



Jacksonville Environmental
Protection Board

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Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board

Monday, August 17, 2026

MONTHLY MEETING SUMMARY

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Adam Hoyles, Chair
Guillermo Simon, P.E., Vice-Chair
Clint Noble, P.G.
Megan Ferer

Steve Swann, P.E.
Margarete Vest, P.E.
Josh Gellers, Ph.D.
Sunil Joshi, M.D.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Desiree Jones

STAFF/RESOURCES PRESENT:

James Richardson, JEPB Staff
Cherry Pollock, OGC
Melissa Long, EQD Chief

Terry Carr, EQD
Mike Williams, EQD

VISITOR(S) PRESENT:

Benjamin Smith – Elkins Constr
Doug Conkey, SJRWMD
John Nooney
Stacy Moritz

CALL TO ORDER

ADAM HOYLES

INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Hoyles called to order the monthly meeting of the Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board (JEPB) at 5:00 pm. A quorum was established.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Doug Conkey shared information about the water shortage remaining in effect. John Nooney shared thoughts on public access to waterways and property currently on the FIND list for projects.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- July 20, 2026 Monthly Board Meeting Summary
- July 27, 2026 Water Committee Summary

A motion was made (Simon) to approve the meeting summaries, properly seconded (Vest) and approved by the body.

CONSENT ORDERS

JAMES RICHARDSON

Air

- **Hidden Hills Animal Hospital; GFL Solid Waste Southeast LLC, [NP-26-13]** at 12134 Ft. Caroline Road, Operating or permitting the operation of a trash or refuse service using a mechanical device between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. within 200 meters of property that is in a Class A or Class B areas

Corrective Actions:

Notification to the driver regarding the service pickup time restriction.

Consent Order settlement fee:

\$7,000 [2nd violation]

Consent Order requirements:

Penalty payment only

- **Ability Park Place, LLC; GFL Solid Waste Southeast LLC, [NP-26-12]** at 2765 Park Street, Operating or permitting the operation of a trash or refuse service using a mechanical device between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. within 200 meters of property that is in a Class A or Class B areas.

Corrective Actions:

Notification to the driver regarding the service pickup time restriction.

Consent Order settlement fee:

\$5,000

Consent Order requirements:

Penalty payment only

A motion to approve the air consent orders as presented was made (Noble), properly seconded (Gellers) and approved by the body.

Water

- **Eagles Glen, LLC; Dream Finders Homes LLC; Smith Trucking Company, Inc., [ESC-26-04]** at 0 POW-MIA Memorial Parkway, Discharge of non-stormwater or turbid water to City municipal separate storm sewer system ("MS4"); Failure to comply with erosion and sediment control requirements.

Corrective Actions:

Updated the BMP issues and cleared the turbidity from the waterway

Consent Order settlement fee:

\$3,500

Consent Order requirements:

Penalty payment only

- **Florida Real Estate Company LLC; First Coast Health & Rehabilitation Center; [WP-26-17]** at 7723 Jasper Ave, Discharge of untreated wastewater to the ground, surrounding environment and stormwater system; Failure to notify EQD of Discharge from the System.

Corrective Actions:

Repaired the pipe and cleaned up the wastewater discharge

Consent Order settlement fee:

\$500

Consent Order requirements:

Penalty payment only

A motion to approve the water consent orders as presented was made (Simon), properly seconded (Joshi) and approved by the body.

ENFORCEMENT REPORT

MELISSA LONG

There were no questions or concerns.

NEW BUSINESS

- [Noise Variance Request – Elkins Construction](#)

James Richardson shared background information on the variance application. Benjamin Smith shared information on the project and planned mitigation followed by Mike Williams – EQD, who discussed his technical review of the application. He recommended approval and presented proposed conditions.

