

# Minutes of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Advisory Committee

April 13, 2011

Chair Edwinna Baker convened the bi-monthly meeting of the ADD's Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Advisory Committee at 3:15 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13, 2011, in the ADD's Conference Room. Chair Baker introduced new Clark County member Karis Pumphrey who filled the vacancy created by the resignation of Bill Esarey. Mr. Hassall also explained why the attendance at the last two meetings has been a bit anemic. Several mayors and judge-executives have failed to make nominations to the committee for the 2011 term. Such nominations had been solicited before the January 28, 2011 Annual Meeting of the ADD Board. Little by little, the staff is seeking to deal with this matter.

Secretary White called the roll and the following 22 members were recorded as being present.

Members in attendance were:

Anderson	Larry Hazlett	Lincoln	Dale Kirkpatrick (pxy)
Boyle	Sarah Vahlkamp	Madison	Scott Tussey
Clark	Shanda Cecil	Mercer	Tony White
Clark	Karis Pumphrey	Powell	Mike Briggs
Estill	Billy Williams	Scott	Billy Jenkins
Fayette	Sandra Dunahoo	EE Cabinet	Larry Taylor
Fayette	Steve Jackson (pxy)	At Large	Alan Banks
Fayette	Jim Rebmann	At Large	Don Dampier
Franklin	Rebecca Hall	At Large	Paul Simmons (pxy)
Harrison	Charlie Tribble	At Large	Amy Sohner
Jessamine	Tom Calkins (pxy)	Chair	Edwinna Baker

Sandy Camargo was Steve Jackson's proxy; Jim McDaniel was Tom Calkins' proxy; Ron White was Dale Kirkpatrick's proxy. Also present were ADD staff members Don Hassall and Mary Ann Fegley.

Members recorded as being absent were:

Bourbon	Kevin Crump	Nicholas	Kristi Morris
Garrard	Donna Powell	Scott	Eric Larson
Franklin	Robert Hewitt	Woodford	Libby Jones
Jessamine	Dave Carlstedt	At Large	Bill Martin
Madison	Jim Marcum	Vice-Chair	Milward Dedman

## Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the February 9, 2011 meeting were approved as previously distributed electronically.

## **Guest Speaker**

Chair Baker introduced guest speaker (and member of the committee), Amy Sohner, the Executive Director of Bluegrass PRIDE.

Ms. Sohner discussed Bluegrass PRIDE on the anniversary of the organization's tenth year. Bluegrass PRIDE was patterned (in some respects) after Kentucky PRIDE agency headquartered in Somerset. The Kentucky PRIDE organization was set in motion through the work of Fifth District Congressman Hal Rogers while Bluegrass PRIDE can thank then-Congressman Ernie Fletcher for his support as well as his success in attracting start-up funds from the Congress. Congressman Chandler has continued to support the organization—suggesting bipartisan satisfaction and support in the Congress.

Bluegrass PRIDE has gone through several peaks and valleys with regard to its financing and has learned to “make-do” without federal financial support to a significant extent. The organization has received some recent funding from the Appalachian Regional Commission which has enable it to make small grants for environmental purposes in the Appalachian counties of Estill, Powell, Clark, Madison, Garrard, Lincoln and Montgomery. Bluegrass PRIDE's territory is almost contiguous with that of Bluegrass ADD. Bluegrass ADD encompasses 17 central Kentucky counties, while Bluegrass PRIDE has the same 17 counties plus Montgomery County.

At certain times during the last decade, Bluegrass PRIDE has made mini-grants of up to \$20,000 each for community projects of an environmental nature. Among other subject types, the grants have gone to deal with topics such as illegal dump clean-ups, nature trail construction, white goods pick-ups, tree plantings, etc. One of the efforts in which Bluegrass PRIDE has invested is the Lake Herrington Styrofoam clean-up effort about which the advisory committee learned at its February meeting.

Bluegrass PRIDE has also made Education/Educator grants of up to \$3,000 each which have been used for such things as outdoor classrooms, litter abatement, stormwater outreach, storm sewer stenciling, household hazardous waste disposal days, battery recycling, waste reduction efforts, cell phone recycling, etc. Bluegrass PRIDE has had some contact with all public schools and many private or parochial schools in its 18-county region. Presently, Bluegrass PRIDE receives financial support from Lexington-Fayette for the purpose of spearheading various environmental efforts. Ms. Sohner spotlighted Bluegrass PRIDE's rain barrel program and its rain garden program.

