Official Action, Secretary's Environmental Justice and Equity Board November 20, 2019

Old Business:

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Marian Johnson-Thompson, seconded by Jamie Cole. Approved. Marian Johnson-Thompson moved to approve minutes from the previous meeting with the amendment that Marilynn Marsh-Robinson was absent, Veronica Carter seconded. Approved.

New Business:

Recommendations from Cumulative Impacts Subcommittee:

The Cumulative Impacts Subcommittee and other Board Members who attended the Robeson County community visit recommend the following:

- NC DEQ staff of the relevant divisions within DEQ should invite Robeson County advocates to NC DEQ in order to discuss and learn about the cumulative impacts Robeson communities are experiencing.
- NC DEQ should work with the Cumulative Impacts Subcommittee to conduct a workshop about the challenges and opportunities around cumulative impacts analysis in an effort to move the discussion forward.
- The Cumulative Impacts Subcommittee and the EJ & Equity Board should continue to hear from impacted communities and accept invitations to visit and tour the communities. Recommended next visit to Northampton County, NC.

Motion to accept recommendations made by Marian Johnson-Thompson. Approved

Safe Air & Water Subcommittee:

Draft Letter to Ms. Cowell about Moore County elementary school.

Motion to accept the tone and tenor of the letter made by Marian Johnson-Thompson. Approved [Chairman Johnson will sign and send the response letter to Ms. Cowell]

Rodney Sadler Jr. motion:

"I don't know if it's too late to do this but I just want to do this as a member of this Board and see if it holds with the will of the larger Board to say that we are concerned about the current progress of the ACP. We're concerned about the sustainability of Executive Order 80 if the ACP is put in place. We're concerned about the fact that this continues to progress through lands that are primarily owned and occupied by environmental justice communities and we're concerned that the permitting process has taken place without due consideration of the concerns of the people of this state and I'd like to make that an official statement from the environmental justice and equity board. I put that in the form of a motion"

Motion seconded by Jamie Cole. Approved