

Roane County Environmental Review Board (RCERB)

Meeting Minutes: April 6, 2017

Attendance, Board Members (and prospective members)

Present	Absent
X	
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*Carolyn Granger, County Commission Representative

*Martha Deaderick, General Member

*Scott Gregory, Chairperson

*Mary Anne Koltowich, Vice Chairperson

*Janice Moody; Recorder

*David Reichle, General Member

Scott Stout, County Executive's Office Representative

David Wasilko, Student Member

*Voting Member

Quorum Present: Yes

Other Attendees Dr. Timothy Joseph

Meeting Location: Roane County Courthouse, 1st Floor Conference Room

Proceedings

Call to Order. Vice Chairperson Mary Anne Koltowich called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

Introductions and Opening Remarks

- MAKoltowich introduced Dr. Timothy Joseph. Dr. Joseph is interested in joining the RCERB and has sent in his biography
- The RCERB members introduced themselves to Dr. Joseph
- The next meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2017 at the Roane County Court House

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made to approve the April 6, 2017 agenda by JMoody and 2nd by CGrainger. Vote to approve unanimous

Changes To and Approval of the February 27, 2017 Meeting Minutes: A motion was made to approve the February 27, 2017 working session minutes by MDeaderick and 2nd by JMoody. Vote to approve unanimous

Changes To and Approval of the March 2, 2017 Meeting Minutes: A motion was made to approve the March 2, 2017 meeting minutes by DReichle and 2nd by MDeaderick. Vote to approve unanimous

Presentation – There was no presentation at this meeting

Public Comment

Board Business

- Parking of railroad tank cars at ETTP:
 - SStout stated the cars are still there, but the number of cars are less than before.
 - SStout stated the airport is moving along. SStout said in a meeting last week, they are looking into “shoring up” the airport, but the airport is still against the tank cars being there.
 - SStout stated a part of Blair Road would have to be rerouted to accommodate the ETTP Airport, and the solar panels would have to be relocated.
 - DReichle stated he thought the purpose of the airport was to move the small plane traffic from the McGee Tyson Airport to the ETTP Airport.
 - MDeadrack asked if the ETTP Airport was an environmental issue.
 - MAKoltowich stated she would put the ETTP Airport on the RCERB Board Business.
 - MAKoltowich stated she would send the RCERB the current map of the ETTP area.
 - JMoody stated she would send the RCERB the chemicals in the tank cars that documented in the December 1, 2016 minutes.
- Environmental Baseline Survey Reports for the Proposed Title Transfer of the Former K-31 and K-33 Areas at ETTP:
 - Wade Creswell, President/CEO of the Roane Alliance, gave Carolyn Grainger four (4) DOE documents. Two documents for K-31 and two documents for K-33 Areas at ETTP. Wade Creswell wrote a letter to the RCERB regarding these documents, and MAKoltowich read Creswell’s letter.
 - Community Reuse Organization of East Tennessee (CROET) has over 200 acres at ETTP.
 - MAKoltowich stated she thought CROET was asking the RCERB to create a summary of the documents that people and companies could understand if the property is safe or not.
 - MAKoltowich said she thought a couple of RCERB members could review these documents.

- CGrainger made a motion that MAKoltowich contact former RCERB member, Tom Brown, and ask Tom to assist MAKoltowich in reviewing these documents. DReichle 2nd the motion.
 - DReichle stated RCERB could help CROET find the right people/company that are qualified to summarize these documents.
 - Tim Joseph stated he had contact with John Auxier and Associations, and he would take a copy of the documents to get an estimate of the cost to prepare the summaries.
- Spread of invasive aquatic plants in Watts Bar Reservoir:
 - JMoody stated a stakeholder's group had been formed and named. The name is Watts Bar Ecology and Fishery Council (WBEFC). JMoody read the Mission Statement which is attached to these minutes.
 - JMoody said at the second WBEFC meeting, Roane County Commission Chairman, Ron Berry came to the meeting. JMoody read Ron Berry's statements at that meeting: *"Ron Berry stated the mission of the 5-county commission special committee is to strike a balance between what's fair for the fisherman, and what's fair for the lake homeowner. Ron said we have to protect the property values. Ron said that how they base their budget. Ron said if lake property values goes down, then other properties have to go up. Ron talked about the cost of lake homeowners paying a licensed contractor treating their weeds for a cost of \$700-\$1,000. Ron said we need to protect other folks that use the lake, like recreation users. Ron said we need to protect the health of our lake. Ron said whatever we do is going to affect other counties, such as Meigs or Rhea County. Ron said the goal of his 5 commissioners group is to work with WBEFC, the Roane County Environmental Review Board (RCERB), and work with anyone that has information they can assimilate so that these 3 groups can come together, describe the problem and determine the solution to get us back where we were before the weeds invaded Watts Bar Lake. Ron said the weeds started late 2016 in his cove. Ron said he could visualize the county getting involved so instead of the lake homeowner having to spend \$700-\$1,000, the county could get involved somehow and charge a much lesser amount to the lake homeowners to treat their weed issue. Ron said something may come of this to help the fisherman because we may have a healthier lake than we had before."*
 - JMoody asked the RCERB what they thought RCERB's role is since Ron Berry has established the 5-commissioners special committee.
 - MAKoltowich stated she thought the RCERB would become a technical advisory group/support to the 5-commissioners special committee and/or stakeholders group.

