

Roane County Environmental Review Board
 Meeting Minutes: December 3, 2015

Attendance, Board Members (and prospective members)

Present	Absent	
x		*Tom Brown, General Member
x		*Carolyn Granger, County Commission Representative
x		*Scott Gregory, Vice-Chairperson
	x	*Mary Anne Koltowich, Recorder
x		*David Martin; Chairperson
	x	*David Reichle, General Member
	x	Colton Rue, Prospective Student Member
	x	Scott Stout, County Executive's Office Representative
x		*Allen Townsend, General Member
x		David Wasilko, Student Member
x		*Dennis Wilson, General Member

*Voting Member

Quorum Present: Yes (6/8)

Other Attendees

Martha Deaderick (member of SSAB)

Meeting Location

Roane County Courthouse

Proceedings

Call to Order. Chairperson Martin called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. The meeting agenda was approved (6/6) with one addition; Student Member Wasilko requested that a discussion on the Power+ Plan be added to the agenda. The November meeting minutes were approved (6/6) with no changes.

Public Comment Period. No public comments were offered.

Board Business.

- Resolution to Support the Power+ Plan. Student Member Wasilko requested a motion for the Board to consider expressing support for the Power+ plan and to send a letter to the County Commission requesting that the Commission pass a resolution demonstrating the Commission's support for the Plan. Not all Board members had reviewed the materials and the website previously provided, not to the extent necessary to make a well informed decision on the motion. It was agreed that member Wasilko would redistribute the materials by email within a week, and Board members would quickly review and respond with an opinion. If all were in agreement, and the County Executive was in agreement, the Board could support it.
- Outside Lighting Ordinance. The lighting ordinance would apply to new businesses, not existing businesses or residential applications. If the RCERB passes a resolution to support the ordinance, County Commission Representative Grainger will present it to the Commission on behalf of the Board. Chairperson Martin agreed to distribute Glen Cofer's draft resolution by email. Board member Brown voiced the opinion that he would not be in favor of the ordinance if it restricted having levels of lighting in the hospital parking lot to insure safety of individuals using the lot; a response was given that the ordinance would not restrict lighting on-premises, it would only restrict the amount of light crossing a property boundary. The member of the public that was present stated that light pollution is an important issue to the residents of the community that is located adjacent to the property where a new car dealership is proposed to be developed, and that they would support the ordinance.
- ETTP Zone 1 Soil Remediation. There was little discussion on this topic. As stated in the meeting, there is not much to discuss until the next draft is released for public comment.
- Natural Resources and Conservation Services (NRCS) Presentation to the Board. Chairperson Martin has contacted the NRCS and they are willing to make a presentation to the Board about how they can help with issues such as controlling runoff into water bodies such as Watts Bar Reservoir and its tributaries. They take an advisory role rather than a regulatory role in helping to resolve water quality issues. The presentation will likely take place at the March meeting.
- Report on the Oak Ridge Reservation Community Alliance (ORRCA) November 30, 2015 Meeting. Chairperson Martin attended the November 30th ORRCA meeting and reported on a couple of items of interest. A student member of the ORRCA gave a presentation on an 8-mile "blueway" being planned adjacent to the Oak Ridge Reservation. It will be a canoe/kayak route with a put-in on Poplar Creek and a take-out on the Clinch River at the subdivision called The Preserve

at Clinch River (formerly, Rarity Ridge). Creation of this blueway will be possible with the lifting of water contact warnings on Poplar Creek. The meeting also included a discussion about a recent emergency management exercise that was funded with money the group gets from DOE. The drill involved tornado preparedness and raised some interesting questions, such as what would be done for children temporarily held at school during an emergency if their home was severely damaged or destroyed by the severe weather emergency.

