

Natural Resources Commission Meeting
Thursday, August 1st, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.
MINUTES

PRESENT

Chairman Joe Skelley
Ruth Crawford, Tree Board
Jimmy Davis
Urania Erskine
Scott Schoefnacker
David Smith
Susan Threlkeld
Crystal Warren, Stormwater Board

STAFF

Director Bo Mills
Alderman Jon McCreery
Kathy Cross

ABSENT

Justin Gee, Parks & Recreation

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Skelley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Crawford-yes, Davis-yes, Erskine-yes, Schoefnacker-yes, Smith-yes, Threlkeld-yes, Warren-yes.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum for the Natural Resources Commission meeting was established.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens to be heard.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the Minutes from the June 6, 2024 meeting by Urania Erskine and seconded by Susan Threlkeld.

ROLL CALL

Crawford-yes, Davis-yes, Erskine-yes, Schoefnacker-yes, Smith-yes, Threlkeld-yes, Warren-yes.
Motion approved.

INTRODUCTIONS

Brian Waldron, with the Center for Applied Earth Science and Engineering Research, (CAESER), made a presentation updating the Commission on the health of the Memphis aquifer, groundwater systems, and services that are performed by CAESER.

ALDERMAN LIAISON COMMENTS

Alderman Jon McCreery:

Nothing to report.

STAFF REPORTS

Director Bo Mills:

August will be a big month for Public Works. We will be relocating the generator, the new water tower site will be completed and we will kick off the automatic meter program.

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

Susan Threlkeld

Many products that have been packaged in glass jars have now started using Mason Jars that can be reused.

Urania Erskine

Nothing to report.

Jimmy Davis

Nothing to report.

Ruth Crawford

Nothing to report.

Scott Schoefnacker

Nothing to report.

Crystal Warren

One of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation hot topics is landfill space in Middle Tennessee; There is approximately 5 to 10 years more capacity in their current landfills. It is difficult to find sites for new landfills so it raises the questions of what impact this will have for us and what lessons can we learn. Municipalities will have to make significant efforts to educate their residents about reducing waste.

David Smith

Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Amnesty Day sign-up for September 21, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn by Urania Erskine and seconded by Scott Schoefnacker.

ROLL CALL

Crawford-yes, Davis-yes, Erskine-yes, Schoefnacker-yes, Smith-yes, Threlkeld-yes, Warren-yes.

Motion approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Joe Skelley, Commission Chairman