- JMoody asked how RCERB would be notified of the commissioner's special committee, and MAKoltowich said we should asked Amber Cofer to notify RCERB of the meetings.
- Roane County Lighting Ordinance (potential presentation at the May 4th meeting)
- Tiger Haven. (No updates available; continue to track)
 - MAKoltowich stated there is no new data yet, only data points/sampling points of Wolfe Creek.
- Fish consumption advisories on Watts Bar. (No updates available; continue to track)
 - MAKoltowich stated that Scott Gregory had looked at some data, and Scott is satisfied with the current data. MAKoltowich said Scott Gregory does not think we need to pursue/track this issue.

SStout stated that something RCERB might want to add to the Board Business is ETPP and the Blueways. SStout said they are looking at a canoe/kayak waterway within ETPP Park, and this canoe/kayak waterway was between 3-5 miles long. SStout said there are a lot of discharges from old rusty pipes. Some of these pipes drain from old parking lots. SStout said these pipes continue to rust and deteriorate. SStout said the same problem with old rusty pipes exists on the Clinch River. SStout said he thinks this environmental issue will be our focus for the next few years because ETPP is going to be a public industrial park and national park.

- MAKoltowich asked if this is part of the Black Oak Ridge Conservation, and SStout said yes, and it is in Roane County.
- SStout stated that Happy Valley (greater than 200 acres) has been sold to an individual, and the Overlook and the pond next to the Overlook at ETPP is part of Happy Valley. SStout said he did not know if the cemetery is part of Happy Valley.

Incoming Documents:

- 4 Documents concerning the Environmental Baseline Survey Reports for the Proposed Title Transfer of the Former K-31 and K-33 Areas at ETPP
- **Next RCERB Meeting:** MAKoltowich to contact MTownsend in the Roane County Executive's office as to scheduling Thursday, May 4, 2017, 6:00 pm, as our next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:35 pm.

Attachments and Enclosures:

- Mary Koltowich' s Trip Report: Roane County Environmental Review Board (RCERB) Tennessee Environmental Conference, March 14-15, 2017
- Watts Bar Ecology and Fishery Council Mission Statement

**Agenda for the Thursday, April 6, 2017 Meeting of the
Roane County Environmental Review Board
Roane County Court House/ First Floor Conference Room**

6:00 PM - Call to Order

Introductions and Opening Remarks

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[Changes To and Approval of Agenda](#)

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7:30 PM Adjourn

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Recap of RCERB Meetings

March 2, 2017; Quorum (4/6); Routine board business --- no presentation was made

February 27, 2017; Quorum (5/6); Special meeting on invasive aquatic plants in Watts Bar Reservoir

February 2, 2017; Quorum (5/6); Routine board business --- no presentation was made

December 1, 2016; Quorum (5/7); Routine board business --- no presentation was made

November 3, 2016; Quorum (6/7); D. Adler, S. Haas, & D. Mayton, DOE's Groundwater Monitoring Strategy

October 6, 2016; No quorum (3/7); Glen Cofer, Roane County Lighting Ordinance

September 8, 2016; Quorum (6/7); No presentation was made.

August 18, 2016; Quorum (6/7); Wendy Cain, Portfolio Federal Project Director, DOE OREM; Status of Buildings at ETPP

July 2016; No meeting (scheduled break)

June 2, 2016; Quorum (5/8); Pat Halsey, OREM DOE; Deidre Tharp, RSI; Oak Ridge Environmental Information System (OREIS)

May 5, 2016; Quorum (5/7); Sue Cange, DOE-EM Manager

April 7, 2016; Quorum (4/7); Gene Robinson, NRCS