

# EnviroShare EvMS Citizens Advisory Committee

Tuesday, August 30, 2011

Hall County Courthouse Annex

## Minutes

**Attendees:** Rick Foote, Cindy Reed, Commissioner Ashley Bell, Amanda Ayers, Ben Ayres, Chris Fetterman, Terry Kuehn, Ken Rearden, Fred Richards, Tommy Sandoval, Douglas Aiken, Marty Jones, Faye Bush, Barbara Griffeth, Lisa Signorile and Tim Wilbanks

The Committee meeting was called to order by Rick Foote. He announced there would be a special presentation by Atlanta Paint Recycling. Introductions were made around the room. Rick shared with the committee the background of EnviroShare. How it began as a way of focusing on business and industry and reducing their waste streams. He explained how it has grown into multiple listservs, matching groups with needed items that might otherwise be thrown away and is now transitioning into the county-wide Environmental Management System or EvMS.

### Introduction to Environmental Management System

Rick then began with a PowerPoint presentation to provide an overview of EvMS, explaining what an Environmental Management System is and the structure of our EvMS. He explained the importance of partnerships and how, by consolidating efforts, we can be more successful. He named all of our EvMS Partners to date. He reviewed how we began by visiting Bartow County, which had the first county-wide EvMS in the country.

### Review of By-laws

We then reviewed the Citizens Advisory Committee By-laws that were presented to the group. Rick went over the purpose and the function of the Citizens' Advisory Committee. He also explained that we will need a Chairman and Vice-Chairman and asked everyone to consider taking on these roles, and it would be discussed at the next meeting.

### Paint Recycling

Ben and Amanda Ayers of Atlanta Paint Disposal then presented a program on paint recycling. They sponsor collection events and on-site collection at various locations. They explained how paint is collected and recycled at their Chestnut Street location. They are working with Advanced Disposal by collecting at transfer stations. They also have collections in some paint stores. Their paint is a quality product that is sold at Builder

Surplus in Gainesville and many locations around the Atlanta area. The empty paint containers also get recycled. They concentrate on latex paints for recycling. Oil based paints and stains are dealt with through an arrangement with Safety-Kleen.

The Ayers' stated options for paint recycling could include taking paint at compactor sites or local paint stores. Ken felt the landfill would be workable, as we are in the habit of taking money from customers there. Commissioner Bell felt if the county could recoup costs and perhaps generate some revenue that would be great. He asked that staff work with Atlanta Paint Disposal to develop a proposal and draft resolution to the committee in advance of the next meeting and for this to be taken up under old business.

#### Commissioner Bell's Outline of CAC Functions and Roles

Commissioner Bell asked about ideas from the Citizens Advisory Committee. He explained the group was to provide ideas, listen to proposals and give input as to whether the ideas were good to recommend to the EvMS Steering Committee. The Steering Committee would then put together a formal proposal to the Board of Commissioners.

He stated, the committee is a sounding board and can vet ideas. He asked the committee to help set meeting agendas by providing suggestions to Rick. Commissioner Bell stated the commissioners would like to entertain ideas from companies about reducing landfill usage. The committee needs to be the lead on what issues need to be addressed.

Rick reported that Tom Torres of Gainesville State College would present an idea for a project on Alternative Energy proposed for October.

Tim Wilbanks asked about the purpose of the committee. Was it formed to look at issues with the landfill and its efficiency? Commissioner Bell explained the EvMS was formed a couple of years ago to look at a bigger picture such as a greener Hall County, increasing efficiencies and reducing costs. He requested Ken Rearden present information about the county's Solid Waste Fund, RFP process, and transition to single-stream recycling at the next meeting.

The next meeting date will be September 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 at the Hall County Annex Building in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tommy Sandoval and seconded by Douglas Aiken. The meeting was adjourned.