



HENDERSON COUNTY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Environmental Advisory Committee

Monday May 7, 2009

PRESENT: David Lowles, Tom Davis, Marijane Pell, Jim Fickes, Anthony Brancato, Richard De Simone, Jeff Jennings

Staff: Chuck McGrady, Will Sagar, and Joann De Luca

GUESTS: Larry Rogers

ABSENT: Ron Ehlinger and Tim Weatherill

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order 3:30 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes were approved by consensus.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Land Development Code- Amendments 17 & 21

Both amendments were approved by the Board of Commissioners at their last meeting. Package sewer plants and residential wind energy codes were discussed without action.

2. Review Etowah/Horseshow and Edneyville plans.

Richard De Simone recalled at the last meeting there were some issues about steep slope restrictions. Dave asked if he should mention steep slope restrictions at the public hearing. Dave also planned to speak on water package plants. Storm water regulations are already in the recommendations. Last meeting the committee said it would support this plan in general without having studied it.

Jeff Jennings asked which message about steep slope restrictions the committee wants to send? Chuck Mc Grady said this needs to be looked at as the first step in a much longer process, starting with Etowah/Horseshoe.

Dave summarized, last month we said we thought this was a good plan, this month we don't have a motion on the table, but I would like to have a motion that we support the plan publicly in front of the commissioners tonight.

Is there a motion, comments?

Jeff made a motion to support the Etowah/Horseshoe local plan at the public hearing.

The motion was passed by consensus.

Chairman stated he will present supporting statement before the commissioners tonight.

NEW BUSINESS :

Transition of Leadership:

Dave Lowles wants to transition away from chair by the 1st of July, starting 1 year from this date.

Are there any comments?

Ron is willing to step into chair. Due to Ron's absence there was no voting for the position. Next month Dave is going to make a motion for that change. He would also like to see the leadership shared and also wondered if there should be a term limit.

Are there any others subjects?

In the next meeting, Dave would like to see on the agenda status of the Storm Water engineering effort and where we are now. Etowah/Horseshoe and maybe Edneyville should also be here on the agenda because there are things that are going to come up time to time.

Other items for review by the EAC were considered. They include:

- Further consideration of the Land Development Code
- Stormwater engineering
- Water Quality
- Erosion control update
- Fire prevention

Richard made a motion to adjourn

All approved.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Next meeting: June 4, 2009

Respectfully submitted: Joann De Luca