Ms. Sohner said that her staff presently numbers 18 which include some AmeriCorps workers. Following a brief Q & A period, the committee members thanked Ms. Sohner for her presentation and commented upon her obvious enthusiasm and her tenacity in developing alternative financial support in the face of declining federal financial support.

## **Old Business**

The following items of Old Business were discussed:

- The 2010 Census results for Bluegrass Area cities and counties. Some cities are likely to appeal the 2010 results because what they perceive as an undercount due to misunderstandings about exactly where the city's boundaries were.
- The adoption by the Boyle County Fiscal Court of a Styrofoam ordinance that would apply to new boat docks and the boat dock retrofits in those parts of Lake Herrington that are in Boyle County. The ordinance is patterned after one recent enacted by the Garrard County Fiscal Court.

- The recent groundbreaking related to the \$13 million Harrodsburg water treatment plant upgrade and expansion. An official (and very public) groundbreaking ceremony will be held on May 9 at 1:30 p.m. at the water treatment plant near Shakertown.
- The early success of the universal recycling program that was approved and implemented by the Danville City Commission in late 2010. Local participation in the recycling effort has already climbed to 50 percent.
- Updated flood hazard maps that are being released one county map at a time. The new maps are a significant refinement of the preliminary maps that were published decades ago when the Federal Flood Insurance Program was in its infancy.
- Possible progress on efforts to achieve approval from the Army Corps of Engineers of the Scott County Reservoir project. Scott County has pledged \$8 million to the Corps for apply to the mitigation of wetlands that would be lost by the impoundment of the lake on Lytles Fork in northwestern Scott County.
- The initiative of the City of Frankfort to seek the advice and the opinion of the public in regard to changes in the city's solid waste collection system that runs an annual deficit of about \$500,000. The one option that seems to be leading is the one regarding "leaving things as they are".

### **Kentucky Intergovernmental Review Projects**

Two KIRPs were reviewed by the committee. Action on the two proposals was as follows:

Public Telecommunications Facilities Program – Power Generator, EKV, Richmond. Jim Rebmann moved and Charlie Tribble seconded for a RECOMMENDATION FOR ENDORSEMENT. The motion was approved unanimously.

Parksville Water District Water Line Replacement (KY 237 and KY 243). Upon a motion by Billy Jenkins, seconded by Jim Rebmann and unanimous action, the motion for a RECOMMENDATION FOR ENDORSEMENT was approved.

### **New Business**

Under New Business, the following topics were discussed:

- The approval by the 2011 General Assembly of a bill promoted by Garrard County and its solid waste coordinator. The bill—now law—deals with pickup and lawful disposal of waste tires.
- Midway's deliberative process regarding a possible sale of the municipal water system to the Kentucky-American Water Company.
- Lincoln County's improved fire protection ratings that may result in savings for homeowners on their property insurance.
- The approval by the Lincoln County Fiscal Court of an ordinance (earlier in the day of April 13) creating the Lincoln County Sanitation District.
- An assessment of a \$234,000 fee upon the Clark County School System for disturbing a tiny stream on the construction site of the new high school in Clark County.
- A recent community meeting in Centerville (Bourbon County) to inform the public and to seek public input concerning plans to install a community sanitary sewer system to serve this rural unincorporated community. The projected cost per customer is estimated to be \$27,000. On top of the construction cost would be the cost of operating an on-site treatment system similar to the one proposed for the Nicholas County Sanitation District No. 2. Treated effluent would be spray irrigated on land and there would be no discharge to a stream of the Commonwealth.

- Danville's plans to move expeditiously on an expansion and upgrade of the Danville municipal water treatment plant.
- The possibility of cooperation between Danville and Lancaster on a water project that could result in Lancaster's total supply of potable water coming from Danville's expanded and upgraded water treatment plant.
- The announcement of recent HUD community Development Block Grants to Berry, Burgin, Crab Orchard, and North Middletown for water or wastewater projects. A HUD CDB grant offer was extended to Harrodsburg several months ago. The five HUD Block Grant applications were developed by ADD staff. The total of all five grants is \$3,021,000.
- Stanford's plan to initiate still another annexation effort on the city's northeast side. Land proposed for annexation involves some 50 to 60 acres that include such business establishments as Wal-Mart, Wendy's, Rite-Aid Pharmacy, together with agricultural and commercial property owned by Owens Chevrolet.

It was announced the next meeting of the next meeting schedule for June 8, 2011, at 3:15 p.m.

There being no further business, Chair Baker adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony White  
Committee Secretary