

NORTH CAROLINA
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Minutes of May 7, 2020, Meeting

The North Carolina Environmental Management Commission (EMC) met remotely May 7 by teleconference.

The public was invited to attend the meetings online or by phone. As required by public meetings law, a listening location was available at the Archdale Building, 512 N. Salisbury Street in Raleigh in the Ground Floor Hearing Room. However, based on the current Executive Order to minimize the spread of COVID-19, the capacity of the room was limited to 10 individuals and proper social distancing would be observed. However it was strongly encouraged that members of the public access the meeting remotely using the WebEx from the information listed on the website.

Meeting Called to Order: Dr. Stan Meiburg, Chairman

The meeting was called to order by teleconference at 9:05 a.m. with Chairman Meiburg presiding. He provided the notice required by N.C.G.S. § 163A-159(e).

Present: 15 – Dr. Stan Meiburg (Chairman), Dr. Suzanne Lazorick (Vice-Chair), David W. Anderson, Shannon Arata, Yvonne Bailey, Charles Carter, Donna Davis, Mitch Gillespie, Marion Deerhake, Pat Harris, Steve Keen, John McAdams, Maggie Monast, J.D. Solomon, Donald van der Vaart.

Others Present: Commission Counsel Phillip T. Reynolds

I. Preliminary Matters

1. Approval of minutes from Commission meeting- on March 5, 2020 (attached).

Chairman Meiburg asked for a motion to approve the minutes. **Commissioner Anderson** made a motion to approve the minutes and **Commissioner Bailey** seconded the motion. The minutes passed unanimously.

Commissioner Harris indicated that on page 4 under the Committee Chair’s Report, Chair Deerhake, on line six it read “the variance was granted.” then there was a stray “two” sitting there, and that just needed to be deleted. Then on page 6, under Commissioner Comments, under Commissioner Solomon, she was looking for clarification on the last sentence from Commissioner Solomon which was, “He stated that they were one providing that rule and delegated authority the ability to review anything that they would like to review.”

Chairman Meiburg stated that the EMC extended his appreciation to the commissioners who had gone to great lengths to be able to sign into the meeting and he looked forward to one that would move forward and be a full meeting, but yet at the same time recognized this was the way the meeting had to be held at this time, and he really appreciated their flexibility in making the

meeting possible. He followed up with taking a roll call of the Commission members. All were present and accounted for. He began the meeting reminding all the members of their duties to avoid conflicts of interest under this subchapter and also to inquire as to whether there is any known conflict of interest with respect to any matters coming before the board at this time. And so, if any member has a conflict of interest, if you would so state at this time. Hearing none, the next item was the approval of the minutes of the March 5, 2020 meeting which he indicated that there were few corrections to be made to the minutes as drafted and Commissioner Harris indicated that she noted in the review a few points.

Chairman Meiburg asked Commissioner Solomon if he did want to say a little about clarifying that? Chairman Meiburg also noted that for the record right above that he indicated that Commissioner van der Vaart's needed to be corrected also.

Commissioner Solomon indicated that there was no other clarification. **Chairman Meiburg** stated ok and asked Commissioner if that it would be fair to say that when he said "they" in the last line of that sentence "anything that the EMC would like to review" would be an acceptable amendment? **Commissioner Solomon** agreed that would be acceptable to him.

Chairman Meiburg commented very good and thanked **Commissioner Solomon**. There were no other corrections or changes and he asked for a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections suggested by the discussion which was to eliminate the "two" and correct the spelling of **Commissioner van der Vaart's** name and substitute "the" the EMC can review what it wanted to review in **Commissioner Solomon's** comments in the last line on page 6.

Commissioner Bailey made a motion to approve the minutes with the changes indicated. **Commissioner Gillespie** seconded the motion.

Chairman Meiburg did a roll call vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Carter didn't think a roll call vote was necessary, however, **Chairman Meiburg** indicated that Counsel Reynolds had advised him that because of the nature of the meeting, that he needed to go through and do a roll call vote. Counsel Reynolds apologized for the inconvenience and indicated that he would have a discussion with Commissioner Carter to explain the roll call vote.

Commissioner Gillespie stated that maybe Counsel Reynolds could also brief them on the COVID 19 bill 732 that was passed, as far as meetings go, that a roll call must be done on every single vote for clarification. **Commissioner Gillespie** stated that he has just read this the night before. **Chairman Meiburg** stated that was an accurate observation and Counsel advised him also.

