Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board

Monday, March 20, 2023

MONTHLY MEETING SUMMARY

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Thomas Deck, Vice-Chair

Guillermo Simon

Sunil Joshi

Clint Noble

Adam Hoyles

Charles Garrison

Beth Leaptrott

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

David Wood, Chair

STAFF/RESOURCES PRESENT:

James Richardson, JEPB Administrator

Melissa Long, Chief - EQD

Cherry Pollock, OGC

Mike Williams, EQD

Terry Carr, EQD

VISITOR(s) PRESENT:

Shawn Hall, JFRD

Noah Ray, JFRD

Set Williams, The Resident News

John Nooney

CALL TO ORDER DAVID WOOD

INTRODUCTIONS

Vice-Chair Deck called to order the monthly meeting of the Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board (JEPB) at 5:03 pm. A quorum was established.

CHAIRMANS REMARKS

None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

John Nooney shared various thoughts concerning FIND grants, FEMA, resiliency, and Pottsburg Creek. He provided a check for the artificial reef trust fund. Set Williams shared comments concerning air quality reports and monitoring.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve meeting summaries for the January 17th JEPB meeting and February 27th JEPB retreat was made (Garrison), properly seconded (Simon) and approved by the body.

CONSENT ORDERS

**Air/Noise**

* None

**Water**

* **BLUE HILLS PRTNRS LLC** *[WP-22-64 at 5971 Ramona Boulevard] -* Discharge of untreated wastewater to the ground and surrounding environment; Failure to operate and maintain the System to remain operational; Failure to comply with Wastewater Collection/Transmission System design standards

Respondent’s corrective actions: Unknown

Consent Order settlement fee: **$8,000**

Potential for Harm Major: Direct discharge of untreated wastewater to environment as a result of noncompliant design or pump station equipment out of service

Extent of Deviation Major: Direct discharge to MS4, surface water, wetland or groundwater or with sampling results 70% and above over standard

Mitigation is offered to offset penalty amount depending on final expenditures to upgrade wastewater system.

Consent Order requirements:

* Initial Engineer Report: April 28, 2023
* DEP Permit application (if required): Within 60 days of notification by EQD
* Final Engineer Report: August 28, 2023 , or by deadline established by Engineer.
* Monthly Status Report: Beginning 2/28/2023 with maintenance records
* **Antoinette Properties of Jax LLC** *[WP-23-02 at 1501 Lane Avenue South]* Discharge of untreated wastewater to the ground, MS4, and surrounding environment; Failure to operate and maintain the System to remain operational; Failure to comply with Wastewater Collection/Transmission System design standards

Respondent’s corrective actions: Unknown

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Consent Order requirements:

* + - Submit Engineer Report by April 1, 2023
    - Complete Engineering by August 1, 2023, or by deadline established by Engineer.
    - Submit Monthly Updates starting February 28, 2023
    - Submit Monthly Maintenance Records starting February 28, 2023.

**Compliance Plan(s) / modification(s):**

* **City of Jacksonville, Public Works Department** *[Permit #0011224-966-DWC at 7698 Bailey Body Rd]* - Failure to comply with Wastewater Collection/Transmission System design standards

Compliance Plan requirements:

* + Order and Install Telemetry within 90 days
  + Submit monthly status updates starting February 28, 2023.

A motion was made to approve the consent orders and compliance plan as presented (Hoyles), properly seconded (Garrison) and approved by the body.

ENFORCEMENT REPORT MELISSA LONG

No questions or concerns.

PRESENTATION(s)

* COJ Emergency Preparedness Response - Hazardous Spills **Todd Smith, Chief**

**COJ Emergency Preparedness**

Lt. Hall shared information on the City’s emergency response program and concentrated on how they respond to hazardous material incidents.

PUBLIC HEARING(s)

None

OLD BUSINESS

* + Retreat
  + Education & Public Outreach
  + ACTION - 2023 Legislative Positions

Mr. Richardson shared that after considering discussions from the retreat, there appeared to be a strong desire to 1) do something pretty quickly around environmental education, 2) do something to try and get some small funding on the street centered around education and 3) more work was needed to develop a more comprehensive method to approach funding requests. Given those thoughts, he suggested three items:

1. Divert $5,000 of previously approved funding for a mini-grant program for schools
2. Bring forth in June a funding request of $20,000 to establish an Environmental Education Grant Program
3. Continue work on a comprehensive plan for periodic funding availability targeting February 2024 as the launch

The body expressed support for this plan.

Mr. Richardson then shared that after the last discussion of legislative positions, he tweaked the language previously used to incorporate comments made and presented a set of position statements for board approval. A motion to approve the positions as presented was made (Hoyles) and properly seconded (Simon). There was discussion amongst the members about a few word changes. Consensus was to keep the wording as proposed, and the motion was approved by the body.

NEW BUSINESS

* ACTION – Water Conservation Month Resolution

Mr. Richardson presented a proposed resolution for adoption that declared support for April as Water Conservation Month. He shared that this has been a longstanding effort of the SJRWMD to have municipalities and organizations in their district do this annually. A motion to approve the resolution was made (Joshi), properly seconded (Hoyles) and approved by the body.

COMMISSION & JEPB COMMITTEE UPDATES

* **Waterways Commission** – Mr. Hoyles shared that the primary discussion centered around speed zones around bridges, particularly in the Arlington area.
* **KJB Commission** – Mr. Durbec shared that the St Johns River Cleanup has recently been completed and while numbers were still being finalized, preliminary numbers showed that there were 44 locations, over 200 volunteers equating to about 550 hours and over 340 bags of trash were removed.
* **JEPB Water Committee** – Mr. Carr discussed information from the Water Branch report and responded to member questions.
* **JEPB Air Committee** – Mr. Williams discussed information from the Air Branch report and responded to member questions.

EPB ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Richardson shared that the 2023 Florida Legislative session commenced in March and that he and Chief Long continue to monitor legislation. Bills of note right now were HB1197/SB1240 which relates to Land and Water Management. Both have been referred to committees and have not been heard. He shared the theme for the symposium and asked if members had specific areas of interest to be included, please be sure to let him know

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY DIVISION REPORT

Chief Long had no updates from the Division.

ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

None

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING(s)

* JEPB Committees

Air Committee – TBD

Water Committee – TBD

* JEPB Steering Committee – Monday, April 10, 2023, at 4:00 pm
* JEPB Monthly Meeting – Monday, April 17, 2023, at 5:00 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.