

**Final Minutes  
St. Charles County  
Commission on Environmental Quality  
March 24, 2010**

Minutes by Commissioner Ferrett

**Meeting Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Langston at 6:06 p.m. in the conference room at St. Charles County Department of Health and the Environment Building.

**Roll Call and Guest**

*Members Present:* Jeffrey Langston, Paul Baumann, Bill Malach, Jim Burris, Rick Higgins, Thomas Nelsen, Linda Wibbenmeyer, Rhonda Ferrett, John Choinka

*Guests Present:* Yvonne Deyo, Weldon Springs Site Manager, S.M. Stroller Corporation

*Staff Present:* Pieter, Sheehan

**Approval of Minutes of February 24, 2010**

Minutes were amended to:

Correct spelling of West Alton; Remove the "2008" from the statement "Commissioner Burris stated that one of the proposed waters to be taken off of the 2008 303d list for 2010 includes Peruque Creek."

Motion was made by Commissioner Nelsen to approve the minutes as amended. Second by Commissioner Baumann. Motion unanimously approved.

**Comments from the Public:** None

**Comments/Concerns from Commissioners:**

Commissioner Burris provided information on Operation Clean Stream taking place Saturday, March 27. Commissioner Burris stated that every community was represented except St. Peters.

Commissioner Burris asked Commissioner Malach for more information regarding a law suit of 34 entities having something to do with possible sewer lateral insurance. Commissioner Malach was unaware of any law suits but gave a detailed overview of the sewer lateral program in St. Peters. The program charges each residence an annual fee and provides repair and inspection of sewer laterals. Commissioner Malach said the program also includes inspection of new home laterals as they are failing at a higher rate than would be anticipated. Commissioner Malach described an idea that could

potentially work for septics in St. Charles County but said the State Statute is too vague to allow the inclusion of septics into the program. St. Peter's, O'Fallon and the City of St. Charles all have similar sewer lateral programs.

### **Report from Staff:**

Pieter Sheehan referred to an article provided via email on 3/23/10 regarding the issues the County has been having with Farmer's Markets. The sale of uncut fruits and vegetables is unregulated but the sale of breads, canned goods, meat and other prepared foods are regulated by the County Department of Community Health and the Environment.

#### *Review of Solid Waste Permit:*

Pieter Sheehan provided a draft of St. Charles County's current solid waste permit. He discussed a number of correspondence letters between Ameren and St. Charles County regarding Ameren UE's Sioux Plant Utility Waste Landfill. The application package, as submitted by AmerenUE, was rejected because it did not meet the requirements of the St. Charles County Solid Waste Management Code. A meeting for March 30 has been scheduled to review the materials needed to be in compliance with the Solid Waste Code. An application was provided to AmerenUE but additional information is needed to safeguard the interests of the citizens of St. Charles County. Planning and Zoning had issued building and grading permits however, an operation permit has not been issued. Commissioner Wibbenmeyer asked what the expectations are of the Commission. Mr. Sheehan explained that the permit may be given to CEQ for review before approval.

### **Old Business:**

*Update on Weldon Springs monitoring activities:* A presentation was made by Yvonne Deyo on the Long-Term Surveillance and Maintenance at the Weldon Spring Site. She described the creation of the Office of Legacy Management, their scope of responsibility and a brief history of the site. She provided information on the disposal cell. The surveillance and maintenance program includes:

- ❖ Groundwater monitoring including wells, springs and surface water. Data validation program assures quality results.
- ❖ Leachate Treatment--Construction water bound in the cell is subject to pretreatment to assure uranium levels meet acceptable limits.
- ❖ Annual Inspections--Disposal cell cap, rock degradation areas and southeast drainage areas are visually inspected
- ❖ Institutional Controls--Easements and federal ownership are reviewed to assure compliance
- ❖ Documentation and Reporting--Planning documentation and annual reporting are published
- ❖ Maintaining Site Infrastructure--Onsite facilities are kept up. Lindenwood is allowed classroom space in a reciprocal agreement that requires them to pay certain fees.

- ❖ Community Involvement--An interpretive center is used for educational programs for all ages. Hiking and bike trails are also available onsite.

Ms. Deyo referred to a previous working relationship between St. Charles County and the Weldon Springs Site. Commissioner Baumann asked if the County could provide a liaison to the Weldon Springs Site to re-establish a closer relationship.

**New Business:**

*Review of County Wellhead Protection District Ordinance*

*Review of program and procedures associated with the County's approved Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant*

Commissioner Burris made a motion for county staff to provide updated information and/or a presentation on the current status of the Wellhead Protection District Ordinance and the reallocation of funds for the approved Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Malach. Motion unanimously approved.

**Adjournment:**

Commissioner Nelsen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Second by Commissioner Malach. Motion unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned.