

Orange County Commission for the Environment

Meeting Summary January 11, 2021; 7:30 pm *Virtual GoTo Meeting*

Present: Kim Piracci (Acting Chair), Jaya Nair, Elizabeth McWhorter, Frank Binkowski, Kim Livingston, Bill Ward, Jeremy Marzuola, Carrie Fletcher, James Eichel, Eric Scheier

Absent: Bradley Saul, Alan Parry, Lynne Gronback

Staff: Brennan Bouma, Chris Hirni, Wesley Poole, David Stancil, Craig Benedict

I. Call to Order

Piracci called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

II. Additions or Changes to Agenda

None

III. Approval of Draft Minutes from December 14th, 2020

Motion by Binkowski; seconded by McWhorter; none opposed; motion passed.

IV. CFE Activities – 2021

CFE Chair/Vice Chair decided previous to meeting that lack of updates to activities and necessity to move to first item precluded this item.

V. Efland Station Environmental Review

- D. Stancil presented a brief PowerPoint to summarize charge of the BOCC to the CFE review, items/information/public comment provided by staff, and potential options for CFE consideration.
- Kim Piracci began discussion with allowances for each individual member to ask questions to County Planning Director related to project; Topics of concern included water usage, water system capacity, storm water control measures, air pollution and emission standards, EV charging stations, potential spills and catastrophic response, protected/critical watershed boundaries, open space requirements,
- C. Hirni provided documents as requested for additional review by CFE members and staff
- After much deliberation and discussion over the formation of a letter utilizing a draft provided by Bill Ward prior to the meeting, with amendments provided by Bradley Saul prior to meeting, CFE members deliberated their individual and collaborative talking points to be included in said letter. Frank Binkowski made a motion to allow CFE draft recommending the BOCC not approve the rezoning request. Seconded by Elizabeth McWhorter; none opposed. Staff will draft letter with CFE members utilizing all of the above and have the CFE approve the draft via email within next business day.

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VI. Annual Report and Work Plan- Discussion

- Hirni presented the final draft with edits and addition provided since last meeting. CFE briefly discussed final edits and wording. Motion made to approve final draft for submission to BOCC. Motion to approve Bill Ward; seconded by Jeremy Marzuola; none opposed; motion passed

VII. Updates and Information Items

- B. Bouma provided a brief update regarding the Duke Energy Integrated Resource Plan public comment period and work with E. Scheier and B. Ward to draft a letter for review at next meeting.
- W. Poole provided an update regarding current members, vacancies, attendance records, and need for action at next meeting in regards to elections of chair/vice chair, and new member nominations.

VIII. Adjournment

McWhorter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 pm; seconded by Ward; none opposed; motion passed.