

**Roane County Environmental Review Board (RCERB)
October 6, 2011 Meeting Minutes (Approved December 1, 2011)**

Members Present:

Gail Okulczyk
Mary Anne Koltowich, Recorder
Frank Kornegay
Brian Niekerk
Gail Okulczyk
Robert Peelle

Members Absent:

Hailey Caldwell, Student
Bruce Kimmel
Dave Reichle
Riley Collins, Student

Guests:

Elizabeth Peelle, Roane County Citizen
Andrea Sams, UT Student, Observer

Agenda: Approved (see attached)

Public Comments: Elizabeth Peelle spoke of the need to put methods in place for handling developments that default (e.g., Docks at Caney Creek, Crystal Cove). Roane County needs a graduated bond system and put into place the means to call in these bonds in a timely manner. This has been an ongoing issue of discussion within the RCERB as these developers often leave the unfinished roads, access areas, culverts, and other drainage neglected. Storm water and sediment runoff into streams, creeks, tributaries, and ultimately into Watts Bar negatively impacts the water quality for fish and other water life. Some of the Notice of Violations (NOVs) against one local developer are believed to still be open (uncorrected).

Proceedings:

The October 6, 2011 meeting of the RCERB was called to order at 6:00 pm by Past Chair Gail Okulczyk.

- 1) Approval of September 1, 2011 RCERB Meeting Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the September 1, 2011 RCERB meeting minutes as presented during the meeting. The minutes had previously been reviewed via e-mail and comments were incorporated. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.
- 2) Program – There was no planned program for this meeting to enable the RCERB to focus on recent activities and strategic focus areas.
- 3) Roundtable Discussions
 - A. Recycling in the Schools
Guest Andrea Sams, UT Student, suggested to have competitions between student groups/grades to encourage student participation in recycling programs at the schools. As Riley Collins and Hailey Caldwell were unable to attend this meeting, more discussion is upcoming at RCERB's next meeting.
 - B. DOE ORR Offsite Monitoring Wells – Ron Woody has expressed there is a need for an expansion of city water services to the residents of Jones Island. Action: Gail Okulczyk will pursue more details to ascertain what is needed. The Roane County Commission may be a source to help spearhead what these residents need.
 - C. Roane County Commission Presentation (Strategic Focus Roane County Item 4) – The presentation drafted by Mary Anne Koltowich was reviewed. It was suggested to select a few slides to actually show at the RC Commission meeting; a handout would be provided that contains all the information for the Commissioners' use as needed.

Comments were suggested on slide contents. Updated versions will be provided at the next RCERB meeting.

D. Strategic Planning Session – Update on Activities

- a. DOE Item 2 – NRDA considerations/decisions: Mary Anne Koltowich contacted Susan Gawarecki (ORR LOC) as to how the RCERB could be apprised of NRDA activities earlier in the process. The ORR LOC has also been unable to be a participant at the early stages of discussions. Further efforts are needed to ascertain the NRDA process.
- b. DOE Item 3 – proposed modular reactor units at Clinch River Breeder reactor site: Robert Peelle stressed the need to study the impacts of building these reactors. Roane County needs to reflect on what is planned for waste disposition (i.e., above ground, below ground). He suggested the RCERB recommends an approach on actively being in the loop for reviews of studies and plans. It was suggested that Roane County petition the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to be a public stakeholder in the NEPA process to the owner/operator of these facilities. He also stated that we could enlist the resources of Friends of ORNL (FORNL), who has a list of 35 experts in technical specialties.
- c. TVA Item 4 – It was noted the Rileys Creek Campground clean-up is complete. The area has been turned over to the county, and a new manager is onsite to maintain the campground. The Caney Creek area continues to be of concern with campers leaving litter and human waste products. Action: Draft a letter to TVA requesting the county be allowed to clean up cut undergrowth and lower hanging tree limbs to allow visibility into the area. Visibility may help discourage campers from inappropriate disposal of trash, etc.
- d. Roane County 5 – Marina expansions/new marinas. Action: Draft a letter to TVA to request participation by all area marinas in the “Clean Marina Initiative.” Caney Creek and Blue Springs already participate. The status of Harbour Point is unknown.
- e. Roane County 8 – Air monitoring/air attainment: Frank Kornegay suggests petitions for future truck facilities in Roane County industrial parks to use “green” air systems and not encourage idling.

E. Update on ORR Local Oversight Committee (LOC)

Ron Woody and Mary Anne Koltowich will attend the special called meeting of the ORR LOC to take place on Friday 10/14/11 from approximately 3:00 pm until 5:00 pm at the Roane Alliance Building. On the agenda for discussion is a proposed resolution to dissolve the ORR LOC and to propose an Interlocal Agreement between the involved counties/cities. Mary Anne Koltowich will provide a report as to the outcome of this meeting (note: e-mail was transmitted to the RCERB members the evening of 10/14/11).

F. New Business

- a. It was requested that the Roane County Executive’s office post RCERB meeting minutes on the Roane County website. Mary Anne Koltowich will contact Sheila Lemons with this request.
- b. The subject of light pollution was discussed, with the example of the billboards on Hwy 58 south of the river. These lights are very bright and shine upward. Using down-lighting can be much less offensive. Businesses should be encouraged to use install new efficient lighting systems, many of which save power costs. Action: It was suggested to ask our RCERB student members to research related data on light pollution and costs savings that can be realized. This information

can be put into the form of a letter to be sent to sign owners and advertisers.
Much of this data can be obtained from electric utility distributors.

7:30 pm - Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Anne Koltowich
2011-2012 Roane County ERB Recorder

Attachments:
October 6, 2011 Agenda

Meeting Agenda October 6, 2011; 6:00 P.M. Proposed
Roane County Environmental Review Board

- 6:00 Call to Order
- 6:01 Approval of Agenda
- 6:05 Approval of September 1, 2011 RCERB Meeting Minutes
- 6:10 Public comment time
- 6:25 Roundtable Discussions
 - A) Ideas and actions to help encourage high school students, in particular, and younger grades also to recycle in the schools – Riley Collins, Hailey Caldwell, Gail Okulczyk
 - B) Expansion of water service to Jones Island residents
 - C) Roane County Commission Presentation review
 - D) Strategic Planning Session Update
 - E) ORR LOC Path Forward
 - F) New Business

Attachment
Strategic Planning - RCERB