

**Minutes of the
Natural Resources and Environmental Protection
Advisory Committee**

September 23, 2015

Chair, Mayor Claude Christensen convened the bi-monthly meeting of the ADD's Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Advisory Committee at 3:15 p.m. on Wednesday, September 23, 2015, in the ADD's Conference Room.

Attendance was taken via a sign-in sheet. The following 15 members were recorded as being present:

Boyle	Sarah Vahlkamp		Franklin	Rebecca Hall		Powell	Travis Wickline
Clark	Mike Flynn		Jessamine	Tom Calkins		At Large	Amy Sohner
Clark	Shanda Cecil		Lincoln	Bill Payne		At Large	Don Dampier
Fayette	Paul Swoveland		Madison	Jimmy Marcum		EEC	Larry Taylor
Franklin	Robert Hewitt		Mercer	Tony White		Chair	Claude Christensen

Also present was BGADD staff person, Betsy Laski and Guest Speaker, Dr. Reed W. Cripps.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the July 22, 2015 meeting were distributed via email prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Tom Calkins and seconded by Sarah Vahlkamp and upon unanimous vote the minutes were approved.

Guest Speaker

Dr. Reed Cripps, Kentucky's Assistant State Conservationist for Operations at USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) spoke to the committee about NRCS. NRCS was established in 1935 as the Soil Conservation Service. Its mission is to maintain/conserves our natural resources. There are local service centers in each county. NRCS helps people help the land. They are "conservation experts" who provide technical assistance. Their major resource concerns are soil, water, air, plants, animals and energy.

Dr. Cripps showed the committee the Web Soil Survey (WSS) site, which provides soil data and information produced by the National Cooperative Soil Survey. It is operated by the USDA NRCS and provides access to the largest natural resource information system in the world. It can be found at <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov>.

He also told the committee about several financial and technical assistance programs available to eligible landowners and agricultural producers to help manage natural resources in a sustainable manner.

Old Business

Committee member, Sarah Vahlkamp gave an update on the Kinder Morgan's proposal to repurpose the Tennessee Gas Pipeline. Ms. Vahlkamp told the committee about a public meeting taking place in Boyle County September 23rd at 6pm in Danville. The meeting is to discuss a proposed ordinance involving conditional use permits which companies who wish to transport hazardous Natural Gas Liquids (NGL's) through existing or new pipelines would need to obtain. A flyer was previously emailed to the committee members to let them know about the public meeting.

Kentucky Intergovernmental Review Projects (KIRP)

There were two KIRPs that came before the committee for review.

- City of Frankfort: Rolling Acres I&I Phase 1

Upon a motion by Robert Hewitt, second by Tom Calkins and unanimous vote, the KIRP was recommended for endorsement to the Bluegrass ADD full board.

- City of Lawrenceburg: Lawrenceburg - Four Roses Sewer Extension

Upon a motion by Robert Hewitt, second by Shanda Cecil and unanimous vote, the KIRP was recommended for endorsement to the Bluegrass ADD full board.

New Business

- Chair Mayor Claude Christensen told the committee about a trip he had recently taken to Georgetown/Scott County's sister city, Tahara, Japan. He remarked about their use of solar panels as a source of alternative energy.

There being no further business to come before the committee, a motion was made by Mayor Claude Christensen and seconded by Tom Calkins and upon unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Laski, BGADD Staff