

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES  
DECEMBER 5, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Members of the Environmental Advisory Commission met on the above date at 5:30 p.m. Municipal Building 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room, Dr. McKinnon, Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed all those present. The following attended the meeting:

**1. ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS:**

Jeff McKinnon  
Yoshi Newman  
Thomas Trevathan  
Robert Shaw

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Daryl Norris, City of Greenville  
Wanda Martin, City of Greenville

**GUEST:**

Jeff Monico, Sierra Club

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 7, 2024, MINUTES**

Dr. McKinnon stated that:

- misspelled and needs to be changed “to legislature” and “exception” under second paragraph in the announcements.
- needs to be added under seventh paragraph in the announcements “Daryl or Wanda would send out a reminder before the two-week deadline”
- misspelled and needs to be changed to “commented” under third paragraph in the Old Business.

Dr. Newman stated that there were a few corrections in the second paragraph and will get with Wanda after the meeting.

- wording change on fourth paragraph in the Old Business, “Related to not Development “changed to “it occurs prior to development”, its needs to be a little clearer.
- Dr. McKinnon mentioned to end the sentence with “UDO. “And then add another sentence “UDO deals with development”
- “UDO deals with development” change to “It occurs prior to development”

A motion was made by Dr. Shaw to approve the November 7, 2024, minutes with these amendments. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trevathan and passed unanimously.

**4. ANNOUCEMENTS**

Dr. Shaw mentioned that Mr. Trevathan’s father, Dr. Earl Trevathan sent him a terrific podcast about climate change.

Below is the web link that Dr. Shaw mentioned and wanted to share with the commission.

[https://youtu.be/\\_w2d-SnjXsU?si=fTcYA5oqtxjVOuIW](https://youtu.be/_w2d-SnjXsU?si=fTcYA5oqtxjVOuIW)

## **5. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Mr. Norris announced that they did get a notice from EPA on the Community Change Grant (twenty-million-dollar grant). We found out that they have past the eligibility review, that determines yes, that our project is eligible to be funded. Now it moves into the scoring and ranking. This grant is to build the Engineering building and second emergency operations center North of the River. Also, the Gymnasium/ Distribution Center at Greenville Terrace. Eight-to-Ten-acre Wetlands at Greenville Terrace and upfit the Boys and Girls Club with new LED lights, HVAC system, solar and EV Changing stations.

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

**A.** Dr. McKinnon reviewed (drafted copy) of a review, by the City of Greenville Environmental Advisory Commission, of: “Clean Future, Environmentally Response: How GUC is fulling its Mission”.

Dr. McKinnon suggested if anyone has any other thoughts to add please email him individually. McKinnon will bring the revised copy to the January meeting.

(Mr. Norris will email the drafted copy to the EAC members.)

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

**A.** Dr. McKinnon reviewed and discussed the EAC goals for 2025. These goals are to be finalized at the January 2025 meeting.

**B.** Mr. Norris stated he had previously emailed the EAC members and the divisions of the DEQ, a copy of the City of Greenville Tar-Pamlico River Basin 2023-2024 Annual Stormwater Report.

Mr. Norris explained the Annual Stormwater Report normally is a year and ran through October to September. With the new rules that went in place as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, there is a new report and reporting period. The new reporting period will be July through June. This year’s report is shortened, October through June. Next year’s report will be July through June.

Mr. Norris reviewed the Annual Stormwater Report detailing information about:

- New Development Review/Approval
- Compliance and Enforcement
- Illicit Discharge
- Retrofit Opportunities
- Public Education and Outreach
- Additional NPDES MS4 Components
- Stream Enhancement Program Update
- Watershed Master Planning Update
- Long-Term Operation and maintenance of Structural Stormwater BMP’s Update
- Environmental Advisory Commission

- Stormwater Advisory Committee and Utility Rate Study
- Stormwater Regulatory Committee
- Audit & MS4 Permit Renewal
- Grant Applications

A motion was made by Dr. Shaw to accept the Annual Stormwater Report. The motion was seconded by Dr. McKinnon and passed unanimously

## **8. OTHER– FYI**

Dr. McKinnon mentioned during the EAC January 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting he will be in another country. Dr. McKinnon suggested that we postpone the January 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, in case there will be low quorum.

Dr. McKinnon requested a special call meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup>, specially to review the draft GUC response document, and the EAC goals and council presentation.

Mr. Norris will go through the normal process of creating the normal agenda and sending it out and asking for quorum. Then if everybody telling him that they will not have quorum, then we can cancel the January 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting for lack of quorum. Mr. Norris will check with Ms. Shiuwegar on what specifically needs to be done to call a special call meeting.

## **9. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. Officer Elections-January 2025
- B. EAC Goal & City Council Presentation- January 2025
- C. GUC Response Document-January 2025

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Trevathan to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. McKinnon and passed unanimously.