model, also known as the enviroscape, from the person who had borrowed it.
- Southern Maryland Nature Fest at ACLT – Commissioner Klauda suggested the commission host a table at the Southern Maryland Nature Fest, an event which Commissioner Phillips-Lewis hosts in her capacity on the ACLT. Commissioner Klauda agreed to coordinate with the Public Education/Outreach subcommittee to decide whether the commission would attend.
- c. Guest Speaker – Commissioner Klauda suggested hosting a radon expert as a guest speaker at the December meeting. Commissioner Long-Bradley suggested hosting a speaker who is a certified Master Watershed Steward.
- d. Sustainability – There was no action to report at this time.

## **VII. New Business:**

- a. General Announcements – Will Hager and Commissioner Long-Bradley advised the commission that Chair Holly Budd was recovering.
- b. New Environmental Commission Banner – The commission discussed possible vendors and materials for a new banner. The commission also discussed small changes to the logo. Scarlett Oller agreed to procure a temporary banner, free of charge, from the Department of Communications and Media Relations.
- c. Upcoming Events: Next Meeting – July 29, 2019

**VIII. Public Comment:** There were no public comments.

## **IX. Adjournment**

- The meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.