

FINAL MINUTES
St. Charles County
Commission on Environmental Quality
September 23, 2009

Minutes by Chairman Langston

Meeting Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Langston at 6:00 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, John Choinka, Bill Malach, Jim Burris, Rick Higgins and Rhonda Ferrett

Staff Present: Pieter Sheehan

Approval of Minutes of August 26, 2009: Motion by Jim Burris and second by Bill Malach . Minutes approved.

Comments from the Public: None

Comments/Concerns from Commissioners:

Commissioners introduced themselves to the newest Commissioner, Rick Higgins. Commissioner Ferrett requested a link be added to the County's CEQ web page for people to make comments. Pieter Sheehan indicated that the link is present and will be available for CEQ to view. Commissioner Burris indicated that MDNR's list of impaired water bodies (303 D List) is open for public comment until early October and that Perque and Dardeen Creeks remain on the list.

Report from Staff:

Pieter Sheehan provided flow charts and a written summary of the structure of the County Health and Environment Department.

Old Business:

Septic System Issue: Chairman Langston requested an update on the maintenance agreement that Wayne Anthony is to draft as stated in the ordinance. Pieter Sheehan is to follow up with Wayne Anthony on the status of the draft agreement.

Water Well Issue: Commissioner Malach made a motion to remove this item from the active agenda. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Burris. Motion passed.

Confluence Heritage Designation: Commissioner Malach made a motion to remove this item from the active agenda. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Burris. Motion passed.

New Business:

Chairman Langston informed the Commissioners that the letter outlining potential new topics has been submitted to the County Executive. CEQ will await a response.

Commissioners had limited discussion on the potential topics outlined below:

- Tree ordinances

- Regulation of private water wells

- Updating the Solid Waste Code

- Environmental issues with unpaved-public use roads.

- Receive update on GRG plan/storm water model

- Green building in public facilities

- County-wide ambient water sampling

The Commission agreed to await the County's input on potential topics as requested in the recent CEQ letter prior to performing detailed study on the listed potential topics.

Chairman Langston informed the Commissioners that an election would be held at the October meeting to elect a Vice Chair due to the replacement of Al Callier. He asked for the Commissioners to consider volunteering. Commissioner Burris indicated he will unless someone else does.

Commissioner Ferret motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Higgins. Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned.