Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board

Monday, June 16, 2025

MONTHLY MEETING SUMMARY

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Thomas Deck, Chair

Adam Hoyles, Vice-Chair

Josh Gellers, Ph.D.

Clint Noble, P.G.

Guillermo Simon, P.E.

Sunil Joshi, M.D

Megan Ferer

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Margarete Vest, P.E

Desiree Jones

STAFF/RESOURCES PRESENT:

James Richardson, JEPB Staff

Cherry Pollock, OGC

Mike Williams, EQD

Terry Carr, EQD

VISITOR(s) PRESENT:

John Nooney

Lindsay Starner, JEA

Tracy Thompson, Gateway Jax

Robert Riherd, FaverGray

CALL TO ORDER TOM DECK

INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Deck called to order the monthly meeting of the Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board (JEPB) at 5:00 pm. A quorum was established.

CHAIRMANS REMARKS

None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. John Nooney shared his thought on various pieces of legislation. He also shared comments that the “public trust” has been crushed and encouraged support for a resolution expressing acknowledgement that his residence is on the FIND list.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

* May 19, 2025 Monthly Board Meeting Summary

A motion was made (Hoyles) to approve the meeting summary, properly seconded (Gellers) and approved by the body.

CONSENT ORDERS JAMES RICHARDSON

**Air**

* **Normandy Liquors LLC (Charlie’s Liquor and Hookah Lounge),** *[NP-25-07] at 5220 Normandy Blvd,* Causing, allowing, or permitting emission of sound to Class B receiving land in exceedance of noise limits

*Corrective Actions:*

*Provided compliance education of the noise levels of JEPB Rule 4*

*Consent Order settlement fee:*

***$500***

*Consent Order requirements:*

*Penalty payment only*

A motion to approve the consent order as presented was made (Joshi), properly seconded (Simon) and approved by the body.

**Water**

* **JI Westlake 160, LLC, VTRE Development, LLC, Evans General Contractors, LLC, C.W. Matthews Contracting Co., Inc., and Baker Constructors, Inc.,** *[ESC-25-04] at* 4125 Cisco Drive West*,* Discharge of non-stormwater or turbid water to City municipal separate storm sewer system (“MS4”); Failure to comply with erosion and sediment control requirements.

*Corrective Actions:*

*Site improvements completed to the site.*

*Consent Order settlement fee:*

***$3,500***

*Consent Order requirements:*

*Penalty payment only*

* **Marigold Ridge Lots, LLC NVR, Inc. (d/b/a Ryan Homes) and A.J. Johns, Inc.,** *[ESC-25-05] at 0 Owens Road,* Discharge of non-stormwater or turbid water to City municipal separate storm sewer system (“MS4”); Failure to comply with erosion and sediment control requirements.

*Corrective Actions:*

*By establishing the best management practices to control erosion and sediment*

*Consent Order settlement fee:*

***$3,500***

*Consent Order requirements:*

*Penalty payment only*

* **First Coast No More Homeless Pets, Inc.,** *[WP-25-15] at 6817 Norwood Avenue,* Discharge of untreated wastewater to the ground, surrounding environment and stormwater system; and Failure to notify EQD of Discharge from the System and Failure to provide required records.

*Corrective Actions:*

*Plumber jetted the line*

*Consent Order settlement fee:*

***$900***

*Consent Order requirements:*

*Penalty payment only*

* **Lonestar Properties NC, Inc., Design Haus Architecture, LLC, Blackall Underground Construction LLC,** *[ESC-25-06] at* 75 Chaffee Road*,* Discharge of non-stormwater or turbid water to City municipal separate storm sewer system (“MS4”); Failure to comply with erosion and sediment control requirements.

*Corrective Actions:*

*By establishing the best management practices to control erosion and sediment*

*Consent Order settlement fee:*

***$2,100***

*Consent Order requirements:*

*Penalty Payment Only*

A motion to approve the consent orders as presented was made (Noble), properly seconded (Gellers) and approved by the body.

ENFORCEMENT REPORT MELISSA LONG

There were no questions or concerns.

NEW BUSINESS

* + Noise Variance Request – FaverGray

Robert Riherd, FaverGray, presented information on the Gateway Jax N-4 project in Downtown Jacksonville. He shared project details including anticipated concrete pours and noise mitigation measures to be deployed. Mike Williams, EQD Air Branch Manager, shared his technical review of the project. He recommended approval of the noise variance with conditions.

A motion to approve the noise variance as recommended was made (Joshi) and properly seconded (Simon). Following some follow-up questions, the motion was approved by the body.

* + ALA Annual Air Quality Report – Discussion

Member Noble shared some observations about the ALA report and concerns about the methodology used. Mike Williams shared his thoughts and shared that the local data does not necessarily show bad air quality, just that with the changes to the NAAQS standards, we had one more day in the “unhealthy” range than the previous year. Further discussion took place with acknowledgement of the standards change and air quality basically being very good for the industrial complex we have.

OLD BUSINESS

* + None

PRESENTATION(s)

* JEA Project Updates and Readiness

Lindsay Starner, JEA, shared information and updates on various JEA projects. She also shared information on steps JEA was taking to ensure readiness for the storm season and resiliency of the electric and water systems.

* Groundwork Jacksonville – Update on McCoys Creek Branches Water Quality – July meeting

PUBLIC HEARING(s)

* + None

COMMISSION & JEPB COMMITTEE UPDATES

* **Waterways Commission** – Vice-Chair Hoyles shared that the SJRK funding from the JEPB was approved by the JWC after some questions. He also noted that the derelict vessels legislation was discussed and is in the Council legislative process.
* **KJB Commission** – Chief Long shared that the July 5th Beaches cleanup was coming up and encouraged members to consider participating.
* **JEPB Water Branch** – Terry Carr discussed information from the Water Branch report and responded to member questions.
* **JEPB Air Branch** – Mike Williams discussed information from the Air Branch report and responded to member questions.

EPB ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Richardson again shared that JEPB committees will not meet for June, however he was recommending that the Water Committee meet for the month of July. He will consult with the Chair and confirm. He announced that planning for the February 2026 symposium would be commencing next week and asked for input. He shared that he had received a funding request for the 18th SORR and suggested that receipt and consideration of future requests should be suspended until the end of the year because the balance of the EPTF is just above the $100,000 required by oridinance. Lastly, he announced that he, Melissa and Guillermo attended the FSA Annual Conference. The COJ was awarded an FSA Excellence Award for the McCoys Creek Restoration Project. Melissa was recognized for leading the organization the past year as President and he and Melissa were elected for two year terms on the Board of Directors.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY DIVISION REPORT

No report.

ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

None

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING(s)

* JEPB Committee Meetings
  1. JEPB Water Committee – Possibly in July
  2. JEPB Air Committee – TBD
* JEPB Steering Committee – Monday, July 14, 2025, at 4:00 pm
* JEPB Monthly Meeting – Monday, July 21, 2025, at 5:00 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 pm.