



# HENDERSON COUNTY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

## **Environmental Advisory Committee Thursday, March 3, 2011**

The Environmental Advisory Committee met on Thursday, March 3, 2011 at 3:30 pm at the King Street Meeting Room at 100 N. King St.

Committee members present: Dr. Richard DeSimone, Dr. Robert Sweeney, Mr. Jim Fickes, Ms. Marijane Pell, Mr. Ronald Ehlinger, Mr. Richard Naylor and Mr. Jeff Jennings

Staff present: Ms. Megan Piner, Mr. Marcus Jones

Guest: Dr. Barbra Barnett

### **CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME**

Committee Chairman Mr. Ron Ehlinger called meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

The minutes from February's meeting were approved as amended.

Dr. Barbra Barnett was introduced as a representative from the League of Women Voters.

Mr. Marcus Jones offered an update from the Engineering department; because of budget cuts and the shifting of positions the Engineering Department will only be staffing EAC meetings quarterly and he recommended that the committee only meet quarterly since other committees that the county has are moving towards quarterly meetings.

The committee voted to continue to meet monthly, they will take their own minutes at all meetings where Engineering staff is not present.

### **Land Development**

Discussion about Bank of Asheville's part in loaning money to the Seven Falls Development, the County is still in litigation to call the bond for this development.

### **Small Area Plans**

Ms. Marijane Pell noted that she wished that the Dana Community plan did more in expanding ridge top regulations.

There was a motion to endorse the Dana Small Area Community Plan, passed.

### Stormwater and Erosion Control

The Henderson County Erosion and Sedimentation Division recently won the Small Area Program of the Year from DENR. This award resulted from all of the hard work that the Division does to prevent erosion issues in Henderson County.

### Water Quality

The Mills River Partnership is moving ahead. There are currently discussions with the Cities of Asheville and Hendersonville about providing funding for the program through a small charge on water user's bills.

There are also proposals being created to go after State and Federal funds to look at legacy pesticides and reduce the quantities of these pesticides in the river. The funding would allow the partnership to find spots where these pesticides used to be, and clean the soil as well as to help keep this soil from eroding.

The North Carolina House of Representatives voted to remove the Trout classification from Boylston Creek, it has moved to the Senate for a vote.

### Energy Management

The lighting retrofit is continuing and the Compressed Natural Gas station will open soon.

### Fire Prevention

No updates.

### Air Quality

No updates.

### Commissioners Meeting

No Updates.

## **DISCUSSION**

Mr. Richard DeSimone discussed that Haywood County has something similar to what the EAC has asked the Commissioners to address regarding bonds for projects to help pay for erosion issues. Haywood County's regulations do not go quite as far as the EAC's proposal. He plans to do more research on the issue and will report back at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm.  
The next meeting will be April 7, 2011 at 3:30 pm.  
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