

AGENDA
Orange County Commission for the Environment
April 8th, 2019
7:30 p.m.

Southern Human Services Center, 2501 Homestead Road, Chapel Hill

- | <u>Time</u> | <u>Item</u> | <u>Title</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------|---|
| 7:30 | I. | Call to Order |
| 7:32 | II. | Additions or Changes to Agenda |
| 7:34 | III. | Approval of Draft Minutes – March 11th 2019
The CFE will consider approval of minutes from the last meeting. <u>Action needed</u> (Attachment 1) |
| 7:35 | IV. | CFE Activities Update
The Chair and members will briefly discuss progress on the list of activities included on page 2 of this agenda. |
| 7:45 | V. | Rights-of-Way Committee
The Chair will briefly discuss the formation of an ad hoc Rights-of-Way committee. (Attachment 2) |
| 7:50 | VI. | Committee Meetings
Following a brief presentation of the status of the 2019 State of the Environment project, the CFE Committees will meet to discuss their SOE issues. |
| 9:00 | VII. | Updates and Information Items
Staff and/or CFE members will provide updates on the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Updates:<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Earth Evening – April 26th, 2019, 6-8 pm, River Park, Hillsborough➤ <i>Any other new information from CFE members and staff</i> |
| 9:05 | VIII. | Adjournment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Next Meeting: May 13th, West Campus Office Building, Room 302, 131 West Margaret Lane, Hillsborough</i> |

CFE Activities – 2019

Item	Resp. Party	Next Steps
Drafts of SOE issues: Land Water Air and Energy	CFE	Committees should have final drafts of all issues by end of March
SOE website	B. Saul/AW	Collect images
SOE event	K. Livingston C. Fletcher L. Gronback	K. Livingston talking with other environmental groups about partnering on event organization.
Eco-tips for county newsletter	K. Piracci B. Bouma	In development. Will compile in Google Docs.
Forest Management Policy	Land Resources	Land Resources has prepared draft. K Livingston will edit before presentation to CFE for their comments.
Rural Buffer Research Project	B. Saul B. Bouma	Submit research ideas to grad students in UNC Planning Dept. before August 2019.
Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory	B. Ward B. Bouma	Submit request to MPOs for transportation data. Get Solid Waste, utilities data. Finalize report.
Fossil Fuel Divestment res.	B. Ward	Ward send to Parry for editing. CFE then review.
Carbon Fee and Dividend res.	Ward/Parry	Parry editing. Fletcher might ask Commissioner Marcoplos to introduce resolution to BOCC.
Climate Action Plan	Parry/Bouma	
Idling Campaign	B. Bouma	Received signs, need to deliver to schools. Sent a draft cover letter to schools for their use. Discuss expansion to drive-thru establishments.
Landscape corridor planning		April or May 2019 update from Collaborative Conservation Group?
Other		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Evening - April 26th, 6 to 8 pm, River Park • DEAPR annual photo contest

Recent Achievements

- BOCC unanimously passed “Best Practices on Roadsides and Rights-of-Way” resolution
- CFE mentioned by BOCC members several times during recent Our Climate Resolutions event

CFE Meeting Ground Rules (Adopted 9/12/11)

1. Keep to agenda topic under discussion
2. Share relevant information
3. One person speaks at a time after recognition by the Chair
4. Everyone is invited to participate in discussions/no one person should dominate discussions
5. Strive to reach consensus first before voting

Orange County Commission for the Environment

Draft Meeting Summary

March 11, 2019

Richard Whitted Building, 300 West Tryon Street, Hillsborough

Present: Bradley Saul (Chair), Jeremy Marzuola (Vice Chair), Bill Ward, Alan Parry, Jody Eimers, Laura Doherty, Jim Eichel, Carrie Fletcher

Absent: Bill Newby, Lynne Gronback, Will Stanley, Kim Piracci, Matt Crook

Staff: Tom Davis, Kim Livingston

I. Call to Order – Saul called the meeting to order at 7:34.

II. Additions or Changes to Agenda – No changes or additions were offered.

III. Approval of Draft Minutes from February 11, 2019. Bill W. made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Alan P. seconded. Approved unanimously.

