

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
OFFICIAL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 25, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Commission on Environmental Quality was held on Thursday, September 25, 2014, in the Commission Hearing Room, 515 East Amite Street, Jackson, Mississippi, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners present were:

Charles Dunagin
Dick Flowers
Kay Kell
Chat Phillips, Chairman
Billy Van Devender
Jack Winstead

Commissioner Martha Dalrymple was not present.

Others present were: Gary Rikard, Executive Director; Tony Caldwell, Richard Harrell, Kay Whittington, staff of MDEQ; and other staff members and visitors whose names appear elsewhere in these minutes.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Phillips after which the following business was transacted.

Approval of Minutes

On motion made by Mr. Van Devender and seconded by Mr. Flowers, the minutes of the September 25, 2014 meeting were approved and adopted as the Official Minutes.

Water Pollution Control (Clean Water) Revolving Fund Loan Program,
Adoption of FY-2014 Intended Use Plan Amendment 1

Mr. Tony Caldwell stated the Intended Use Plan amendment included changes 1) to correct the Priority List expiration date, 2) to add new projects to the Planning List for possible funding during FY-2014, 3) to incorporate the actual 2014 Title VI capitalization grant allotment, 4) to account for the unavailability of the FY-2014 capitalization grant and state match for obligation, due to the lack of adequate state match authorization during the 2014 Regular Legislative Session, and 5) to provide for the obligation of additional repayments (through September, 2016) to replace the currently unavailable FY-2014 capitalization grant and state match funds. Public comments on the draft Intended Use Plan amendment were solicited through a public comment period and a public hearing. No comments were received. Staff recommended adoption by the Commission of the FY-2014 Intended Use Plan Amendment 1. Following staff presentation and deliberation, on motion made by Mr. Winstead and seconded by Mr. Flowers, the Commission unanimously voted to adopt the FY-2014 Intended Use Plan Amendment 1.

Briefing on Hydrofracking

Mr. Richard Harrell and Ms. Kay Whittington provided the Commission with an update on Hydrofracking. Hydrofracking has the potential to be an economic growth opportunity for the State of Mississippi and MDEQ staff is working hard to make sure that the practice is properly permitted. Staff is also meeting with Hydrofracking companies about expectations and best management practices. This briefing was for informational purposes only, requiring no action by the Commission.

Solid Waste Assistance Grants and Waste Tire Grants

On previous authority delegated to the Executive Director, MDEQ, the Commission was provided a listing by staff of the following solid waste assistance grants have that been awarded to local governments:

<u>County/Municipality</u>	<u>Grant Amount</u>
Adams County Board of Supervisors	\$ 12,120
Carroll County Board of Supervisors	12,120
City of Vicksburg	50,000
Clarke County Board of Supervisors	13,200
Franklin County Board of Supervisors	19,482
Holmes County Board of Supervisors	13,440
Humphreys County Board of Supervisors	17,136
Issaquena County Board of Supervisors	6,480
Jefferson County Board of Supervisors	34,980
Monroe County Board of Supervisors	17,280
Rankin County Board of Supervisors	32,640
Simpson County Board of Supervisors	25,000
Warren County Board of Supervisors	15,480

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<u>County/ Municipality</u>	<u>Grant Amount</u>
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors	\$ 43,500
Leflore County Board of Supervisors	50,000
Smith County Board of Supervisors	20,000
South Central Solid Waste Management Authority	18,000
Tate County Board of Supervisors	40,000

Asbestos Certifications

On previous authority delegated to the Head, Office of Pollution Control, the staff reported that 204 asbestos certifications had been issued since the last report.

Emergency Clean-Up Expenses

On previous authority delegated to the Executive Director, the staff reported the Emergency Clean-Up Expenses incurred since the Commission's last meeting. A list of these expenses is made a part of these minutes and is filed in the Official Minutes File.

Lead Paint Certifications

On previous authority delegated to the Head, Office of Pollution Control, the staff reported that 89 lead paint certifications had been issued since the last report.

Underground Storage Tank (UST) Certifications

On previous authority delegated to the Head, Office of Pollution Control, the staff reported 8 that certifications to those who install, alter, or remove underground storage tanks had been issued since the last report.

Administrative Orders

On previous authority delegated to the Executive Director, DEQ, the staff reported that 24 Administrative Orders had been issued since the Commission's last meeting. A list of these orders is made a part of these minutes and is filed in the Official Minutes File.

Report by Executive Director

Executive Director Gary Rikard thanked MDEQ staff for making his transition into the role as Executive Director as seamless as possible.

Setting of Meeting

It was the decision of the Commission to meet next on Thursday, October 23, 2014, beginning at 9:00 a.m., in the Commission Hearing Room, 515 East Amite Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

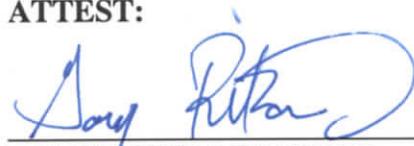
Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.



CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

