

**Roane County Environmental Review Board (RCERB)
August 13, 2012 Meeting Minutes—Approved**

Members Present:

Frank Kornegay
Mary Anne Koltowich, Vice Chair
Dave Reichle
Gail Okulczyk, Recorder

Members Absent:

Brian Niekerk

Guests:

Jim Smith, Citizen, Roane County
Scott Stout, Roane County Emergency Management

Agenda: Approved (see attached)

Public Comments: None.

Proceedings:

A short business meeting was called to order on August 13, 2012 at 6:00 pm by Vice Chair Koltowich in the County Executive's Conference Room. The RCERB August 2 meeting was rescheduled to coincide with attending the August 13 County Commissioner meeting. The RCERB was placed on the Commissioner's agenda to present an overview of their mission and activities. No August agenda was prepared but the June agenda was provided.

1) May 3 Minutes Approval: Due to lack of quorum at the June meeting, minutes were approved via email after comments were incorporated.

2) RCERB Chair Resignation: Chair Kimmel has decided not to seek reappointment. Vice Chair Koltowich will chair the meetings until a new Chair is selected. The RCERB is currently looking to fill two positions (vacated by Kimmel, Davis) and a student member position. Two potential member resumes have been received, one person has since declined.

3) Discussion of the TVA Modular Reactors

Ms. Koltowich reported that during the previous week, the NRC froze all permitting due to issues with nuclear waste storage. The NRC was challenged on waste storage with no further details.

Ms. Okulczyk initiated discussion regarding Bob and Elizabeth Peelle's suggested edits to the County's resolution endorsing TVA's proposed Small Modular Reactors (note the Peelle email was attached to the June Agenda). Ms. Okulczyk again expressed disappointment in the lack of up front RCERB engagement. Members suggested the RCERB find ways to improve communications in order to be aware of resolutions and other matters prior in order to provide early, positive, helpful information.

4) Citizens Oversight Panel

Ms. Koltowich and Ms. Okulczyk indicated not much has transpired with the new organization other than the Charter and By-Laws.

5) Guest Speaker—District Attorney Russell Johnson

Ms. Okulczyk reported that the District Attorney had agreed to attend the September meeting. An email solicitation for questions was sent earlier to RCERB members as well as to the Solid Waste Manager (Stewart), Zoning Office (Christopher/Cofer), and Animal Control (email and voice mail). It has been indicated to Mr. Johnson the RCERB is interested in discussing matters of illegal dumping, littering, and animal control matters brought before the County court systems.

Mr. Kornegay suggested adding a discussion topic for the clean-up of meth labs and interdiction costs facing the County.

The RCERB will adjust the agenda to accommodate Mr. Johnson immediately after the approval of the agenda.

6) Roane County Zoning for Dock Construction

Members briefly discussed the Zoning Office's publication in the Roane County News regarding dock construction. The topic was deferred for more discussion at a later date.

7) TVA Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis

Members are preparing to review the upcoming document. Ms. Koltowich and Ms. Okulczyk planned on attending the public meeting scheduled for the EE/CA. It is noted that Ms. Koltowich attended all six TVA workshops that were intended to prepare the public for the EE/CA.

6:30 p.m. – Adjourn to attend the County Commissioner meeting. Ms. Koltowich will present the RCERB overview.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gail Okulczyk
2012 Roane County ERB Recorder

Attachments:
September 6, 2012 Agenda