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Public Hearing – Meeting Summary
Funding Request – Proposed Mercury Study
Monday, October 13, 2014
5:00 p.m.

Members Present

Michelle Tappouni, Chair
Amy Y. Fu, P.E.
Nick Howland, Vice Chair

Bobby L. Baker, P.E.
Tony C. Bellamy, P.E.
Lucinda Sonnenberg, Ph.D.

Members Not Present

Steven T. Jenkins
Mobeen Rathore, M.D.

Staff/ Resources Present

James Richardson, EPB Administrator
Jody Brooks, OGC
Melissa Long, EQD Chief
Steve Pace, EQD Air Branch Manager

John Flowe, EQD Water Branch Manager
Dana Brown, EQD Enforcement Administrator
Tree Kilbourn, EQD Enforcement

Visitors

Jay Worley, JEA
Betsy Deurling, EQD

Call to Order

Chair Tappouni called the Public Hearing to order at 5:06 pm and read a brief statement indicating this was the continuation of a hearing and that public notice had previously been certified.

Presentation of Proposal Changes

James Richardson shared modifications of the proposal that were based on EPB input provided at the September hearing along with updated information from the staff. (copy attached)

With the improvements the total project cost is revised to be \$98,000.

EPB Counsel asked if there were public comments as there were changes to the original request. This was done to meet current sunshine law provisions.

Board Discussion and Staff Clarification

Chair Tappouni asked if there were any questions of staff or in general. Mr. Baker indicated everything had been addressed. Dr. Sonnenberg indicated the team was available for questions if necessary. Mr. Pace clarified that there were 4 sites included for air – Yellow Water Road, Cisco Road, Mayo and Sheffield Elementary. There is no adequate site for background, so a broader network is proposed to be more countywide. It was also clarified that additional costs are essentially equipment and service contract for the mercury analyzer.

Board Vote

Prior to the vote, Dr. Sonnenberg declared a conflict due to JU being a recipient of funding being proposed. (paperwork attached).

The following motion was properly made and properly seconded (Baker/Bellamy): Approve the funding request of \$98,000 to provide for a 4 year study evaluating Mercury in the Duval County Environment. A waiver of Ord. Code 360.602 is also authorized to allow monies in the fund to be used for the purchase of equipment (Mercury Analyzer). A waiver of Ord. Code 126 is also authorized to allow for direct contract for services to be provided by Jacksonville University to conduct the study.

The motion was unanimously approved by the body, with one abstention (Sonnenberg).

Procedural Summary

EPB Counsel Brooks indicated that the motion above was properly approved and that it will be forwarded to the MBRC for introduction into the legislative process.

Adjournment

The Public Hearing was closed at 5:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted

James Richardson, Program Administrator
Environmental Protection Board