IV. Update of CFE Activities

Bradley S. led an update of CFE activities listed on page 2 of the agenda. Kim L. provided an update on the status of forest management policy item. Several groups are starting to discuss this topic. Better to discuss collaboratively instead of individually, now trying to set up a meeting to discuss. Jody offered that OWASA is currently embarking on a similar process with their lands. Bill W. is currently working on GHG emission data in OC. Kim L. reported she is working with the Collaborative Conservation group and they expect to finish the landscape corridor plan this month.

V. SOE Item

Kim L. reviewed the updated SOE timeline, detailing draft due the end of March. Individual issue pages are now posted on Google Drive, ready for group editing effort, including content, similar styles, format, etc. One issue page currently has not been submitted. Bill W. asked if a PowerPoint will be made. The idea is to ultimately create three products: a PDF, a PowerPoint, and a website. Still some issues to work out for website. The plan is to have a final draft in June, give info to graphic designer, and she will hopefully finish her work in July when the CFE does not have a meeting scheduled. Then the report would be presented to the BOCC in October. No further info currently on the planned joint event with the Collaborative Conservation Group.

A brief Google Docs tutorial for the group was then done. Kim L. and Bradley led the discussion of where the SOE 2019 documents are, how to access, and how to edit. They went over issue template and example issue- bird population

surveys in OC. Further discussion of images, graphics that may be used in the SOE including Photo Contest images, etc. then took place.

Committee Meetings were held so each group could go through their issues and indicators. At 9:00 each committee was then given an opportunity to report on their progress to the entire CFE.

Air and Energy Committee - All of their pages are uploaded to google drive. Committee considered whether or not there are gaps that they should consider, EV, density planning, they have been using a reference section versus including references within each page. The group thought that some consideration should be given to including a Climate Change impact link for each issue or not. Jeremy wondered if maybe this should be included in the recommendations section. Bradley suggested that perhaps a one sentence Climate Change impact call out that is highlighted with a box or something would be a good idea, i.e., "A Hook". Kim L. told the group to not worry too much about formatting all the pages to look alike as the graphics person will do this. Jody suggested references with each page may work better as pages are edited further. Bradley reiterated that links change also.

Land Resources Committee - Jeremy indicated that the members went over each of their issues. They talked quite a bit about developing graphics that tell the story that the group wants to tell. The tree study is still underway. They think they have good ideas but have some changes to make. They may focus more on the rural buffer.

Water Resources Committee: Laura indicated that the group discussed two pages. They talked about ways to cut the issues to 300 words or so. They may consider discussing the lands legacy program. Jody said she would revise her page to fit the template a bit better.

VI. 9:10- Updates

The annual BOCC Work Session with all the boards and commissions present is upcoming on April 4th. Bradley will represent the CFE.

This is Skip the Straw month.

Jim provided a motion to adjourn, Allan seconded. Unanimous vote to adjourn at 9:13.

**ORANGE COUNTY
COMMISSION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

Draft Memorandum

To: Orange County Board of County Commissioners

From: Bradley Saul, Chair
Orange County Commission for the Environment

Date: April 1, 2019

Re: Proposed Roadside Rights-of-Way Committee

The BOCC recently [approved a resolution](#) for the adoption of best management practices on Orange County roadsides and other rights-of-way to benefit pollinators and wildflowers. To maintain momentum on this issue and see that best practices are agreed upon and implemented, the Commission for the Environment (CFE) recommends the BOCC form a roadside committee with representatives from the county, the NC Botanical Garden, and major rights-of-way managers.

Proposed membership (15 members)

- Orange County: 1 staff, 1 commissioner, 1 CFE representative
- NC Botanical Garden: 2 members
- Duke Energy: 2 members
- Piedmont Electric: 2 members
- PSNC Energy: 1 members
- NC Department of Transportation: 2 members
- At large: 3 members

cc: David Stancil, DEAPR Director