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St. Marys River Management Committee

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MINUTES OF MEETING

November 3, 2014

The St. Marys River Management Committee (SMRMC or committee) held its noticed meeting on November 3, 2014, at the Callahan Volunteer Fire Department conference center in Callahan, Florida. Committee members and visitors in attendance are listed at the end of the minutes. A quorum of members was present.

The following items were discussed:

Call to Order and Housekeeping

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM. The draft agenda was reviewed and approved.

- The minutes from October 6, 2014 were reviewed and approved unanimously.
 - Charlton County requested that discussion of the sediment in the river near Harris Creek following the September 6 rains be added to the agenda. The revised agenda was approved.
 - The Minutes were approved with the replacement of paragraph starting with Spanish Creek under new business with the following:
 - Horsepen Creek: The 2012/13 remediation grant was completed last year but there are still many failing systems in the area. An additional grant of \$100,000 would repair the systems that were inspected during the 2012/13 grant. Once all failed systems are repaired the post-remediation DNA-based fecal testing still needs to be done. The Spanish Creek implementation plan needs to be updated by Charlton county before moving forward on that clean-up. There is an implementation plan that expired in 2012.
- Treasurer's Report: John Myers had not yet received the bank statement.

Presentation

Morris Purvis, District Manager, and Amy Boyson, Public Relations, for Waste Management presented information on the Chesser Island Road Landfill located near Cornhouse Creek in Charlton county. Purvis started by saying that all sites at the landfill were built after the passage of Subtitle D which required a liner system. He and Boyson demonstrated the liner system used to protect ground and surface water with a cookie and candy activity that Boyson uses for students at local elementary schools. Purvis also provided information on the methods used to solidify the leachate (garbage juice), provide for venting of methane gas, and on the design and implementation of the monitoring program required to maintain their numerous permits. Details of his presentation are available on the handout. Purvis mentioned several

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times that all monitoring was done by third part affiliates and that the facility had never failed a test.

There were numerous questions about the life of the entombed waste capsule, methane sales, sources of biomedical and other special waste, retention pond system and precautions taken to prevent contamination by runoff during storm events, recirculation of leachate and mining of pile, and frequency of monitoring of retention ponds, groundwater test wells, and offsite discharge. Purvis encouraged all committee members to tour the site.

Old Business

Because it was getting late, all Old Business topics on the agenda were deferred until the December meeting.

New Business

Josh Howard reported on the large amount of sediment (likely colloidal clays) discharged into the river near the Harris Creek area following a 4-6" rain event on September 6. Several possible sources of clay are from a nearby clay road and the Dirt Farm Motorcross Park. Howard provided numerous photographs of discolored water in road ditches, creeks, and the river itself as well as photos showing that other nearby courses of the river and tributaries, without exposed soil in their watersheds, were not similarly impacted. Howard also said that there were reports of a sediment plume at traders hill and the 301 bridge in the days following the rain event. Alice Vick, Georgia EPD representative, said that the incident may be a water quality violation. Vick will work with Charlton county to identify and resolve the issue. Al Crace, Charlton county administrator, suggested that the motorcross park may need a retention and sedimentation pond, to comply with the Clean Water Act.

Subcommittee Updates

River Oaks Mobile Home Park had been reissued a permit (NPDES Permit No. GA0035599) to discharge .008 MGD of treated waste into the Crooked River (St. Marys River Basin). Vick said that there had never been any violations by this discharge.

John Myers reminded members of the Hidden Gems paddle hosted by the Satilla Riverkeeper from Three R Fish Camp to the Burnt Fort Bridge was November 15.

Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:12 PM.