



Jacksonville Environmental
Protection Board

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Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board Monday, March 17, 2025 MONTHLY MEETING SUMMARY

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Thomas Deck, Chair
Sunil Joshi, M.D.
Guillermo Simon, P.E.

Adam Hoyles, Vice-Chair
Josh Gellers, Ph.D.
Megan Ferer

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Desiree Jones
Margarete Vest, P.E.

Clint Noble, P.G.

STAFF/RESOURCES PRESENT:

James Richardson, JEPB Staff
Cherry Pollock, OGC

Mike Williams, EQD
Terry Carr, EQD

VISITOR(s) PRESENT:

John Nooney
Jason Cuadrado, Gateway Jax
Soraya Aidinejad, SJRK
Lisa Rinaman, SJRK
Lucy Sonnenberg, JU
Daniel Hamm
Renee Brust, WSP
John Hendrix, Haskell
Dhulfigar Rakeem, Haskell
Chase Evans, Haskell
Amy Fu, Alpha Envirotech
Gerry Pinto, JU

CALL TO ORDER

TOM DECK

INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Deck 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

John Nooney shared comments regarding various topics inclusive of the January JEPB meeting minutes, a visit to St Johns county, the JWC FIND Subcommittee and other items.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- January 21, 2025 Monthly Board Meeting Summary

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

CONSENT ORDERS

JAMES RICHARDSON

Air

- **GFL Solid Waste Southeast LLC** [NP-25-03] at 12134 Ft. Caroline Road, Operating or permitting the operation of a trash or refuse service using a mechanical device between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. within 200 meters of property that is in a Class A or Class B areas

Corrective Actions:

Notification to the driver regarding the service pickup time restriction.

Consent Order settlement fee:

\$5,000.00

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

Water

- **Mandarin Properties I, LLC, Mandarin South Business Center, Inc, Proctor Family Real Estate, LLC, Atlas Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine Inc, DOS Amigos Investments, LLC [WP-25-01]** at 12421 San Jose Blvd; Unit 2B and Unit 3 and 12397 San Jose Blvd, Discharge of untreated wastewater to the ground, surrounding environment and stormwater system; Allowing untreated wastewater into the storm sewer system; and Failure to notify EQD of Discharge from the System and Failure to provide required records.

Corrective Actions:

Aldridge and Sons Plumbing cleared the blockage, discharge stopped

Consent Order settlement fee:

\$500.00

Consent Order requirements:

- Education Campaign
- Completed Gravity System Report
- Monthly Status Report - plumber's review

- **SFR Workforce Owner 2 LLC [WP-24-06]** at 1715 Sheridan Street, Unlawful discharge of sewage or other untreated wastewater to the ground and surrounding environment.

Corrective Actions:

Septic system replacement

Consent Order settlement fee:

\$1,000.00

Consent Order requirements:

Penalty only

- **Regal-J LLC [WP-24-18]** at 5855 Ft Caroline Road, Failure to comply with Wastewater Collection/Transmission System design standards; Failure to perform required maintenance; and Failure to keep detailed maintenance records.

Corrective Actions:

Replaced the EMTs

Consent Order settlement fee:

\$0

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

ENFORCEMENT REPORT

JAMES RICHARDSON

There were no questions or concerns.

NEW BUSINESS

- Noise Variance – Haskell

Representatives from Haskell shared information about the LaSalle Street Pump Station project. Mike Williams, EQD, shared his technical review of the variance application and provided his recommendations for approval (attached).

A motion was made to approve the noise variance application as recommended by staff (Hoyles) and properly seconded (Simon).

Haskell and staff responded to member questions. The motion was approved by the body.

- Noise Variance – FaverGray

Representatives from Gateway Jax shared information about the N11 project in the downtown core. Mike Williams, EQD, shared his technical review of the variance application and provided his recommendations for approval (attached). Daniel Hamm, a downtown resident, provided public comment sharing the impact of early morning concrete pours that have already taken place and concerns of those scheduled.

A motion was made to approve the noise variance application as recommended by staff (Joshi) and properly seconded (Simon).

Staff responded to member questions regarding previous concrete pours and the status of any enforcement actions taken. An additional condition directing staff to report project status and any complaints received to the JEPB monthly was added to the conditions of the variance. The motion was approved by the body.

- Funding Request – SJRK Resilient Ribault

St Johns Riverkeeper, Lisa Rinaman, shared information regarding a request to provide funding for an environmental assessment of the Ribault River and Moncreif Creek watersheds. The project would be a two year study. Mr. Richardson shared his review of the funding request along with his recommendations:

1. Seek approval of the appropriation of \$106,000 to the St Johns Riverkeeper (SJRK) to provide funding for the Ribault River & Moncreif Creek Environmental Assessment project as outlined in the proposal along with a funding agreement.
2. Seek exception to Sec. 126.107(g), Ord Code.
3. Seek waiver of Sec. 110.112, Ord Code.
4. Seek a waiver of Sec. 118.107 Ord Code.

A motion to approve the funding request as recommended by staff was made (Hoyles), properly seconded (Joshi) and approved by the body.

- Proclamation of April as Water Conservation Month

Mr. Richardson shared that the JEPB historically in March joins with other entities and local governments in considering a resolution of support declaring April as Water Conservation Month and shared the resolution being offered for this year.

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

PRESENTATION(s)

None

PUBLIC HEARING(s)

None

COMMISSION & JEPB COMMITTEE UPDATES

- **Waterways Commission** – Mr. Hoyles shared that the Shoaling subcommittee reported that dredge material from Blount Island was now going offshore, and mentioned that information on the JEPB possible role with derelict vessels was to be heard in the JEPB Water Committee.
- **KJB Commission** – no report
- **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.

EPB ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Richardson reminded members of upcoming meetings of the JEPB committees on March 24th. He also shared that the Symposium planning team had recently met and made the decision to move the event to the Spring. The next symposium is scheduled for February 13, 2026.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY DIVISION REPORT

Mr. Richardson shared that with a recent Council approved reorganization of City government, the Environmental Quality Division is now a part of the Office of Administrative Services.

ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

None

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING(s)

- JEPB Committee Meetings
 - I. JEPB Water Committee – Monday, March 24, 2025, at 4:30 pm
 - II. JEPB Air Committee – Monday, March 24, 2025 at 5:30 pm
- JEPB Steering Committee – Monday, April 14, 2025, at 4:00 pm
- JEPB Monthly Meeting – Monday, April 21, 2025, at 5:00 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

James A Richardson, II

James Richardson, JEPB Administrator