- Public Comments concerning alleged environmental impacts associated with Tiger Haven. Mr. McCroy of TDEC provided an initial response to the letter that the Board sent regarding Tiger Haven. He responded that he needed more time to look into it, but provided a link to a TDEC website that tracks similar complaints and documents follow-up actions. The website database documents four prior complaints against Tiger Haven concerning quality of runoff, none of which included negligence as judged by TDEC, or which resulted in any enforcement actions.
- The proposed new CERCLA landfill at Y-12. Some impromptu discussion was held concerning this topic. Some Board members expressed support for the onsite disposal alternative (DOE's selected alternative) because the offsite disposal alternative would come with a risk of accidents and spills on public roads, including roadways in Roane County. The Board will need to comment on the Ferguson report in the not-too-distant future.
- Letter of Thanks to Ron Woody and Melanie Townsend. Chairperson Martin suggested and made a motion that the Board send a letter of appreciation to Ron Woody and Melanie Townsend, thanking them for the outstanding support that they each provide to the Board. The Chairperson read a draft letter that he had prepared and announced that he would send it out for review. The motion passed unanimously (6/6).

Documents Received. None.

Next Meeting. The next board meeting is scheduled for February 4 at the Roane County Court House.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:58PM.

Attachment

RCERB December 3, 2015 Meeting Agenda

**Agenda for Thursday, December 3, 2015
Roane County Environmental Review Board
Roane County Court House
Commissioners Meeting Room**

6:00 PM - Call to Order, Introductions of fy2016 Officers and Chair's Comments

There will be no January 2016 meeting. The next meeting will be on February 4, 2016 at the Roane County Court House. Ron Woody on Board business going forward.

This will be a short business meeting to cover time sensitive issues.

6:02 PM - Changes to and approval of the agenda

6:05 PM - Approve/changes November Minutes

6:08 PM - Public Comment Period

6:10 PM Board Business

- David Wasilko, Student Member, asked that a follow up on the POWER+ Plan for environmental and economic support to our County and Region be put on the agenda for further discussion. After discussion, a resolution was made and seconded to recommend inclusion of the Power + Plan as proposed in the FY2016 Federal Budget. It was decided to take a few days to review available material and if no one saw need for further discussion to proceed with a recommendation.

- Discussion on how we want to proceed with an outside lighting ordinance (Contact Glen Cofer to obtain his draft/approved version.
- Update on ETPP Zone 1 Soil Remediation. Draft of Proposal is being circulated. Public comment has still not started. DCM, DW
- The local office of the National Resources and Conservation Services (NRCS) has agreed to come in and talk with the Board on problems with surface water runoff into the local watersheds available programs to mitigate these problems. TBA
- Report on the Oak Ridge Reservation Communities Alliance meeting 11/30/2015. Possible release of the final Ferguson Report on community impact from new CERCLA waste site. DCM
- Discussion of letter sent to TDEC regarding the public comments on water issues around Tiger Haven.
- After discussion, a recommendation was made to send out a thank you to Ron Woody for his support and a thank you for the work Melanie Townsend does for the Board. Anticipating the Board's support Chair Martin read a letter of thank you from the Board. This letter is to be sent to members to review for accuracy, and if not spelling or grammar problems are seen, Martin will hand deliver the letter to Mr. Woody and a copy to Ms. Townsend.

Adjourn

Incoming Documents:

None noted.

Recap of RCERB Meetings

November 2015 Quorum (8/8) L. Wilkerson update on ORDOE-EM

October 2015 Quorum (5/8) Officer election, fy2016 Planning

September 2015 Quorum (6/8) Public comments

August 2015 Quorum (8/8) (RSI) Solar Energy Projects, Gil Hough

July 2015 No meeting by agreement

June 4, 2015 Quorum TVA exit meeting on ash spill at Kingston Plant

May 7, 2015 Quorum (6/8) Soil remediation, Zone 1 ETP

April 2, 2015 Quorum (5/7) County environmental ordinances

March 19, 2015 Quorum (6/7) Presentation on ground water leaving the DOE OR Reservation
by Bill McMilan, OR DOE-EM

February 5, 2015 Quorum (5/7) Discussion with R Woody on Board issues.

January 15, 2015 Quorum (5/7) TVA ash landfill. Bob Deacy with TVA addressed the Board