

COMMISSION ON THE ENVIROMENT MINUTES
Commissioners Conference Room
Minutes of January 9, 2008

COE Members present were Barne Wheeler, Chairman; Marta Kelsey, Troy Hansen, Susan Blake, Sandy Neville, Caroline Miller, Larry Hartwick and Frank Allen. Members absent were Daryl Calvano, SMHD and Bill Shreve. Others present were Sue Veith and Jada Stuckert, Recording Secretary. Chris Burch was also present.

- I) **Call to Order:** Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- II) **Discussion & Approval of November Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of December 5, 2007.
- III) **Continuing Business:**
- a. **Go Green! Save Gr\$\$n Forum Update, Rehash PR, Food, Donations:**
1. **Go Green Flyer:** The flyer was approved by the group. Ms. Veith stated she would email the flyer to Mr. Burch to be placed on the greensomd.com website.
 2. **Advertising:** Ms. Miller stated she would contact the local radio stations as well as contact Karen Everett at PIO for advertising in the local papers and the county cable and post at the Lexington Park Library. Mr. Hansen stated he would contact MD Bank & Trust. Mr. Wheeler stated he would have the Forum advertised on the County Fair Grounds Sign and work on inclusion in the SMECO newsletter. Ms. Kelsey stated she would post at the Leonardtown Library. Mr. Hartwick stated he would work on advertising in the school system.
 3. **Report on Food for Event:** Ms. Veith stated she should have some prices within a day or so. Ms. Kelsey recommended using a water cooler rather than bottled water. The commission agreed. Ms. Veith stated no business can take their trash to the recycling center. After discussion, the Commission agreed this needs to be discussed with the County Commissioners.
 4. **Donations:** The following is a list of donations for raffle to date.
 - Two (2) SMECO Energy Audits
 - Wal-Mart merchandise
 - Lowes merchandise
 - Starbucks merchandise
 - REI T-shirts
 - Good Earth Gift Certificates
 - The Greenery Gift Certificates
 - Habitat Restore Gift Certificates
 - Target – light bulbs unless SMECO provides?

Mr. Wheeler stated he would contact SMECO for light bulbs and email the letterhead to Mr. Hartwick to send out letters to the donators who have requested them.
 5. **Booths:** Ms. Blake stated she has 2 confirmed, 1 pending, and 1 pending through Ms. Veith. Ms. Blake stated vendors are in need at this point. Mr. Burch stated he would place the booth information on the greensomd.com website. Mr. Wheeler stated he would contact PRA and METCOM regarding booths.

- b. Update on COE Comments on Adequate Public Facilities Proposal:** Mr. Wheeler stated there is plenty of time to discuss the APF proposal so this will be an agenda item for meeting to come after the forum. Mr. Wheeler will incorporate the two drafts letters, one his markup and one from Frank, into a single letter for review and approval at the February meeting.

Mr. Wheeler stated he received word from Mr. Jeff Jackman of LUGM that all the comments regarding the CWSP have been incorporated into the document except for the reservoir comments. The Commission agreed with this.

- c. Discussion of MDE Reply to Commissioners on Water Supply Concerns:** Mr. Wheeler stated the reply from Ms. Wilson of MDE doesn't answer the questions asked in the original letter. After discussion Mr. Allen volunteered to draft a memo to the BOCC regarding the MDE reply and have it available for the February meeting.

Ms. Veith handed out the Comprehensive Assessment of Maryland's Coastal Plain Aquifer System and recommending the County submits for a metering study grant. Ms. Veith stated she would need permission from the Commission to add this request into the budget requests. A motion was made and seconded to make a recommendation to the County Commissioners to have a metering study grant put in the budget. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

- d. COE Web Page Update:** Mr. Wheeler stated the December meeting minutes are not on the greensomd.com website and the Dyson reply letter needs to be posted to the site. Mr. Hartwick stated he would work on finding the donators logos to be placed on the greensomd.com website.
- e. County COE Web Page Update:** Mr. Wheeler thanked Ms. Stuckert for having the County website updated with the proper member names and for getting a more interestingly worded link to the COE's web page on the greensomd web site. Ms. Kelsey stated Mr. Shreve's name is listed twice and should be corrected. Ms. Stuckert stated she would work on this.
- f. Land Subsidence Update:** Mr. Wheeler stated a letter was send to MGS and they expressed interest in getting more details. They have not heard of any land subsidence problems in St. Mary's County. Frank Allen intidated that he would contact Mr. Bolton and provide more details on the areas he thought were experiencing subsidence.
- g. Networking – Expertise List:** Mr. Wheeler stated there are 24 names on the list. Mr. Wheeler asked that each member return in February with two new contacts for the list.

IV) New Business:

- a. Critical Area Review:** Ms. Veith stated she would be willing to make a Critical Area presentation at the March meeting. It was recommended that this meeting be televised. The COE also agreed to put Stormwater Management and Commercial Recycling on the list of areas to be studied.

V) Announcements

- VI) Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.