

MINUTES

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HENDERSON

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 18, 1992

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners met for a continuation of the regularly scheduled meeting of June 17, 1992. The meeting was at 7:00 p.m. at the Ramada Inn. This was a joint meeting (dinner) with the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC). The purpose of the meeting was to thank the SWAC for all their hard work and to receive their final site selection criteria for a new landfill in Henderson County.

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, Clerk to the Board Elizabeth W. Corn.

Other Staff present were: Nippy Page, Integrated Solid Waste Planner; Eldon Owen, Landfill Director; Matt Matteson, County Planner. SWAC members were all present except Bob Cathey. Others present were Bill Lapsley, Project Engineer; and Gary Tweed.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chairman Edney called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

Nippy Page introduced the new SWAC member, Mr. Art Hazlett. She informed everyone present of the numerous meetings the SWAC has held to compile this list of criteria. She thanked everyone for all their hard work up to this point in time.

Roy Neill began to review the criteria. He discussed water on the property and the formula of spacing 1/2 mile all the way around the landfill. The minimum size of the site is 150 useable acres. He discussed schools, dwelling units, tourist attractions and summer camps. Mr. Neill began discussing soil characteristics when dinner was served.

DINNER

Nippy Page informed all that the site selection criteria process began in January this year. Two public education forums were held in March and the site selection criteria was finalized in late April.

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Mr. Neill continued to speak on the discretionary criteria. He said that the State's minimum requirements would only be a poor rating on our criteria list. The ratings go up to excellent.

Bill Lapsley then spoke briefly on State and Federal regulations. The committee has tried to list items that the community has an interest in. The watershed, floodplains and the airport will eliminate sites quickly. Mr. Neill stated that 55-60% of the sites would have a good rank. Mr. Lapsley stated that there has been a lot of give and take in the rating system.

Mr. Lapsley stated that they could rule out many sites, maybe condense to about 20, then survey and condense down to a workable number of 6-8 sites to apply all the criteria to. This criteria and the actual site data will be used as a preliminary screening tool when adopted.

Rick Houston, a member of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, showed slides and discussed how the SWAC compiled the list.

At 9:00 p.m. the floor was opened to questions.

Mr. Lapsley then reviewed the site selection schedule. If the Board of Commissioners adopt this criteria then the SWAC's work is over. It is recommended that a new Site Selection Review Committee be established which would rank the sites individually and quietly. The final 2-3 sites would be discussed publicly.

Mr. Thompson stated that the new committee would be a technical review committee and would be a small committee. Mr. Lapsley stated that 4-6 months from now we could be down to the final few sites. It would then take 15-18 months to get permitted which would put us right at the wire.

Chairman Edney stated that the next step would be for the Board of Commissioners to hold a Public Hearing on the criteria.

Mr. Lapsley stated that we should proceed as quickly as possible. In 4-6 months we could be down to a final list of possible sites, then acquire the site, get permits, develop the site, and begin building. His staff can immediately begin eliminating sections of the county that will not conform to the criteria, such as floodplains or watershed areas. A list of about 20 sites could be presented to the new committee within the next few weeks. The new committee could then begin to rate them individually. Their rankings could then be passed on to Commissioners who could also rank the top 5 or 6 privately. From there, discussion on the final 2 or 3 could be made public. Commissioners must first approve the criteria which surpasses state and federal standards.

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Six members was the suggested number for the new Technical Review Committee or Site Selection Review Committee with the SWAC Committee or some other committee to oversee the Review Committee, to be sure the criteria would be applied to the site selection process.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

Elizabeth W. Corn
Elizabeth W. Corn, Clerk

J. Michael Edney
J. Michael Edney, Chairman