

MINUTES

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HENDERSON

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JULY 13, 1992

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners met for a Public Hearing on the Final Site Selection Criteria for the Henderson County Solid Waste Management Facility. The meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. in room #24 of the Opportunity House.

Those present were: Chairman J. Michael Edney, Vice-Chairman Vollie G. Good, Commissioner F. Richard Baker, Commissioner Hugh D. Randall, Commissioner William McKay, County Manager David F. Thompson, Integrated Solid Waste Planner Nippy Page, Engineer William Lapsley, and Clerk to the Board Elizabeth W. Corn.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chairman Edney called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. He recognized Nippy Page to make introductions.

INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Page recognized the Solid Waste Advisory Committee members (SWAC). She asked those members to stand and introduce themselves. Present were:

Ann Richardson
Thomas Hadley
Roy Neill
Rick Houston
Stefan Juchnowycz
Art Hazlett
John Humphrey
Frank Drake

OVERVIEW

Ms. Page stated that the Solid Waste Advisory Committee started studying site selection criteria in January and had met fourteen times between January and June of this year to develop the criteria. All of the meetings were open to the public. The Solid Waste Advisory Committee heard presentations from many organizations, groups, and individuals. They received recommendations by letter and by phone call. All recommendations were considered for incorporation in the final criteria. There were two public educational forums in March.

Ms. Page informed the Board that the criteria has been divided into six categories and subcategories and a point system developed to be applied to each of the categories. The categories are (by order of points):

Environmental Impact	272 pts.
Physical Features	228 pts.
Public Impacts	172 pts.
Economic Impacts	156 pts.

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Land Use Impacts	94 pts.
Site Accessibility	78 pts.

These categories total 1,000 points. The subcategory that received the most points was groundwater protection with 53 points.

The county must take into consideration Federal Subtitle D regulations and North Carolina Solid Waste Management Rules. After these two considerations, the committee came up with the local discretionary items.

Federal Subtitle D has restrictions which apply to:

1. Airports
2. Floodplains
3. Unstable Areas
4. Wetlands
5. Seismic Impact Zones
6. Fault Areas

N.C. State restrictions overlap the Federal to some extent. Ms. Page highlighted the state rules:

1. Floodplains
2. Endangered & Threatened Animal Species
3. Critical Habitat
4. Archeological or Historical Sites
5. State Parks
6. Recreation or Scenic Sites
7. Airport, 10,000 ft. from jet aircraft
8. Must have 6 inches of available soil on site
9. Explosive gases such as methane have to be contained and monitored
10. No uncontrolled public access
11. Must meet NPDES permit and Clean Water Act
12. No non-point source of pollution
13. Must have liners, leachate collection system, and final cover system
14. Must be four feet above the seasonal high water table
15. No open burning of solid waste
16. Must have a 50 foot buffer between all property lines and disposal areas
17. Must have a 500 foot minimal buffer between private dwellings, wells, and disposal areas
18. Must have a 50 foot minimal buffer between streams, rivers, and the disposal area

Ms. Page then reviewed the MUST list. Any site candidate must meet all of the following specific state and local criteria. Numbers one through six deal with the state and federal regulations. Seven through ten are beyond the state and federal regulations:

1. AIRPORT BUFFER - 5,000 feet from propeller aircraft

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2. BUFFER ZONE - 10,000 feet from jet aircraft
50 feet from property lines/streams
500 feet from dwellings/wells
3. GROUNDWATER - Minimum 4 feet to seasonal high groundwater level
4. FLOODPLAIN - No restriction to 100 year flood
5. PUBLIC ACCESS - Completely restricted area
6. WETLANDS - No disturbance to designated wetlands
7. PROPERTY SIZE - Minimum 150 acres
8. RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT - Maximum 200 dwelling units
within 0.5 mile of property boundary
9. GROUNDWATER USERS - Maximum 100 dwelling units or a school
using groundwater within 0.5 miles of property boundary
10. TOURIST ATTRACTION - Minimum 0.5 mile from perimeter of useable area on site

Ms. Page explained that after this criteria is applied to a site then the sites will be rated. The site/sites that come closest to getting the 1,000 points on the rating sheet will be narrowed down until a final site is chosen.

PUBLIC INPUT

Dixie Blumer - Solid Waste Chairman for the League of Women Voters of Henderson County. She spoke in general support of the criteria. She did voice some concerns of the League of Women Voters regarding the number of points given to certain items.

Allen Smith - Citizen who wrote a letter to Nippy in March. He proposed a different methodology for assessing points to criteria. Basically his method was very similar but he called the discretionary criteria subjective criteria.

After the public input Ms. Page stated that maybe they didn't make it clear in advertisements that Federal and State regulations MUST be met, everything above that is discretionary criteria.

Engineer William Lapsley answered some questions and stated that he thinks the Commissioners will end up with four or five sites that will all rate reasonably close on the point scale.

CLOSING

Mr. Edney expressed much thanks to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee for all their hard work and long hours.

Mr. Edney stated that the final site selection criteria will be on the agenda for Wednesday, July 15. The Commissioners will take

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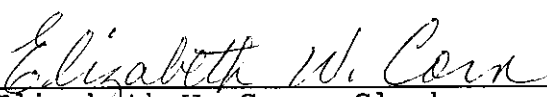
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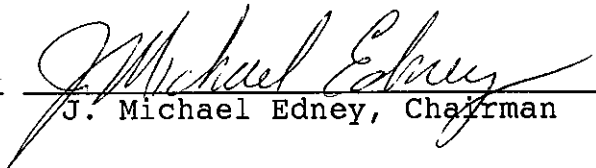
into consideration tonight's meeting and will decide whether to adopt the criteria or amend the criteria.

Mr. Thompson stated that staff has a meeting tomorrow with the Engineer to review input from tonight's meeting so that a staff recommendation can be made at the July 15 meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:


Elizabeth W. Corn, Clerk


J. Michael Edney, Chairman