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**Kentucky Environmental Quality Commission  
Public Forum  
March 19, 2015  
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

**Video conferencing**

**HOST SITE**  
**Kentucky State University**  
**Aquaculture Center**  
**Multipurpose Room 101**  
**Frankfort, Kentucky**

**No participating sites**

**EQC Commissioners present**  
**Stephen A. Coleman, Chairman**  
**Ron Brunty, Vice-Chair**  
**Martha Tarrant**  
**Tom Herman**  
**Benjamin Peterson**

**Public Speakers**  
**Deb Pekny**

**Stephen A. Coleman, Chairman**  
**Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m.**

## EQC Discussions

### **SB 186:**

- Reviewed presentation from Steve Hohmann, Commissioner, Division of Natural Resources on Jan 22, 2015 EQC public meeting regarding the proposed cabinet's oil and gas regulation changes in the Commonwealth.
- SB 186 was passed in the General Assembly, awaiting the Governor's signature.

### **Bluegrass Pipeline Recommendation:**

- The Bluegrass pipeline recommendation letter was signed by Chairman Coleman to be forwarded to the Governor with copies to Secretary Peters.

Motion to approve the Pipeline Recommendation forwarding to the Governor and the Secretary was made by Commissioner Herman, Commissioner Brunty, 2nd. The Motion passed unanimously.

### **Review of article – Kentucky's reply to Clean Power Plan:**

- The Commonwealth of Kentucky will submit their state plan.
- The plan will be available for public review after it is submitted to the EPA.

### **Earth Day Applications:**

- Earth day award ceremony to be held on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at the Berry Hill Mansion from 12.00 – 2.00 p.m.
- Commissioners were requested to choose the Lifetime Achievement and Public Service Award winners from the nominations received.
- Others chosen will receive recognition presentation plaques.
- Suggestions for possible Earth Day Speakers were discussed.

### **Annual Meeting:**

#### **Discussion included:**

- Meeting date change from June 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> to June 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Commissioners to email the staff, topics, speakers and presentation suggestions.
- Salato –\$450 for two days + food, for use of the facility
- Buffalo Trace - unavailable

- Capital Plaza Hotel - \$150 per day + food

#### **Other EQC Discussions:**

- Time Capsule – to be reviewed by the Commissioners and sent to PR (public relations). To be uploaded to the EQC website and Facebook once approved.
- Merit position - letter was signed by Chairman Coleman, to be forwarded to the Secretary.
- Crossword Puzzle – an educational tool, to upload on our Facebook page every month, once completed.
- Biennial Report was presented to the Commissioners and discussed. It will be sent to the PR.
- EQC Publication – working on it.
- Chairman was requested to follow up with the Secretary, regarding filling Commissioner vacancies.
- Commissioners requested videotaping public meetings and posting video links on the EQC website.
- EQC video production on specific topics.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

January 19, 2015 public meeting

Motion to approve - Commissioner Brunty, Commissioner Tarrant, 2nd, approved unanimously.

#### **Public Comments: Deb Pekny (Bluegrass pipeline)**

Pekny expressed her concerns regarding the Bluegrass pipeline. She also extended her gratitude and appreciation to the EQC for their support. She requested a copy of the Ohio's state Pipeline Plan mentioned.

#### **Executive Director's Report**

**March 19, 2015**

1. No further action on the EQC mandate changes.
2. The EJ (Environmental Justice) conference, tentative date June 10-11, Louisville. - Committee members chosen agenda in progress.
3. Biennial draft completed and forwarded. Comments received from Commissioners Brunty and Coleman. Completion date for next draft –mid-June, 2015.

4. Received word from Representative Marzian, will schedule presentation on alternative energy bill.
5. Working with DAQ on air monitoring status in Louisville – Goal, restore project.
6. Will contact Uof K Superfund Research Center- Vapor Intrusion Study. EPA is interested in collaborating with them on possible studies involving Lees Lane for better community engagement.
7. No final results from latest EPA testing in residences. Homes were retested for soil gas in yards between the house and the landfill in crawl spaces. Soil gas data completion date – March '15.
8. Black Leaf Update- Sean Cecil, Director and Tim Hubbard, Asst. Director of the Division of Waste Management met with an interested party to discuss potential renovation of site into a transportation hub. Potential owners would qualify for the 415 Brownfield initiatives.

**Submitted for review by:  
Arnita Gadson  
Executive Director**

**Meeting adjourned: 7.51 p.m.**

THESE ACTIONS, ALONG WITH THE AGENDA ITEMS, MAKE UP THE OFFICIAL MINUTES, WHICH ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Signed by:

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Stephen A. Coleman, Chairman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_