Chairman Meiburg thanked everyone and stated the next item on the agenda. He stated the item 20-22 which was the adoption of technical corrections to rules 15A NCAC 02B .0103 and several others on Water Quality Standards and Classifications. Members of the Commission will remember that this item came up in our March meeting and there was a request by the Department to do a 30- day waiver which the Commission declined to do so now we are bringing this back before the Commission absent any 30-day waiver.

20-11 Request Adoption of Technical Corrections to Rules 15A NCAC 02B .0103, .0215, .0216, and .0223 and .0314 (Water Quality Standards and Classifications) and Approval of 30-day Waiver

Julie Ventaloro with DWR presented technical corrections to five water quality standards and classifications rules. These rules were readopted in 2019 as part of the surface water Triennial Review package. The errors were identified while proofreading the rules just prior to their codification. The RRC directed staff that the errors would need to be corrected under G.S. 150B-21.5. If the changes are adopted today, the anticipated effective date will be June 1, 2020. **Commissioner Keen** asked if there was a list of local governments that would be affected. Ms. Ventaloro directed him to a list of about 280 local government WS programs located on the DEMLR Stormwater website. Commissioner Solomon asked about how the WS reclassification would be enforced in areas where the local government hadn't agreed to support the reclassification. Ms. Ventaloro said that EMC and DEQ have oversight authority for all the local programs, and that audits are performed by the DEQ watershed administrator. She also clarified that the technical corrections being proposed pertain to a request for a reclassification from an existing WS classification to a more protective WS classification, and in that case, support from a local jurisdiction is required. In cases where the request is for a reclassification from a different classification, such as Class C, to a Class WS, support from neighboring jurisdictions is requested, but not required. **Commissioner Van der Vaart** asked if we were certain these changes were technical corrections. Chairman Meiburg responded that these were discussed at the March WQC meeting, and it was agreed that they are.

Commissioner Deerhake made a motion to adopt the rule changes and **Commissioner Harris** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

20-12 Request Approval of Hearing Officer's Report, Regulatory Impact Analysis, and Adoption of Amendments for 15A NCAC 13B .0546, .1105, .1111, .1628, and Section .1800 Financial Assurance Requirements for Solid Waste Management Facilities

Ed Mussler, Division of Waste Management, presented the request for approval of the Hearing Officer's Report, Regulatory Impact Analysis, and adoption of amendments to 15A NCAC 13B .0546, .1105, .1111, .1628, and Section .1800 Financial Assurance Requirements for Solid Waste Management Facilities. Mr. Mussler gave an overview of the proposed amendments and the anticipated rule-making schedule, with a proposed effective date of July 1, 2020. Mr. Mussler also provided an overview of the comments received on the rules, and the responses to those comments in the Hearing Officer's Report. Mr. Mussler closed his presentation by requesting approval of the Hearing Officer's Report, Regulatory Impact Analysis, and adoption of amendments to 15A NCAC 13B .0546, .1105, .1111, .1628, and Section .1800 Financial Assurance Requirements for Solid Waste Management Facilities.

Commissioner Keen asked Mr. Mussler how many of the closed sanitary landfills are currently in post-closure care. Mr. Mussler stated that three lined sanitary landfills are in post-closure care, but that he does not have the number of unlined sanitary landfills that are in post-closure care [note: they are unlined because they were constructed before regulations required liners for sanitary landfills]. He also asked Mr. Mussler where these landfills are in the post-closure care time frame, how sanitary landfills are released from post-closure care, and where in the state these landfills are located. Mr. Mussler stated that there is at least one landfill in post-closure care in every county in NC. Mr. Mussler also stated that post-closure care for sanitary

landfills is generally expected to be 30 years, but a landfill may be required to extend post-closure care if they have exceedances of the groundwater quality standards in 15A NCAC 02L. He also stated that it is also possible for the landfill to be released from post-closure care early if they can demonstrate to the Division that post-closure care is no longer necessary, but that he was not certain at the moment where each one was in the post-closure process.

After some discussion, **Chairman Meiburg and Commissioner Bailey** requested that the Division follow up with an information item regarding the status of post-closure care at sanitary landfills. Mr. Mussler stated the Division will do so.

