

**Roane County Environmental Review Board (RCERB)
March 1, 2012 Meeting Minutes—Approved**

Members Present:

Bruce Kimmel, Chair
Frank Kornegay
Brian Niekerk
Gail Okulczyk, Recorder
Dave Reichle, Vice Chair
Hailey Caldwell, Student

Members Absent:

Mary Anne Koltowich
Riley Collins, Student

Guests:

Frank Harris, Representative for Kingston Three Rivers Amphitheater
Lynne Roberson, Citizen, Roane County
Scott Stout, Office of Emergency Services

Agenda: Approved (see attached)

Public Comments: None.

Proceedings:

The March 1, 2012 meeting of the RCERB was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair Bruce Kimmel.

- 1) Approval of February 3, 2012 RCERB Meeting Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the February 3, 2012 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) Approval of RCERB Presentation to Roane County Commission (RCC): RCERB reviewed the subject presentation and comments were provided to author (Koltowich) and incorporated. Chair took an action to review/revise and request time on the Commissioner's monthly meeting agenda to present. It was unanimously agreed that during the public presentation the slides would be limited however the entire presentation would be provided to the County Executive and County Commissioners.

Chair Kimmel to take action to review presentation and obtain time during the County Commissioner's monthly public meeting to present.

- 3) Presentation to Carolyn Granger's group: The RCERB agreed the presentation prepared for the County Commissioners will be used to present Ms. Granger's group.
- 4) Roane County Risk Assessment: The RCERB discussion regarding the previously presented risk assessment (RCERB Feb 2012 meeting/S. Stout, Roane County Emergency Management) determined the assessment addressed items that were considered low-risk and were well mitigated. The RCERB recommended getting Bobby Davis, former DOE-Emergency Management planner and former RCERB member to assist. The natural disaster mitigation plan appeared to be outdated. Mr. Stout stated the plan had recently been approved by FEMA. Other discussion pointed out the report missed the risk of earthquakes for a worst-case scenario on the failure of dams. The soils under Norris dam are not well-characterized. Upstream of Roane County, dams would not withstand a DOE Performance Standard Rating of 3 or a New Madrid measurement of 6.4 Richter Scale.

Member Reichle has offered to lead coordinating assistance for Mr. Stout.

- 5) Clinch River Reactor Project and Stakeholder Status: Okulczyk reported that she is now listed as an interested stakeholder on behalf of the RCERB for communications from the NRC regarding the project. Several emails regarding the project have been forwarded to the RCERB. Note that the NRC will not provide any communication to the NRC and will have to be accessed through the NRC's ADAMS database.
- 6) COP organization: The RCERB discussed the progression of the newly organized Citizens Oversight Panel (COP). There will be a need for funding if the COP is to succeed. It is also recognized at this time the dissolution of the LOC and the emergence of the COP is too political, and the RCERB needs to keep the lines of communication open.
- 7) Kingston Elementary Science Fair Results: The Oak Ridge Rotary's sponsorship of the science fair in Oak Ridge is in its fourth year. This year Roane County was invited, with the Oliver Springs and Kingston Elementary schools participating. Nineteen judges reviewed 347 Kingston's third, fourth, and fifth grade projects. Kingston's first, second, and third place winners were invited to participate in Oak Ridge's science fair with seven students taking awards. The RCERB provided four judges to Kingston's science fair. The RCERB judges suggested doing a "lessons learned" as well as a teacher workshop to assist in next year's competition.
- 8) Mr. Frank Harris, representative for Kingston Three Rivers Amphitheater provided a proposal for an amphitheater along Kingston's riverfront to be built on TVA/Bethel Church—USA property. The shoreline is to be upgraded and the existing walkway adjacent to the lake rerouted. The facility will seat approximately 296 individuals. The project's planning has engaged a professional architect. Mr. Harris provided the project scope, drawings for the site plan, and conceptual photos. Various hurdles for the project were discussed. This project is unanimously supported by the RCERB.

Member Reichle took an action to draft a RCERB letter of support.

- 9) Discussions of Industrial Parks: Discussion centered on RCERB's participation, or lack of participation in current industrial park development. Where the RCERB could provide evaluation services from an environmental standpoint, it appears the Board has either not been a consideration or has been purposely left out of the process. Letters of nondisclosure are an option to engage the RCERB's subject matter experts in reviews. The RCERB is a group to assist and has the wherewithal to ask the right questions to enable sound decisions.

Additionally, communications are often not provided to the RCERB until it is too late to provide meaningful input. Examples of successful interaction and not so successful interactions were provided by various members. The RCERB provided information to the County Executive for understanding regulated waste streams coming into Roane County's sewage treatment facility from the Plateau Partnership Park. The RCERB could have assisted in the upfront planning for the Roane Regional Business and Technology Park to avoid wetland destruction resulting in a 2-for-1 land makeup imposed by the State. Another example was a recent decision for a wetlands makeup going to Morgan County rather than the benefit staying in Roane County. The RCERB was disappointed not to have been engaged for the new Volkswagen distribution facility, especially to review air and water discharges for the Roane Regional Business and Technology Park.