A motion to approve the variance with the proposed conditions was made (Joshi), properly seconded (Gellers) and approved by the body.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

PRESENTATION(s)

- None

PUBLIC HEARING(s)

- None

COMMISSION & JEPB COMMITTEE UPDATES

- **Waterways Commission** – No report
- **KJB Commission** – Chief Long shared that the commission held it's annual retreat last Friday. She shared that the ICC would be held on November 19th. The commission is also looking at other initiatives and potential funding sources.
- **JEPB Water Branch** – Terry Carr discussed information from the Water Branch report and responded to member questions.
- **JEPB Air Branch** – Mike Williams discussed information from the Air Branch report and responded to member questions.

EPB ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Richardson shared items from his report distributed with the meeting packet.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY DIVISION REPORT

Chief Long shared that she had discussions with Councilman Peluso around noise. He is considering a possible special event noise permit.

Discussion ensued about the discussions Council is having concerning noise issues. The primary discussions are around events in the Downtown core, but other issues are being considered as well. Mr. Richardson suggested that Councilman Peluso be invited to a meeting to share his thoughts and allow members to share their thoughts.

Chief Long also shared that the Department will be having their budget considered during the upcoming Council budget hearing.

ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

None

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING(S)

- JEPB Committee Meetings
 - JEPB Water Committee – August 24, 2026, at 4:30 pm
 - JEPB Air Committee – TBD
- JEPB Steering Committee – Monday, September 14, 2026, at 4:00 pm
- JEPB Monthly Meeting – Monday, September 21, 2026, at 5:00 pm
- JEPB Retreat – Monday, September 28, 2026, at 4:30 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 pm.



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Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board **Monday, August 24, 2026** **WATER COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Guillermo Simon, P.E., JEPB Vice-Chair
Margarete Vest, P.E.

Steve Swann, P.E.
Megan Ferer

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Adam Hoyles, JEPB Chair

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STAFF/RESOURCES PRESENT:

James Richardson, JEPB Staff
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Terry Carr, EQD

VISITOR(s) PRESENT:

CALL TO ORDER

GUILLERMO SIMON

INTRODUCTIONS

Vice-Chair Simon called to order the monthly meeting of the Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board (JEPB) at 5:00 pm. A quorum was established.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

REVIEW OF RULE 3

Mr. Richardson discussed that the Rules were reviewed for updates and minor scrivener revisions. He shared what was proposed by staff.

A motion was made to approve the changes and forward to the Board for rulemaking (Swann), properly seconded (Vest) and approved by the body.

The committee then considered proposed revisions submitted by member Swann. The first revision centered around pump failure notifications contained in Rule 3.4040.B.8.a.(4)(c) and Rule 3.404.B.9.d. Discussion ensued. Terry Carr – EQD Water Branch, shared information that he compiled and shared staff experience. After questions and further discussion, this proposed revision was withdrawn. Staff was encouraged to do further research around the issue.

The second revision centered around the grinder or macerator pump requirements in Rule 3.404.B.10. Discussion ensued around the requirement and whether it was needed because it possibly exceeds FDEP requirements. Mr. Carr shared that there was no current data being collected that would allow for a comparison from before the rule change was made in 2022. His recommendation was to allow for more research on systems being permitted. The committee agreed with this and decided to revisit this at a future date.

REVIEW OF RULE 7

Mr. Richardson discussed that the Rules were reviewed for updates and minor scrivener revisions. He shared what was proposed by staff.

Mr. Carr was asked to share information about further changes he would ask the Board to consider. These primarily centered around the JEMP listed in the Ordinance and the possible need for clarification in the Rule. Discussion ensued.

The committee asked that staff propose language and bring it back for further consideration in October.

DISCUSSION – IMPAIRED CREEKS

- Identification (Focus on specific waterways?)
- Possible Plan of Action

Mr. Richardson suggested that these topics be further discussed during the October meeting of the committee.

EPB ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Richardson reminded members that the retreat would take place during September's committee week. The Board Counsel asked that the monthly meeting and retreat be combined and take place on September 28th. Mr. Richardson shared that he would propose that to the Board for consideration.

NEXT SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETING(s)

- JEPB Water Committee – October 26, 2026, at 4:30 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.