The discussion continued, during which **Commissioner Solomon** stated that these rules should not be adopted until Rule .0101 is also adopted, as requested by a comment received during the comment period, because this rule contains definitions applicable to all of Subchapter 13B and may affect the rules being adopted today. Mr. Mussler stated that the Division did not believe the amendments to Rule .0101 would have an effect on the rules presented for adoption at this meeting.

Commissioner van der Vaart requested clarification regarding the effect of Rule .0101 Definitions on the rules presented at this meeting. Jessica Montie, from the Division of Waste Management, stated that the rules being presented at this meeting regarding financial assurance had been separated from the remaining rules for municipal solid waste and construction and demolition landfills. She stated that while the definitions in Rule .0101 might impact the other landfill rules scheduled to be presented for adoption at the July EMC meeting, they would not impact the rules regarding financial assurance presented today because the terms defined in Rule .0101 are not used in the financial assurance rules.

Commissioner Solomon requested that the Division keep a consolidated list of all the definitions in Subchapter 13B to track them through the readoption process and ensure there is no conflict. Mr. Mussler stated that the Division would do so.

Commissioner McAdams made a motion to approve and **Commissioner Bailey** seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all voting in favor of, except for **Commissioner Carter** and **Commissioner Solomon**, who both voted against. The motion passed.

20-13 Request Approval of Proposed Rule Revisions, Fiscal Note, and to Proceed to Public Hearing on 15A NCAC 13B Section .0400 Transfer Stations

THIS ITEM REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA

20-14 Request Approval of Hearing Officer's Report, Regulatory Impact Analysis, and Adoption of Amendments to 15A NCAC 13A .0101 and .0111

Jenny Patterson, Division of Waste Management, presented the request for approval of the Hearing Officer's Report, Regulatory Impact Analysis, and the adoption of amendments to 15A NCAC 13A .0101 and .0111. Ms. Patterson gave an overview of the proposed amendments and the anticipated rule-making schedule, with the proposed effective date of July 1, 2020. Ms. Patterson continued by giving, in greater detail, an overview of the e-Manifest Rule, and the Hazardous Waste Pharmaceutical Rule, as well as the proposed changes to each. She also stated that the proposed rule changes had been published, beginning in December of 2019 and that the rule text and Regulatory Impact Analysis had also been published on the Department's website throughout the comment period, which ran from December 16, 2019 through February 14, 2020.

An email was sent to interested parties and a public hearing was held on January 16, 2020. No comments were received and no changes were made to either the rule text or the Regulatory Impact Analysis. Ms. Patterson closed her presentation by requesting approval of the Hearing Officer's Report, Regulatory Impact Analysis, and adoption of amendments to 15A NCAC 13A .0101 and .0111.

There were no questions following the presentation. **Commissioner Bailey** made a motion to approve which was seconded by **Commissioner Keen**. A roll call of the vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

20-15 Request to Approve Appointments of Members to the Water Pollution Control System Operators Certification Commission

Steve Reid of the Division of Water Resources presented a request for the EMC to approve the appointment of three members, Mr. Jonathan M. Russell, Mr. C. Kenneth Stines, and Dr. Albert Robert Rubin, to the Water Pollution Control System Operators Certification Commission.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the appointment of the three members as presented and Commissioner McAdams seconded the motion. The EMC voted to approve the appointments as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

20-16 Request Approval of Hearing Officer's Report, Regulatory Impact Analysis, and Adoption of Amendments for 15A NCAC 13C Rules .0301-.0308 Voluntary Remedial Action Oversight by Registered Environmental Consultants

Janet Macdonald, from the Division of Waste Management, presented the request for approval of the Hearing Officer's Report, Regulatory Impact Analysis, and adoption of amendments for 15A NCAC 13C Rules .0301-.0308 Voluntary Remedial Action Oversight by Registered Environmental Consultants. Ms. Macdonald gave a summary of the proposed rule changes and the anticipated rule-making schedule, with a proposed effective date of July 1, 2020. Ms. Macdonald also stated that the rules had been published, for a 60-day comment period, from February 17, 2020 to April 17, 2020. Notice was sent to interested parties and a public hearing was held on March 19, 2020. No comments were received and no changes were made to the rules or Regulatory Impact Analysis following the comment period. Ms. Macdonald closed her presentation by requesting approval of the Hearing Officer's Report, Regulatory Impact Analysis, and readoption 15A NCAC 13C Rules .0301-.0308 for Voluntary Remedial Action Oversight by Registered Environmental Consultants.

