

**Minutes
Environmental Protection Committee
Go Fish Education Center Theater
1255 Perry Parkway
Perry, Georgia 31069**

**Tuesday, May 24, 2022
9:00 a.m.**

Committee Members

Ray Lambert, Chair
Dwight Evans, Vice Chair
Nick Ayers
William Bagwell
Dwight Davis
Patrick Denney
Joe Hatfield
Rob Leebern
Bodine Sinyard
Dee Yancey
Bill Jones, Board Chair, Ex-officio

Board Members

Randy Dellinger
Duncan Johnson
Tim Lowe
Billy New
Miki Thomaston
Gary Vowell

Guests

Rena Ann Peck, Georgia River Network

Staff Members

Mark Williams, Commissioner
Walter Rabon
Kyle Pearson
Donald Kirkland
Cathy Barnette
Artica Gaston
Alexandrea Solomon
Thomas Barnard
Jeff Cown
Steve Friedman
Ted Will
Doug Haymans
Tina Johannsen
Kara Nitschke
Meghan Angelina
Eric Bentley

Richard Dunn, Director
John Eunice
Karen Hays

The May 24, 2022 meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee was called to order by Chairman Bill Jones.

Chairman Jones called on William Bagwell, Acting Chairman of the Environmental Protection Committee. Mr. Bagwell called on Karen Hays, Chief of the Air Protection Branch, to present Proposed Amendments to the Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1.

Ms. Hays stated Georgia EPD is required by the Federal Clean Air Act and Georgia Air Quality Act to collect sufficient revenue in the form of permit fees to fund the direct and indirect

costs of the permitting program. She further stated under the current fee structure, annual permit fees are paid by Title V sources, synthetic minor sources, and sources with equipment subject to certain federal New Source Performance Standards (NSPS). She added Title V sources pay a Title V minimum fee or on \$/ton of emissions as well as an annual maintenance fee of \$650 annually while synthetic minor sources pay \$2,100 annually and the NSPS fee is \$1,900 annually.

Ms. Hays stated under the current fee structure, there are permit application fees for certain types of permit applications that vary based on permit application complexity. She further stated there is an optional expedited permit application processing fee since FY 2016. She added projected permit fee expenses for FY 2022 is about \$8.7 million and the projected permit fee revenue is about \$10.4 million.

Ms. Hays stated the annual fees and permit application fees for FY 2023 will remain the same as the current fees. She further stated the proposed amendments will amend the Permit Fee Rule to include a row adding the state FY 2023 annual fees, which are based on calendar year 2021 emissions and are due September 1, 2022. She added the proposed rule changes will adopt the latest version of the Fee Manual by reference (February 3, 2022).

Ms. Hays stated there was a Permit Fee Advisory Committee meeting held on December 1, 2021. She further stated after briefing the DNR Board Environmental Protection Committee on February 22, there was a public hearing held on March 31st and a public comment period ending on April 7th. She added no comments were received at the public hearing or during the public comment period.

Ms. Hays requested a favorable consideration.

A motion was made by Mr. Hatfield, seconded by Mr. Leebern, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to the Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.