Air quality attainment has been a long-standing concern of the RCERB. If Roane County is grouped into Knox County's State/Federal-imposed regulatory requirements, it will impact Roane County's ability to create its own destiny. With the Roane Regional Business and Technology Park becoming a transportation and distribution center, certainly the air emissions will contribute to the quality issues. The RCERB continues to stress the importance of having an air quality attainment plan before the County is forced to accept the same regulatory requirements as Knox County.

Chair Kimmel took the action to arrange a meeting with the County Executive and Members Kimmel, Kornegay, Reichle, and Okulczyk.

10) Other Roundtable Discussions and Old Business:

Recorder Okulczyk requested the members to update their membership information.

Okulczyk reported some progress toward getting the Roane County schools involved in recycling programs. Corporate support is being sought for recognition of Rockwood Middle School's science club for implementing and sustaining the first recycling program in the Roane County school system.

7:20 pm - Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,
Gail Okulczyk
2012 Roane County ERB Recorder

Attachments:

March 1, 2012 Agenda
Letter: REERB to Woody re Kingston Three Rivers Amphitheater
Revised RCERB membership contact list

Meeting Agenda March 1, 2012; 6:00 P.M.
Roane County Environmental Review Board

- 6:00 Call to Order
- 6:01 Approval of Agenda
- 6:05 Approval of February 9, 2012 RCERB Meeting Minutes
- 6:10 Public comment time
- 6:15 Program: None
- 6:25 Roundtable Discussions –
 - A) Approval of RCERB Presentation to Roane County Commission needed
 - B) Speaker volunteer for Carolyn Granger's group (Mary Anne Koltowich)
 - C) Comment on Roane Co Risk Assessment draft documents (ERB)
 - D) Clinch River Reactor Project and Stakeholder status (Okulczyk)
 - E) COP organization (Koltowich/Okulczyk)
 - F) Kingston Elementary Science Fair (Reichle)
 - G) Kingston Amphitheater (ERB)**
 - H) Discussions of Industrial Parks (existing availability and more specific the DOE Asset Revitalization Initiative) – request from Ron Woody for meeting first of the year (ERB)
 - I) Student Project – research and letter on light pollution, cost effective alternatives, costs savings to businesses, particularly to billboard owners/advertisers
 - J) Speakers/presentation suggestions
 - a. TVA Emergency Response Plan
 - b. Roane Co Sheriff's Office Litter Coordinator
 - c. District Attorney (Processes for prosecution)
 - d. Others?
 - K) New Business

Documents Received:

DOE Chromium Spill Knox News 1-5-12
NTPH HexaV Chromium Fact R5
Hexavalent Chromium Health Effects
TN Solid Waste Modification for ES Bear Creek

Attachments

None.

**Roane County Environmental Review Board 2012
Membership and Terms**

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Frank Kornegay 143 Tanasi Trail Kingston, TN 37763	fkornegay@aol.com 376-4539 (home) 335-2119 (cell)	7/30/12	Reappointed 9/14/09
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Gail Okulczyk 2012 Recorder 861 New Hope Rd. Rockwood, TN 37854	gmokulczyk@energysolutions.com okulczyk@msn.com 354-1455 (home) 241-5944 (work)	7/30/13	Reappointed 7/30/10
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Hailey Caldwell (RCHS) 128 Clinchcrest Dr. Kingston, TN 37763	Hcaldwell03@comcast.net 376-4229 (home) 599-0003 (cell)	7/30/12	Appointed 2/14/11
Riley Collins 724 Calvin St. Kingston, TN 37763	Collins.k@comcast.net 376-1818 (home) 809-4497 (cell)	7/30/12	Appointed 2/14/11

March 27, 2012

Ron Woody, Roane County Executive
Roane County Commission
Troy Beets, Kingston Mayor
Kingston City Council

Subject: Amphitheater, City of Kingston

Gentlepersons,

The Roane County Environmental Review Board (RCERB) reviewed the proposal for a new waterfront amphitheater on Watts Bar Lake on land belonging to the TVA and the Bethel Presbyterian Church-USA in Kingston, TN. The RCERB was very favorably impressed with the plans for this 296-seat facility, which would be available as a community resource for the performing arts and civic activities.

The project is supported by the City of Kingston, Kingston Parks and Recreation Department, and the Bethel Presbyterian Church-USA. Financing would be by private support and grant(s). Robert Day Architecture has developed the plan, which includes site conditions, utilities, engineering, and construction parameters. The TVA is currently reviewing the project.

The Roane County Environmental Review Board hereby forwards its endorsement of this project with cultural and aesthetic values as a potential community asset.

Mary Anne Koltowich, Vice Chair
Roane County Environmental Review Board

