

**Roane County Environmental Review Board (RCERB)
December 1, 2011 Meeting Minutes (For approval January 4, 2012)**

Members Present:

Bruce Kimmel
Mary Anne Koltowich, Recorder
Frank Kornegay
Gail Okulczyk
Robert Peelle
Dave Reichle
Hailey Caldwell, Student
Riley Collins, Student

Members Absent:

Brian Niekerk

Guests:

Elizabeth Peelle, Roane County Citizen
Amy Fitzgerald, Government & Public Affairs Coordinator, City of Oak Ridge
Ellen Smith, Chair, Oak Ridge Reservation (ORR) Local Oversight Committee (LOC)

Agenda: Approved (see attached)

Public Comments: None.

Proceedings:

The December 1, 2011 meeting of the RCERB was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair Bruce Kimmel.

- 1) Approval of October 6, 2011 RCERB Meeting Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the October 6, 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 – Ellen Smith, Chair, ORR LOC – Discussion on the ORR LOC Organization:
The ORR LOC was begun about twenty years ago as the Watts Bar reservoir became a significant concern due to DOE ORR operations and the resultant contaminants. The original LOC members included Roane, Anderson, Meigs, Rhea, and Morgan counties; the City of Oak Ridge; the RCERB; and the Environmental Quality Advisory Board (EQAB-Oak Ridge).
 - A. Longstanding Issues:
 - Non-participation by LOC Board of Director members; well-attended the first five years or so; then dropped off. Actions could not be voted on in several meetings during 2010-2011 due to not having a quorum present.
 - Later added the Citizens' Advisory Panel, then Knox and Loudon counties
 - About one year ago, seven major changes in county mayors and executives holding offices (primarily due to elections)
 - Communications with the public are not as good as they should be
 - B. Recent Concerns/Perceptions:
 - The media, including newspapers, misconstrues some activities performed by the LOC.
 - Some LOC members and others in the public may not be in agreement with position papers written by the LOC.

- Some LOC members believe communications with DOE by the LOC should be by county officials only and that LOC should not be communicating directly with federal DOE staff.
- Some LOC members believe the current model under which the LOC operates is not working as well as it should be.

C. Future Needs

- Show Congress that ORR needs more funds for clean-up
- Determine how the LOC can have a voice with our local congressmen to focus on and represent our region's interests
- The new LOC Board should engage our elected officials
- The new LOC Board should include a focus on TEMA and DOE emergency funding

D. Follow-up: It was decided by the RCERB members that more conversation is needed with our County Executive Ron Woody to clarify the proposed local agreement being coordinated with the various counties and to discuss what functions the new LOC organization should perform and how it should operate. Bruce Kimmel will contact the Roane County Executive's office to schedule this follow-up meeting. Both Ellen Smith and Amy Fitzgerald were thanked for attending the RCERB meeting and providing valuable insight.

3) Roundtable Discussions – tabled until the next RCERB meeting

8:00 pm - Adjourn

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

Attachments:
December 1, 2011 Agenda

Meeting Agenda December 1, 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 October 6, 2011 RCERB Meeting Minutes
- 6:10 Public comment time
- 6:15 Program: Ellen Smith, Chair, ORR LOC – discussion of ORR LOC activities
- 6:25 Roundtable Discussions – as time permits
 - A) Expansion of water service to Jones Island residents – request from Ron Woody
 - B) 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
 - C) ORR LOC Path Forward (see Document 2 below for details)
 - D) ATSDR Y12 Hg Health Assessment – RCERB Comments (Bruce Kimmel, Brian Niekerk) – Comments are due 11/11/11 (Koltowich will need a couple days prior to consolidate and send)
 - E) Discussions of Industrial Parks (existing availability and more specific the DOE Asset Revitalization Initiative) – request from Ron Woody for meeting first of the year
 - F) Student Project – research and letter on light pollution, cost effective alternatives, costs savings to businesses, particularly to billboard owners/advertisers
 - G) New Business

Documents Received:

- 1) Letter from TDEC, October 18, 2011, Notice of Final Decision to Reissue a Hazardous Waste Permit - Diversified Scientific Services, Inc.; EPA 10 No. TND 98 210 9142, TNHW-150 (formerly -102); 657 Gallaher Road; Kingston, Roane County, Tennessee 37763
- 2) Proposed Interlocal Agreement DOE/TDEC/Local Government, dated October 19, 2011, from Ron Woody, Roane County Executive