There were no questions following the presentation. A motion was made by **Commissioner Bailey** to approve the motion which was seconded by **Commissioner Anderson**. A roll call of the vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

20-17 Request for Approval for the Consolidation of the Metropolitan Sewerage District of Buncombe County and the Cane Creek Water and Sewer District, per NCGS 162A-68.5

Christyn Fertenbaugh, Division of Water Resources, presented the request for approval for the consolidation of the Metropolitan Sewerage District of Buncombe County (MSD) and the Cane Creek Water and Sewer District on Henderson County (Cane Creek), in accordance with NCGS 162A-68.5. Ms. Fertenbaugh gave an overview of the background and timeline of this request as well as detailed results of the two public hearings held on the matter, which included information

regarding the procedural error for the public notices for the in-person hearing on March 12th, which resulted in a second hearing being held via teleconference on April 27th. Ms. Fertenbaugh also discussed that the main concern from citizens is that they wish to ensure that customers of the newly acquired Cane Creek service area be treated in the same manner as existing MSD customers.

Commissioner Keen requested clarification regarding MSD's statement at the first public hearing that all customers, both existing and new, would be treated equally and how that was defined and gone over during the merger process. Ms. Fertenbaugh responded that Attachments A and C of this agenda item illustrate how MSD and Cane Creek had previously evaluated the effects of the merger in detail, and that Tom Hartye's (MSD) comment at the first public hearing clarified exactly how customers will be treated equally (rates, service, emergency services, etc.).

Commissioner Deerhake made a motion to adopt a resolution expanding and defining the boundaries of the MSD to include Cane Creek into the MSD, with an effective date of July 1st, 2020, in accordance with NCGS 162A-68.5. **Commissioner Harris** seconded the motion. **Commissioner McAdams** offered a comment commending these two entities for working together to improve service to their customers. **Commissioner Keen** concurred. The motion passed unanimously.

20-18 Request Approval of Proposed Rule Revisions in 15A NCAC 02I and 02J and the Regulatory Impact Analysis to Proceed to Public Comment

Bill Lane, General Counsel for DEQ, presented the request to proceed to public comment on rule re-adoptions and amendments for 15A NCAC 02I and 02J and the associated regulatory impact analyses. **Commissioner Keen** inquired how stakeholders affected by the proposed repeal of 15A NCAC 02J would be notified since these rules cover so many different programs. Mr. Lane responded that the DEQ divisions have electronic mailing lists and other means to notify the public, as well as in the NC Register.

Commissioner Deerhake expressed concern with the proposed change in Rule 02I .0502(a) that would make referral of a petition for rulemaking by the Chair to a subject area Committee a discretionary action rather than a requirement. **Commissioner Deerhake** stated the importance of review of petitions for rulemaking by the appropriate Committees and offered alternatives such as having the referral decision be made by the Commission rather than the Chair. A discussion ensued on how the proposal gives the Chair the discretion to keep the process moving in a direction that meets statutory deadlines. **Commissioner Keen** suggested that the Executive Committee could make the decisions on referrals. **Commissioner Arata** agreed with **Commissioner Deerhake's** concerns but recommended moving the proposed rule forward to public comment.

Counsel Phillip Reynolds commented that currently the Chair of the Committee can select an individual to speak in opposition to the petition for rulemaking and the Chair of the Commission can allow either the petitioner to speak or an individual who opposes the petition to speak or have no one at all allowed to speak. He clarified that, previously as the Commission Chair, **Commissioner Solomon** had envisioned streamlining the process and cutting down on the time between the Committee's action and the Commission's action to have it all heard at once.

Chairman Meiburg commented that he would be hesitant to spell out all in a rule different criteria for actions by the Chair of the Committee and Chair of the Commission. He stated it would

be almost impossible since different circumstances would likely arise in each case as had seen in the past.

Commissioner Keen made a motion to move the rules and regulatory impact analyses to public comment. **Commissioner Carter** seconded. The motion passed unanimously. **Commissioner Arata** will serve as hearing officer.

Concluding Remarks

Chairman Meiburg commended the commission that they had been very disciplined, as they have moved through the agenda in good order. He also thanked all the members of the Commission, members of DEQ and the DEQ staff for their diligence in proceeding forward in this new, innovative and creative way made necessary by circumstances. He then moved to concluding remarks. He asked for comments from Assistant Secretary Holman.

