

**Minutes of the
Natural Resources and Environmental Protection
Advisory Committee
November 18, 2020
Via Zoom Teleconference**

Vice Chair Robert Hewitt convened the bi-monthly meeting of the Bluegrass ADD's Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Advisory Committee on Zoom at 3:05 PM on Wednesday, November 18, 2020.

The following 13 persons were recorded as being present:

City of Paris	Daron Jordan
City of Winchester	Shanda Cecil
City of Irvine	BEE Williams
LFUCG	Jennifer Carey
Franklin County	Robert Hewitt
City of Frankfort	Rebecca Hall
Jessamine County	Tom Calkins
Madison County	Jimmy Marcum
Mercer County SD/Lake Village Water Association	Mike Sanford
Scott County	Jarod Hollon
Woodford County	Libby Jones
EEC	Larry Taylor
BGADD	Karyn Leverenz

A copy of the Attendance List may be found in Attachment A.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the September 16, 2020 meeting were distributed via email prior to the meeting. Once correction was made to the New Business section of the September Minutes. The meeting adjourned at approximately 4PM. Ms. Leverenz did double check her notes from the September to ensure nothing else needed to be corrected. A motion was made by Mr. Jared Hollon seconded by Mr. Paul Simmons and upon unanimous vote the minutes were approved with the correction.

A copy of the September 16 minutes may be found in Attachment B.

Guest Speaker - IV. Group discussion on future topics, field trip locales, and reflection on past year

Karyn Leverenz informed the group that she was unable to find a speaker for the November meeting and would like for the group to spend time brainstorming on topics/speakers for the following year. The following topics/speakers were discussed:

- Solar Farms and associated Planning and Zoning Ordinances

-Shanda Cecil provided an update regarding the solar ordinance for Clark County. The process is at a bit of a standstill. There are two options before the planning commission.

1. Conduct a public hearing for the current text language of the proposed ordinance.
2. Hold a new meeting to draft new text for the proposed ordinance.

-Mike Sanford provided an update on the Mercer Co. Fiscal Court meeting regarding a 1200 acre solar farm being proposed. There was enough citizen pushback that the zoning amendment was ultimately denied.

- AppHarvest – Karyn is trying to get someone to speak about the operations, potentially a field trip opportunity?
- Larry Taylor with the EEC Cabinet offered to present on Environmental Justice/Rural Sustainability Summit. He is also willing to present on the Sower Blvd. building and its LEED certification. Should circumstances change re: covid restrictions we could also take a tour of the building to see all the different things that were incorporated.
- Solid Waste Plans, training with Deborah Delong, Tom Fitzgerald speaker
- Field trip to Lexington Recycling Center
- Update from Kentucky River Authority on water supply, locks and dams reconstruction, David Hamilton speaker
- Tom Calkins also discussed an article that was in the news list and a corresponding graph he has been keeping regarding trends in rainfall and how Kentucky is getting wetter.

A copy of the article and graph may be found in Attachment C.

Kentucky Intergovernmental Review Projects (KIRP)

One KIRP was presented to the committee for review. Vice Chair Robert Hewitt asked Rebecca Hall if she knew anything about the project and she gave a short summary of her knowledge. Mr. Paul Simmons made a motion to approve the KIRP and was seconded by Ms. Tom Calkins. The group approved the KIRP unanimously.

- Frankfort Sewer Department – Mero Street Pump Station Replacement

A copy of the KIRP may be found in Attachment D.

New Business

There being no new business, Secretary Leverenz asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Tom Calkins and seconded by Mike Sanford. The meeting adjourned at approximately 4PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 3pm. Meeting site TBD but probably Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Karyn Leverenz, BGADD Staff

Attachments:

A – Attendance List

B – September 16, 2020 Minutes (attachments for these minutes available upon request)

C – Rainfall article and graph

D - KIRP