

**Minutes
Environmental Protection Committee
Idlewilde Event Center
Indian Springs State Park
678 Lake Clark Road
Flovilla, GA 30216**

**Thursday, June 16, 2022
2:00 p.m.**

Committee Members

Ray Lambert, Chair
Dwight Evans, Vice Chair
Nancy Addison
Nick Ayers
William Bagwell
Dwight Davis
Patrick Denney
Joe Hatfield
Bill Jones, Board Chair, Ex-officio

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Celisha Rosser Chapman
Alan Isler
Thom Litts
Emily Rushton

Richard Dunn, Director
Chuck Mueller
Jill Clark

The June 16, 2022 meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee was called to order by Chairman Bill Jones.

Chairman Jones called on Ray Lambert, Chairman of the Environmental Protection Committee. Mr. Lambert called on Chuck Mueller, Chief of the Land Protection Division, to present Proposed Grant Criteria for Solid Waste Trust Fund Grant Program, Chapter 391-3-21.

Mr. Mueller stated the purpose of the proposed change is to implement a new grant program to provide funding to eligible entities for the authorized uses of the Solid Waste Trust Fund. Mr. Mueller further stated the authorized uses of the Solid Waste Trust Fund include cleanups of solid waste disposal facilities, development and implementation of solid waste enforcement programs, funding for grants or loans, implementation of innovative technologies for the recycling and reuse of solid waste, and educational and other efforts to promote waste reduction, recycling, and recycling market development. He added eligible recipients include local government entities, public authorities, agencies, commissions, or institutions.

Mr. Mueller stated the minimum criteria for grant applications include need, purpose, and objective of project, description of activities to be carried out with grant assistance, budget, project schedule, and demonstration of how grant funds requested support authorized uses of Solid Waste Trust Fund. He further stated grant applications may be prioritized for funding based on need of community, community investment, likeliness to result in project goal achievement, clear and appropriate metrics, cost effectiveness, and sustainability.

Mr. Mueller requested a favorable consideration.

A motion was made by Mr. Denney, seconded by Mr. Evans, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend the Board approve the proposed grant criteria for Solid Waste Trust Fund Grant Program, Chapter 391-3-21.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.