

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 28, 2003, 9:13 a.m.

Hawai'i County Council Room, 25 Aupuni Street, Room 201, Hilo, Hawai'i

**COMMISSIONERS
PRESENT:**

Riley Smith
David Frankel
Hugh Ono
Anne Plack
Carolyn Witcher

**ALSO
PRESENT:**

Paula Helfrich, HIEDB
Nelson Ho, Recycle Hawai'i
Eileen O'Hora-Weir, Recycling Coordinator
Patricia O'Toole, Corporation Counsel
Margaret Pahio
Louise Winn
Erika Yamamoto, Legislative Assistant to
Councilman Safarik

EXCUSED:

Mack Asato
Marjorie Erway
Sam Kawamura

STAFF:

Barbara Bell, Director
Peter Boucher, Wastewater Division Chief
Bobby Gonsalves, Acting Solid Waste Div. Chief
Sharron Henry, Secretary

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Commission Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 29, 2003 MEETING:**
David Frankel made a motion to approve the April 29, 2003 minutes. Carolyn Witcher seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA:** None
4. **STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS LISTED ON AGENDA:**
Louise Winn spoke in favor of the proposed changes to Section 20.22 (streamlines the process and provides more accountability), Section 20.23 (having a lien against real property may compel owners to provide signage or fence off their areas) and Section 20.38 (may deter the accumulation of unregistered vehicles) of Hawai'i County Code Chapter 20. Frankel suggested Bell work with Chris Yuen, Planning Director, to amend the zoning code relating to abandoned vehicles.

(Taken out of order)

DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION OF KEAAU RECYCLING AND REUSE CENTER

- Paula Helfrich, President of Hawai'i Island Economic Development Board (HIEDB), presented a summary of the \$400,000 project that was awarded by EPA (attached to original minutes).
- Second year funding of \$225,000 is awaiting federal approval and there's a possibility of 3rd year funding.
- The project expenditures to-date were discussed.
- **Director Bell will furnish transfer station tonnage data acquired since the opening of the center.**
- Discussion will continue at the site visit that will follow this meeting.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS/DISCUSSION:**

Director's Report (attached to original minutes)

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

- Landfill tipping fee ordinance has been deferred due to some haulers' concerns with privacy versus audit issues.
- Bell requested written or verbal testimony at the Council meeting.

TIRES:

- Whole tires are not accepted at the landfill.
- Viable re-use of tires is being investigated.
- Disposal fees that are paid at time of purchase were discussed.

BIG ISLAND SCRAP METAL:

- Contractor started in Kona May 14th.
- The contractor's progress in meeting the agreement obligations is being closely monitored.

SORT STATION UPDATE:

- Design will be finalized next month.
- Working with DLNR to consolidate the designated parcels into county ownership.
- **Bell will follow up on request to Bob Carn for SORT floor photos.**

Solid Waste Division Chief's Report (attached to original minutes)

HILO LANDFILL:

- It appears that 2003 will be spent on the existing floor without going to the next elevation.

GREENWASTE:

- Continuing to encourage the public to come and pick up free mulch.

Wastewater Division Chief's Report (attached to original minutes)

QUEEN LILIUOKALANI SEWER EXTENSION:

- DOH Section Administrator Yee has indicated that installation of septic tanks upstream of gang cesspools will be an acceptable alternative to sewer extension.

PUA SPS ODOR CONTROL:

- The 12-week pilot study will begin in July.
- Monitoring on a weekly basis.

KEALAKEHE WETLANDS:

- Concern has been raised regarding the 75% County match requirement.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE ADDRESSING ELIMINATING ILLEGAL DUMPING: After discussion and a request from Bell for written comments, this item was filed. No further action will be taken at this time.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE TO METER WASTEWATER NOT GOING INTO COUNTY SEWER SYSTEM: **Ono made a motion to file this item on the basis that there is no public benefit. Frankel seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

ITEMS TO DISCUSS WITH MAYOR KIM AT A FUTURE MEETING:

A draft letter, inviting the Mayor to the August 27th meeting, will be prepared and finalized at the next meeting.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE ADDING AUTHORIZATION FOR PAYMENT OF UP TO 30% OF OTHER SCRAP METAL FROM VEHICLE DISPOSAL FUND:

Ono made a motion to approve the ordinance. Witcher seconded. Frankel made a motion to support the ordinance with a change to eliminate the 30% limit provided that this go to Corporation Counsel first. Witcher seconded the amended motion and it passed unanimously. A vote was taken on the original motion to approve the ordinance as amended. It passed unanimously.

8. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** None

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Ono reported that Commissioner Sam Kawamura's recovery is progressing.
- He also shared his observations on Vancouver's mandatory recycling program from his recent trip to Canada.
- Frankel will be unable to attend the July commission meeting.
- Ono will be unable to attend the July and August meetings.

- Wednesday, June 25, 2003, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., **Kona Police Department Conference Room, 74-5221 Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740**
- Wednesday, July 23, 2003, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Waimea Civic Center, 67-5189 Kamamalu Street, Kamuela, HI 96743
- Wednesday, August 27, 2003, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Hawai'i County Council Room, 25 Aupuni Street, Room 201, Hilo, HI 96720
- Wednesday, September 24, 2003, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Kona Police Department Conference Room, 74-5221 Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Witcher moved to adjourn. Ono seconded and motion was carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

SHARRON HENRY
Environmental Management Secretary

