

Calvert County Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes – July 29, 2019

Members Present: Ron Klauda, Shelby Cross, Jane Dodds, Patty Long-Bradley, Craig Simmons, Chris Roettgen, Autumn Phillips-Lewis

Staff: Will Hager, Scarlett Oller

Guests/Liaisons: Drew Budelis

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

II. Guest Speaker Program: Autumn Phillips-Lewis and Shelby Cross gave a presentation explaining the nature of the Maryland Master Naturalist program and the contributions of its participants to society.

III. Approval of Agenda: Commissioner C. Simmons moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Long-Bradley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes:

- a. **6/24/19:** Commissioner Dodds said the mention of Commissioner Dodds in item 5b should instead be to Commissioner J. Simmons. Commissioner Klauda said the last sentence of item 5c should be moved to 6b, where it would be more relevant. Commissioner Long-Bradley moved to accept the minutes as amended. Commissioner C. Simmons seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- b. **5/20/19:** Commissioner Klauda requested the last sentence of item 6c be removed. Commissioner Phillips-Lewis motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Commissioner Long-Bradley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- c. **4/29/19:** Commissioner Long-Bradley motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner C. Simmons seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

V. Old Business:

- a. Environmental Commission Vacancy — Commissioner Klauda announced Commissioner Vogt would provide the commission with a letter of resignation effective immediately. Commissioner Klauda said J. Simmons' membership had expired and would not be renewed. Will Hager said no applications had been received during the 2-week period of vacancy advertisement. The commission agreed to ask Michael O'Donnell to re-submit an updated application. Commissioner

C. Simmons moved to approve Mr. O'Donnell's application and to forward it to the Commissioners for appointment. Commissioner Cross seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- b. Dominion Tour – Commissioner Klauda thanked Commissioner Roettgen for creating an online survey for members to indicate their availability for a tour. Commissioner Klauda asked all members to submit their availability by August 5 so it may be forwarded to county staff and to Dominion.

VI. Sub-Committee Reports:

- a. FAQs — Will Hager said the air FAQs are online. Commissioner Klauda said that Director Willis is reviewing the sustainability FAQs, the Radon FAQs are in progress, and the Recycling FAQs have not yet been begun. Commissioners Long-Bradley and Cross reported the injured wildlife FAQs are in progress. Commissioner Long-Bradley motioned to approve the newly drafted land FAQs. Commissioner C. Simmons seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Long-Bradley motioned to send the land FAQs to Planning & Zoning for approval. Commissioner C. Simmons seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- b. Public Education/Outreach – The commission discussed methods to advertise the Pump for the Bay contest. Scarlett Oller agreed to research the feasibility of and county policy about email notifications. The commission discussed methods of soliciting prize donations and Commissioner Klauda recommended Commissioner Dodds contact Pam Anderson for advice. Commissioner Long-Bradley suggested it may be easier to get sponsors if they could be listed on the brochure and elsewhere.

The commission discussed the possibility of hosting a booth at the county fair. Commissioner Dodds asked for more pamphlets to be printed. Commissioner Klauda advised the commission to keep using the banner provided by the Department of Communications and Media Relations and not to purchase another banner. Commissioner Klauda volunteered to purchase tablecloths for the booth. Commissioner Dodds recommended purchasing a new backboard, and agreed to research the possibility.

- c. Guest Speaker — As there was no guest speaker confirmed for the month of December, Commissioner Klauda recommended the commission instead use the time to discuss goals for calendar year 2020.
- d. Sustainability — Commissioner Roettgen reported he was working on a proposal for the BOCC to require mandatory radon testing as part of a home sale.

VII. New Business:

- a. Calvert County's Non-Tidal Stream Monitoring Program: Current Status and Future Plans – Will Hager gave an update on the status of re-establishing the county's non-tidal stream monitoring program. The county would like to review and assess how the program was done in the past and Commissioner Klauda suggested putting together a work group to decide how best to move forward with the program. Will Hager said the county has the funding to sample for a yet to be determined period and hopes to be able to move forward with the program without relying on grant funding in the future. Will Hager agreed to forward reports which had been written on the county's non-tidal stream monitoring program to interested members of the Environmental Commission.
- b. Attendance Reports – Will Hager will provide an attendance report to Director Willis for presentation to the BOCC. There was discussion of potentially amending the bylaws to clarify attendance expectations and consequences. Commissioner Klauda asked all members to give at least 1 week's notice of any known absences.
- c. General Announcements – Commissioner Dodds announced a team of students from Calvert High School had won the Maryland Envirothon competition and would represent Maryland in the North American Envirothon competition in North Carolina
- d. Upcoming Events: Next Meeting – August 26, 2019

VIII. Public Comment: Following adjournment there was a brief discussion about the county's non-tidal stream monitoring program with guest Drew Budelis who works with Versar. Mr. Budelis communicated to Mr. Hager that Versar may be able to assist the county with re-establishing this program and that he would be interested in having a conversation with the county on this subject in the future.

IX. Adjournment

- Commissioner C. Simmons moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Long-Bradley seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.