

Calvert County Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes – August 26, 2019

Members Present: Ron Klauda, Jane Dodds, Michael O’Donnell, Carys Mitchelmore, Autumn Phillips-Lewis, Christopher Roettgen, Shelby Cross, Craig Simmons

Staff: Will Hager; Scarlett Oller

Guests/Liaisons: Sheila Stevens, Janna Jackson, Chris Jones, Jason Prowinski, Will Sutton, JC Hooker

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.
- II. **Guest Speaker Program:** The guest speakers from Exelon at Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant were Site Communications Manager Janna Jackson, Director of Operations Chris Jones, and Senior Environmental Chemist Jason Prowinski. They gave a presentation on the impact of Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant on the Chesapeake Bay and on the safety measures used to minimize any risk to the environment.
- III. **Approval of Agenda:** Commissioner Klauda motioned to add “EC Review of Draft Transportation Plan” as a new item under “New Business.” Commissioner O’Donnell motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Mitchelmore seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Klauda suggested several edits to the July 2019 minutes. Commissioner C. Simmons motioned to approve the amended minutes. Commissioner Mitchelmore seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- V. **Old Business:**
 - a. Review Action Items from 7/29/19 EC Meeting —Will Hager reported he had forwarded Michael O’Donnell’s resubmitted application and the Commission’s recommendation for appointment to the BOCC. Will Hager reported sending stream monitoring reports to Commissioners Klauda and Cross.
 - b. EC Membership — Will Hager reported the vacancy from Peter Vogt’s resignation would be advertised. Commissioner Klauda welcomed Mr. O’Donnell to the commission. Commissioner Klauda relayed a conversation with Planning & Zoning’s Director Willis, in which Director Willis recommended moving Commissioner Budd to the status of “honorary” member.

- c. Cove Point LNG Tour — The EC agreed the most promising dates were October 16th and October 23rd. Will Hager reported working with county staff and Dominion to confirm plans.

VI. Sub-Committee Reports:

- a. FAQs — The Land FAQs are in Planning & Zoning review and the Sustainability FAQs have been posted online. The Recycling FAQs, and Injured Wildlife FAQs are being drafted by the EC.

Commissioner Michael O'Donnell moved to approve the newly drafted Radon FAQs. Commissioner Dodds seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Phillips-Lewis moved to send the Radon FAQs for Planning & Zoning approval. Commissioner C. Simmons seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- b. Public Education/Outreach — The EC decided to host a table at the September 7 CBL Open House. Commissioner Mitchelmore suggested moving the Pump for the Bay Contest to January to run on a January-December schedule. The EC discussed prize ideas and amounts.
- c. Public Guest Speaker Program — The Guest Speaker subcommittee needs a new chair. Commissioner Roettgen suggested the EC discuss the frequency of guest speakers at the next meeting.
- d. Sustainability — There was no activity to report.

VII. New Business:

- a. Review of Draft Transportation Plan — The EC decided to wait until the public agency comment period to submit comments on the draft transportation plan.
- b. General Announcements — Commissioner Phillips-Lewis asked for clarification on the status of the county's non-tidal water quality monitoring program and Will Hager said the county is still evaluating the program and how to best move forward. Sheila Stevens congratulated the Calvert County schools on winning a Green award. Commissioner Klauda invited the EC to PEARL's open house on October 4. Commissioner Klauda announced the discovery of a new species of leech in Nanjemoy Creek.
- c. Upcoming Events: Next Meeting — September 30, 2019

VIII. Public Comment:

- a. There were no public comments.

IX. Adjournment:

- a. Commissioner Simmons motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mitchelmore seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.