

Calvert County Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes – September 30, 2019

Members Present: Ron Klauda, Carys Mitchelmore, Patty Long-Bradley, Chris Roettgen, Autumn Phillips-Lewis, Shelby Cross, Mike O'Donnell

Members Absent: Holly Budd, Jane Dodds, Craig Simmons

Staff: Will Hager, Scarlett Oller

Guests/Liaisons: Jim Levin, David Tancabel

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.
- II. **Guest Speaker Program:** David Tancabel, Director of Maryland Department of Natural Resources Power Plant Research Program, discussed the factors considered and steps necessary in siting new solar energy facilities.
- III. **Approval of Agenda:** Commissioner Long-Bradley motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Roettgen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Long-Bradley motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Mitchelmore seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- V. **Old Business:**
 - a. Cove Point LNG Plant Tour — Will Hager reported Linda Vassallo, Director of the Department of Communications and Media Relations, was working with the staff of the LNG plant to arrange a tour date.
 - b. EC Membership — Will Hager reported Director Willis was drafting a letter to Commissioner Budd regarding her future participation with the commission. The commission discussed the application of Jim Levin. Commissioner Mitchelmore motioned to recommend Jim Levin for appointment. Commissioner Long-Bradley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
 - c. Calvert County Transportation Plan — Will Hager and Commissioner Klauda outlined the review process and reminded the commission their comments on the Transportation Plan draft would be completed during the agency review period.

VI. Sub-Committee Reports:

- a. FAQs — Will Hager reported he was reviewing the Land FAQs and the Radon FAQs.

- b. Public Education/Outreach — Commissioner Mitchelmore distributed a sign-up sheet to host shifts at the table at PRAD. Commissioner Klauda nominated Commissioner O’Donnell for membership on the Public Education subcommittee. Commissioner Cross motioned to approve, Commissioner Phillips-Lewis seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Klauda will step down from the Public Education subcommittee. Commissioner Klauda discussed details of the Pump for the Bay contest. Commissioner Phillips-Lewis suggested the commission explore other prizes than paper straws.
- c. Public Guest Speaker Program — After some discussion, Commissioner Long-Bradley motioned to have a guest speaker only 6 times a year during 2020. Commissioner Mitchelmore seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Guest Speaker Subcommittee is currently composed of Commissioners Phillips-Lewis, Stevens, Klauda. Commissioner Mitchelmore motioned to appoint Commissioner Roettgen to the subcommittee. Commissioner Long-Bradley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- d. Sustainability — Commissioner Roettgen is requesting help from the EPA in calculating the county’s carbon footprint. Commissioner Roettgen motioned to send a letter and draft ordinance text regarding radon to the BOCC. Commissioner Mitchelmore seconded. The motion passed with Commissioner Long-Bradley dissenting.

VII. New Business:

- a. FY 2021 Budget — Will Hager reviewed the FY2021 budget with the commission.
- b. Forest Conservation Fund General Plan – Will Hager explained that due to time constraints he asked for comments from the Environmental Commission on the county’s draft Forest Conservation Fund General Plan via email. He said that he made a few edits based on those comments and submitted the plan to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for their review.
- c. General Announcements — Commissioner Mitchelmore invited the commissioners to attend the guest lecture series at Chesapeake Biological Lab. Will Hager will be speaking about flood mitigation on October 2 at Asbury Solomons.
- d. Upcoming Events: Next Meeting — October 28, 2019

VIII. Public Comment:

- a. There were no public comments.

IX. Adjournment:

- a. Commissioner Roettgen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Long-Bradley seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.