Assistant Secretary Holman indicated they are continuing to press on here at the agency. They have the majority of their staff teleworking, they have field staff going out as it's safe to do so to collect samples or do inspections, but life continues on and as **Chairman Meiburg** mentioned, she thanked the Commission for their willingness to try new technology and try these virtual meetings. It seemed to have gone well, and she also thanked **Commissioner Arata** and **Commissioner Carter**, for being hearing officers as they conducted a public hearing on Methyl Bromide rules on Monday night and she was able to listen in. Other than maybe one speaker where there was a lot of feedback, the hearing seemed to have gone well and she applauded their efforts in adjusting and accommodating the technology during these difficult times.

Chairman Meiburg thanked Assistant Secretary Holman, for her comments and moved forward with the Director's comments.

Directors Comments

The division directors made their respective comments, the written version of which were published with the agenda and details of those comments can be found at:

https://files.nc.gov/ncdeq/Environmental%20Management%20Commission/EMC%20Meetings/2020/may2020/5May2020_DirectorComments_CurrentVersion.pdf

Interim Director Brian Wrenn, Division of Energy, Mineral and Land Resources

Director Michael Scott, Division of Waste Management

Director Michael Abraczinskas, Division of Air Quality

Director Danny Smith, Division of Water Resources

Committee Chair Comments

Chair Arata stated that the Air Quality Committee did not meet and she thanked DAQ and DEQ staff especially for the Methyl Bromide meeting, which went about as smoothly as possible especially with the number of people attending the meeting, thanks to everyone involved in that.

Chair Bailey stated that the Ground Water and Waste Committee did meet. That was the first time that this particular Web-ex software was used and I commended **Chairman Meiburg** because she saw many improvements from their meeting. She thanked him and the staff for doing that and putting it all together. As for the topics they covered in their meeting, Director Scott mentioned that they were going to be seeing underground storage regulations and the solid waste regulations that were discussed today relative to the other rule making matter, including the definition sections. They had some informational items that they had been following which was a report on the decommissioning of the renewable energy equipment stakeholder process. Ellen Lorscheider updated the Committee with questions and a really excellent presentation answering our questions and she'll be updating her presentation. They started working on their amendments to the groundwater quality standards, which they are calling it part 1, part 2 and part 3. They will not be presenting them to the whole commission until they have worked through each of the parts. The parts are how they divided up the different contaminants and they started with the seven metals. She also just wanted to mention it would be nice to have some update on the recent US Supreme Court case that came out. She was guessing it was Maui vs Hawaii Wildlife Fund and it has aspects of how it can affect ground water as it's regulated under the Clean Water Act and, how that works with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.

Chairman Meiburg thanked **Chair Bailey** and he wanted to state for the record that **Chair Bailey** did a marvelous job of chairing the Committee meeting and she was right. He was watching and seeing what he could learn and he was learning from a very skilled Chair so, thank you very much for that. Also, to your point about the Maui case, yes that is a very interesting case and it's going to crossover between the Groundwater and Waste Management Committee and the Water Quality Committee. He indicated that they would have further discussions and learn a lot more about what constitutes "functional equivalence".

Chair Deerhake reported that the Water Quality did not meet, but they were planning to have their meeting in July which hopefully would include a continuation of the presentations on Jordan Lake from the Collaboratory research team members.

Chair McAdams reported that the Water Allocation Committee did not meet but they had pushed their items forward to July which they will have informational presentations unless any other action type item comes up.

Chairman Meiburg moved on to the comments by Commission.

Commissioner Comments:

Chairman Meiburg recognized comments from Commissioner Carter.

Commissioner Carter stated he had two comments. First, going back to my question earlier, he agreed with **Commissioner Monast** that it was useful to hear the kind of information they were hearing but it should be done at the Air Quality Committee in the first instance then they can make a judgement as to whether it's worth bringing forward to the full commission. Secondly, at the last meeting, when they were actually together, he made comments then about a situation that appeared in the Civil Remissions committee request. He stated that he heard that false filings had been made in a particular case, it turned out the situation wasn't quite what they imagined to start with and they did not sanction or do anything further with respect to that issue. But he wanted to re-iterate his particular concerns about false filings. The basis for their whole regulatory system that was

the information that's filed by the parties involved and when false information is filed that just rips at the heart of the system. He felt it's something that they need to be very weary of and they need to apply appropriate sanctions for anyone who provides false information or files false regulatory documents.

