Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board

Monday, May 19, 2025

MONTHLY MEETING SUMMARY

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Adam Hoyles, Vice-Chair

Josh Gellers, Ph.D.Margarete Vest, P.E

Clint Noble, P.G.

Guillermo Simon, P.E.

Megan Ferer

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Desiree Jones

Sunil Joshi, M.D

Thomas Deck, Chair

STAFF/RESOURCES PRESENT:

James Richardson, JEPB Staff

Cherry Pollock, OGC

Mike Williams, EQD

Terry Carr, EQD

VISITOR(s) PRESENT:

John Nooney

William Karlavige, EQD

Kiyah Powell, EQD

Rayanna Renault, EQD

Kelley Demings

CALL TO ORDER TOM DECK

INTRODUCTIONS

Vice-Chair Hoyles called to order the monthly meeting of the Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board (JEPB) at 5:03 pm. A quorum was established.

CHAIRMANS REMARKS

None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. John Nooney shared his thought that the presentation to the JEPB should be also be done at meeting of the Jacksonville Waterways Commission. 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

* April 21, 2025 Monthly Board Meeting Summary

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

CONSENT ORDERS JAMES RICHARDSON

**Air**

* **Eastport Jacksonville Property Owner LLC, Arborvation, LLC,** *[AP-25-01] at 0 Kraft Road,* Failure to adhere to set back distances for open burn piles; Failure to have the open burning attended at all times; Failure to control the size of the open burn piles; and Failure to have emergency fire managing equipment on site

*Corrective Actions:*

*JFRD to assist with extinguishing the fire, burn pile was moved to the required setbacks to include 500 gallon water trailer to prevent future issues.*

*Consent Order settlement fee:*

***$300.00***

*Consent Order requirements:*

*Penalty payment only*

* **Indigo VIP Restaurant and Lounge, dba Nuku LLC, 5065 Normandy Blvd, LLC,** [*NP-25-05] at* 5065 Normandy Blvd*,* Causing, allowing, or permitting emission of sound to Class B receiving land in exceedance of noise limits.

*Corrective Actions:*

*Education compliance*

*Consent Order settlement fee:*

***$500.00***

*Consent Order requirements:*

*Penalty payment only*

* **Bayard Tree Service LLC***, [AP-25-02] at 12801 Genovar St*, Burning without a permit; Allowing prohibited materials to burn; Allowing material to be transported from off-site to be burned; failure to provide proper clearance from buildings; and Failure to attend pile while burning.

*Corrective Actions:*

*JFRD extinguished the fire*

*Consent Order settlement fee:*

***$300.00***

*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.

**Water**

* **Finger Lake Bldg E, LLC, Hillwood Development Company, LLC, Morgan Corp. of S.C.,** *[ESC-25-03] at 0 Normandy,* 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:*

*BMPs were improved.*

*Consent Order settlement fee:*

***$3,500.00***

*Consent Order requirements:*

*Penalty payment only*

* **Riverbank Apts LP and Riverbank Apts II LLC**, *[WP-24-09] at 1591 Lane Avenue South*, Discharge of untreated wastewater to the ground, surrounding environment and stormwater system; Failure to operate and maintain the System to remain operational; Allowing untreated wastewater into the storm sewer system; Failure to secure Pump Station components; Failure to notify EQD of Discharge from the System; and Failure to provide required records.

*Corrective Actions:*

*Bypass pump was put in place and line was repaired*

*ND response to alleged violation(s):*

*Cease and Desist Citation WP-24-09 issued*

*Consent Order settlement fee:*

***$14,000.00*** *but with the opportunity to offset penalty with the installation of telemetry*

*Consent Order requirements:*

* *30 days - Education campaign*
* *60 days – Engineering report*
* *Monthly Status Updates*
* *Monthly Maintenance Reports*

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

ENFORCEMENT REPORT MELISSA LONG

There were no questions or concerns.

NEW BUSINESS

* + None

OLD BUSINESS

* + None

PRESENTATION(s)

* Miller Creek Fecal Indicator Bacteria Study

Water Quality Branch Manager Terry Carr provided background information and introduced Kiyah Powell and Rayana Renault. They shared information gathered through a variety of methods along with some general observations and recommendations.

JEPB members commended the staff for the study and encouraged more like this to be conducted. There was discussion of potential sources with much focus on fecal cat colonies. It was suggested that the Water Committee have some discussion around public education campaigns on pollution sources, including fecal cats. During discussion, there was consensus support for correspondence to be sent to JEA expressing appreciation to JEA for partnerships and asking for them to consider CCTVing the lines in the area of the study.

* JEA Project Updates and Readiness – June Meeting
* Groundwork Jacksonville – Update on McCoys Creek Branches Water Quality – July meeting

PUBLIC HEARING(s)

* + None

COMMISSION & JEPB COMMITTEE UPDATES

* **Waterways Commission** – Chief Long shared that it was mentioned that the COJ has received a $120,000 grant for an artificial reef from the FWC.
* **KJB Commission** – Chief Long shared that a new newsletter was recently developed and distributed.
* **JEPB Water Committee** – Terry Carr discussed information from the Water Branch report and responded to member questions.
* **JEPB Air Committee** – Mike Williams discussed information from the Air Branch report and responded to member questions. Member Gellers shared that he has attended the FDEP permit meeting for IFF and was pleased that he was joined by over a dozen residents. He shared that if the FDEP permit is approved an additional method for IFF to report to the City would be included.

EPB ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Richardson again shared that elections would be taking place at the September meeting and now was the time to begin thinking about leadership. Positions of Chair and Vice-Chair will be voted on. He mentioned there would likely be two variances for consideration at the June meeting. He closed with noting that in August, there would be a vacancy on the JEPB in the Affected Industry position and encouraged anyone with ideas of potential candidates to contact him.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY DIVISION REPORT

No report.

ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

Water Committee - Public education campaign around pollution sources especially around fecal cats.

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING(s)

* JEPB Committee Meetings
  1. JEPB Water Committee – TBD
  2. JEPB Air Committee – TBD
* JEPB Steering Committee – Monday, June 9, 2025, at 4:00 pm
* JEPB Monthly Meeting – Monday, June 16, 2025, at 5:00 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 pm.