

**Final Minutes  
St. Charles County  
Commission on Environmental Quality  
August 25, 2010**

Minutes by Commissioner Ferrett

**Meeting Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Burris at 6:02 p.m. in the conference room at St. Charles County Department of Health and the Environment Building.

**Roll Call and Guest**

*Members present:* Jim Burris, Tom Nelsen, Bill Malach, Rhonda Ferrett, John Choinka, Linda Wibbenmeyer, Brian Hanke

*Members Absent:* Jeffrey Langston, Rick Higgins

*Staff Present:* Pieter Sheehan

**Approval of Minutes of July 28, 2010:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Ferrett to approve the minutes as amended (correction of typos and removing Jim Burris from being present). Seconded by Commissioner Nelsen. Motion unanimously approved.

**Comments from the Public:** None

**Comments/Concerns from Commissioners:**

Commissioner Nelsen noted that he started an Environmental Geology course today at St. Charles Community College.

Commissioner Hanke asked if whether the ban on bicycle traffic on certain roads in St. Charles County would fall under the jurisdiction of this commission. A discussion ensued and commission members agreed that it represents a public safety issue and probably better address through Planning & Zoning, the Road Board, and the County Council.

**Report from Staff:**

Pieter reported that staff had been busily involved with the Festival of the Little Hills over the past weekend.

**Old Business:**

*Review of Solid Waste Permit:* Comments from AmerenUE were forwarded to the commission members regarding the solid waste facility permit. The

Commission discussed responses received from AmerenUE and reviewed the additional materials. Most items have now been agreed upon but some were still not in congruence. These items included:

- Hours of operation: The County would like to restrict the hours but AmerenUE would like 24 hour continuous operation. For optimal performance of the scrubber, 24 hour operation may be necessary.
- Surface impoundment inspections
- Water chemistry testing
- Dam permit inspections

The Commission also wanted to know what would happen if a violation occurred? Or how would the AmerenUE Sioux plant operations/permit be affected if the EPA reclassified the gypsum landfill material as hazardous waste?

Commissioner Wibbenmeyer had also requested additional information on the scrubber, which had not been received. Pieter agreed to follow up.

#### **New Business:**

***Review of County Wellhead Protection District Ordinance:*** The Commission briefly reviewed this document. It was noted that correction needed to be made to the location of the well/buffer zones. In addition, the Commission wanted to know what would happen if the landowner wanted to develop property in the buffer zone? Thirdly, Commission members also wanted to know if any consideration was given to hydraulic gradient movements upstream and downstream of the wells rather than using 1000 feet buffer?

Commissioner Malach made a motion to table this item. Seconded by Commissioner Nelsen. Motion unanimously approved.

Commission Choinka made a motion to invite Wayne Anthony to the next meeting for further discussion. Seconded by Commissioner Ferrett. Motion unanimously approved.

***Review of County Emergency Response Procedure regarding petroleum pipelines:*** Not all Commission members had received a copy of this document. Therefore, a request was made to staff to email this document before the next meeting. Commissioner Wibbenmeyer motioned to table this item. Seconded by Commission Malach. Motion unanimously approved

Commissioner Nelsen motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Malach. Motion unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

**Next Meeting: September 22, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.**