

**St. Charles County
Commission on Environmental Quality
March 23, 2011**

Minutes by Commissioner Ferrett

Meeting Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Langston at 6:07 p.m. in the executive conference room at St. Charles County Department of Health and the Environment Building.

Roll Call and Guest

Members present: Jeffrey Langston, Rick Higgins, Tom Nelsen, Rhonda Ferrett, Linda Wibbenmeyer, John Choinka, Brian Hanke

Members Absent: Bill Malach, Jim Burris

Staff Present: Pieter Sheehan

Guests Present: Danny Kluesner, Floodplain Vision Board

Approval of Minutes of February 23, 2010:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hanke to approve the minutes as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Nelsen. Motion unanimously approved.

Comments from the Public: None

Comments/Concerns from Commissioners:

Commissioner Nelsen stated that he attended the Hazwopper course hosted by St. Charles County. He said the course contained valuable information on how to prepare for disasters and emergency preparedness.

Report from Staff:

Recycling. Staff reported that the recycling fees have changed and a new ordinance has been approved by the County at their March 7 meeting. Previously, recycling had been government subsidized and will now move to a more sustainable model focusing on: reuse mercantiles, recycling incentives, market-adjusted sliding scale fees and public education.

AmerenUE Solid Waster Permit. The first inspection forms were completed. Inspections will be monthly in the future. There are no plans to recycle any of the material on the site at this time.

Old Business:

Weldon Springs Monitoring Update: The annual report will be available in October 2011.

New Business:

Review of County Emergency Response Procedure regarding petroleum pipelines. A letter from County Executive Steve Ehlmann was distributed. The letter stated the CEQ's report on this issue has been forwarded to staff for input. Guest Danny Kluesner asked if the CEQ report on the subject addressed washout around pipelines. Chairman Langston offered to email the CEQ's submittal to Kluesner for review.

Discussion on meeting frequency. Commissioner Langston addressed the subject of reducing the frequency of the Commission's meetings from monthly to quarterly since there are no current directives from the County Executive. Section 120.540 on the terms of appointment for the CEQ was discussed. Commission members also expressed the need to assure that additional meetings could be posted in the event a topic was urgent or a priority for the County. Commissioner Higgins made a motion to hold quarterly meetings on the 4th Wednesday of the month in February, May, August and November. Seconded by Commissioner Nelsen. Motion unanimously approved.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Nelsen motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Hanke. Motion unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 25, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.