

COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT MINUTES
Potomac Building
Minutes of June 1, 2011

COE Members present were Barne Wheeler, Chairman; Sandy Neville, Caroline King, Larry Hartwick, Lawrence Langley, Paul DeBenedetto, and Mike Thompson. Marta Kelsey, Troy Hansen, Daryl Calvano were excused. Others present were Jenna Ballard and Paul Waxman.

- I) **Call to Order:** Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.
- II) **Discussion & Approval of November Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the March minutes as amended.
- III) **Continuing Business:**
- a. **Update on COE Membership**
Mr. Wheeler stated Bill Shreve moved out of County therefore cannot be a member any longer and Mike Guy and Troy Hansen have resigned. Mr. Wheeler listed names and qualifications of applicants for the available positions. After discussion, Mr. Wheeler asked the members to submit their votes to him no later than close of business on Friday.
 - b. **Discussion and Approval of COE Charter Revision**
Mr. Wheeler updated the members stating the legal department has forwarded the by-laws and charter to the County Commissioners with approval even though the Commission has not voted. Mr. Wheeler asked how the Commission wishes to proceed. The Commission discussed Article IV Section 6 of the By-Laws regarding attendance at meetings. ***Mr. Langley made a motion to accept the proposed revision to Article IV Section 6 of the By-Laws regarding attendance at meetings, the motion was seconded and the motion passed by a 7-0 vote.*** The Commission discussed Article VII, Section 7 of the By-Laws regarding quorum and voting. ***Mr. Langley made a motion to accept the proposed revision to Article VII Section 7 of the By-Laws regarding quorum and voting, the motion was seconded and the motion passed by a 7-0 vote.*** The Commission discussed Section 159-2 Membership of the Resolution. ***It was the consensus of the Commission to recommend the proposed revision to Section 159-2 Membership of the Resolution to the Board of County Commissioners.***
 - c. **Discussion and Approval of 2010 Annual Report Supplement**
The Commission discussed the supplement. ***Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the 2010 Annual Report Supplement, the motion was seconded and passed by a 7-0 vote.***
 - d. **Water Policy Task Force Aquifer and Conservation Preservation**
Mr. Wheeler gave an overview of the report and corrections. After review, the Commission agreed with the report and corrections. ***Ms. King made a motion to approve the report as amended and the motion was seconded and passed by a 7-0 vote.*** Mr. Wheeler asked if the Commission should request a presentation to the County Commissioners. It was the consensus of the Commission to provide a briefing of the report to the County Commissioners.
 - e. **Board of Appeals Investigation:** No discussion.
 - f. **The EPA Mandated Watershed Improvement Plan:** No discussion.
 - g. **Letter on Recycling at Sports Activities**
Ms. Neville stated she spoke with David Guyther today who has assured her that this is something that is being dealt with currently. Mr. Guyther estimated there is over 300 barrels at this time and donations are being accepted to purchase these. Mr. Wheeler stated there is no sense in writing a letter if this is something they are already working on. Ms. Neville asked if we could place an ad on our website asking for donations of 55 gallon drums. It was the consensus of the Commission to advertise this on the www.somd.com website.
 - h. **Setting a Date for Beginning the Next Expo:** No discussion.

i. **Green Building Subcommittee Update:** No discussion.

j. **Facebook Use:** No discussion.

k. **Possible Commission Study Areas:** No discussion.

IV) New Business:

a. **Briefing by the SMRWA on Critical Area Rules and their Basis in Science:** No discussion.

V) Announcements

VI) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.