Chairman Meiburg thanked **Commissioner Carter** and stated that he had no standards of perfection. He stated he wanted to thank **Commissioner Davis** because she had agreed and was willing to serve as a member for the EMC on the Radiation Protection Commission. He was grateful that she was willing to do that and it was an important responsibility

Commissioner Deerpake thanked the Chairman for a good meeting, and thanked the staff for continuing to support us in these virtual meetings as well as doing everything they can to help get our public hearings out and giving the public an opportunity to comment on proposed rules.

Commissioner Keen commented he wanted follow up on Assistant Secretary Holman's comment about field staff and the employees in the field. They are just remarkably doing all they can with getting their feet on the ground, eyes on the permitting process, for those who have applied developers, land owners, all kinds of things that are going on in keeping the economy moving in building, developing, whether it's water, sewer, whether it's a permitting piece, affordable housing, healthcare, it seems like our staff are doing all they can and I just want to shout out to do what she said about the field and the permitting process doing all they can to stay away and do the part they have to do, but they have to do it. There is a process as we know and getting out and doing that in these trying times is difficult on them and I just appreciate it as a Commissioner, as a citizen, as a developer and a land owner and those colleagues of mine who do the same particularly in eastern NC, the staff is getting out and getting their feet on the ground and making those visits and also with Waste Management, and I know there is going through the House and the Senate and so forth and looking at regulations but there are those that have to stay in compliance, and there are those that aren't in compliance and to get their eyes on those who are following the rules and those who aren't. There is a process and I feel like our staff is doing all they can, and I just want to give them a pat on the back for all they're doing and helping serve the citizens of the state.

Chairman Meiburg thanked Commissioner Keen and the entire Commission joined him in those sentiments of appreciation for the staff and he was really glad that he brought that up and thanked him again for that thoughtful comment on behalf of people who are really doing work on behalf of all of us.

Commissioner Monast commented that she wanted to echo Commissioner Keen in thanking the staff that were continuing the essential functions and keeping them safe. She was really glad to hear that they were finding ways to move forward with hearings, so they don't have a huge backlog at some point in the future. She was really glad to hear they were finding ways to connect with people who didn't have a reliable computer or internet access so having things like phone lines. That's really important and was glad to hear that was part of the plan for hearings.

Commissioner van der vaart stated that he would be sending around possible motions next week for the next meeting in terms of concerns he had for money for permits.

Chairman Meiburg thanked **Commissioner van der vaart** for his comments and moved on to Counsel Reynolds's comments.

Counselor Reynolds stated that as noted earlier, and as **Commissioner Gillespie** noted earlier, the COVID Relief package passed by the General Assembly does also include provisions related to public meetings and public hearings which, under the previous meetings law a physical location had to be provided for individuals to come and listen, under states of emergency that is no longer required. That bill was passed after the Commission had issued its notice providing the Ground Floor Hearing Room as a location where people could come and listen if they so desired of course within the 10 person limit, so that's no longer the case but only under Emergency but it does also affect quasi-judicial hearings specifically which is going to be important to consider and I will look at thoroughly for the remissions cases in particular but it would also impact variance requests and things of that nature. You all know there has already been one variance request that we heard remotely at the end of March through the Water Quality Committee. But those are things that we are going to have to consider moving forward. I just wanted to make that note. Oh, and it also requires, as Commissioner Gillespie pointed out a roll call vote for actions.

Chairman Meiburg thanked Counsel Reynolds. He, again thanked everyone for their patience as they worked through this new format. Picking up on Commissioner Monast's point, one of the reasons I really wanted to have a commission meeting is to avoid exactly the situation to have a whole lot of things pile up and then you end up having a lot of things you have to deal with all at once and the items that we had on the agenda today were ones that seemed to me were ready and teed up and prepared to move forward with and I am very pleased we were able to get through the agenda. Which will help us for our next meeting which will hopefully, God willing, will be in person in July and it will be a great pleasure to see all of you. So, with that, I hope you will all continue to stay safe and stay healthy and we'll hopefully see you once again, in person, in July.

With no further business before the Commission, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:51 p.m.

Approved this 9th day of July 2020.



Dr. A. Stanley Meiburg, Chairman
Environmental Management Commission