

**Minutes**  
**Environmental Protection Committee**  
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S. E.  
Suite 1252 East Tower  
Atlanta, GA 30334

**August 27, 2019**

**Attendees:**

**Committee Members**

Ray Lambert, Chair  
William Bagwell, Vice Chair  
Dwight Davis  
Rob Leebern  
Aaron McWhorter  
Mark Mobley  
Mike Phelps  
Brother Stewart  
Dee Yancey  
Bodine Sinyard, Board Chair, Ex-officio

**Board Members**

Nancy Addison  
Dwight Evans  
Joe Hatfield  
Duncan Johnson  
Bill Jones  
Tim Lowe  
Billy New  
Paul Shailendra – Via Conference Call  
Miki Thomaston

**Guests**

Ronny Just, Georgia Power  
Meredith Linch, Georgia Power  
Robin Lanier, Georgia Power  
Tim Zorc, Terra Southern  
Chris Manganiello, Chattahoochee Riverkeeper  
Brant Lane, Hodges, Harbin, Newberry & Tribble, Inc.  
Mark Woodall, Sierra Club  
Michael Power, Georgia Chemistry Council  
Leah Dixon, Georgia Conservancy

**Staff Members**

Mark Williams, Commissioner  
Terry West  
Walter Rabon  
Kyle Pearson  
Wes Robinson  
Melanie Johnson  
Cathy Barnette  
Amber Carter  
Artica Gaston  
Courtney Hall  
Thomas Barnard  
Jeff Cown  
Dave Crass  
Steve Friedman  
Rusty Garrison  
Doug Haymans  
Jon Ambrose  
Charlie Killmaster  
Ted Will  
R. Clay George  
Lacey Creech  
Heidi Ferguson  
Amanda Hrubesh  
Aubrey Pawlikowski  
  
Richard Dunn, Director  
Lauren Curry  
Jac Capp  
Karen Hays  
Chuck Mueller  
Laura Williams  
Donald Kirkland  
James Cooley

The August 27, 2019 meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee was called to order by Bodine Sinyard, Chairman of the Board of Natural Resources.

Chairman Sinyard called on Ray Lambert, Chairman of the Environmental Protection Committee. Mr. Lambert called on Karen Hays, Chief of the Air Protection Branch of the Environmental Protection Division, to present the Proposed Criteria for the Georgia Diesel Emissions Reduction Program, Chapter 391-3-21-.15.

Ms. Hays stated the purpose of the grant is to reduce diesel emissions by assisting public school systems with school bus replacements, with preference to those located or operated inside ozone nonattainment or maintenance area counties. She further stated the grant is funded through the Diesel Emission Reduction Act and requires 75% matching funds for early bus replacement from the applicant.

A motion was made by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Stewart, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend the Board approve the Proposed Grant Criteria for Georgia Diesel Emissions Reduction Program, Chapter 391-3-21-.15, as presented.

Mr. Lambert asked Ms. Hays to continue with Item B, the proposed amendments to the Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1.

Ms. Hays stated the proposed amendments will include the following: update definitions of Volatile Organic Compound and Procedures for Testing and Monitoring Sources of Air Pollutants; removal of Gasoline Dispensing Facilities-Stage II; revising the Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste Incineration Units, as requested by the EPA; revise Open Burning for consistency with other language in the rule; revise New Source Performance Standards; revise Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants; revise Permit Requirements to correct the status of five counties regarding attainment for ozone; and revise Emission Reduction Credits to reflect updated applicability of Non-Attainment Area New Source Review.

Mr. Lambert stated one person had signed up for public comment and introduced Mr. Tim Zorc, Terra Southern CCC.

Mr. Zorc spoke briefly about air quality.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Stewart, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend the Board approve the Proposed Amendments to the Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1, as presented.

Mr. Lambert called on Chuck Mueller, Chief of the Land Protection Branch of the Environmental Protection Division, to present Items C and D.

Mr. Mueller stated Item C requests approval of the FY2020 Spend Plan to expend \$5,835,671 from the Solid Waste Trust Fund. He further stated the funds will be used for multiple purposes, including scrap

tire management; abandoned landfill care; preventative and corrective actions at solid waste facilities; waste reduction and recycling; solid waste education and enforcement; and fund administration.

Mr. Mueller requested favorable consideration.

A motion was made by Mr. Leebern, seconded by Mr. Mobley, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend the Board approve the Proposed FY 2020 Solid Waste Trust Fund Spend Plan, as presented.

Mr. Lambert asked Mr. Mueller to continue with Item D, a briefing on the Proposed Amendments to the Rules for Hazardous Waste Management, Chapter 391-3-11.

Mr. Mueller stated periodic updates of Chapter 391-3-11, Hazardous Waste Management, are necessary to reflect new regulations by the EPA. The EPD proposes to amend the rules to adopt by reference regulations promulgated by the EPA through February 22, 2019, and include the following: Disposal of Coal Combustible Residue from Electric Utilities; Confidentiality Determinations for Hazardous Waste Export and Import Documents; Electronic-Manifest Fee Rule; Safe Management of Recalled Airbags; Final Pharmaceuticals Rule; and Standards Applicable to Owners and Operators of Closed and Closing Hazardous Waste Management Facilities: Post Closure Permit Requirement and Closure Process.

Mr. Mueller further stated the Division will solicit public input and hold a public hearing and expects to present the proposed amendments to the Board for action at the December 2019 meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.