

OCTOBER 12, 1982

The Board of County Commissioners, Manatee County, Florida, met in SPECIAL SESSION in the Courthouse, Bradenton, Florida, Tuesday, October 12, 1982 at 3:00 p.m.

Present were Commissioners:

Vernon E. Vickers, Chairman
Edward W. Chance, Vice-Chairman
Westwood H. Fletcher, Jr.
Patricia M. Glass

Absent was: Claude E. McGavic

Also present were:

Mary Greenwood, County Attorney
Richard H. Ashley, Chief Deputy Clerk, representing
R. B. Shore, Clerk of Circuit Court

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vickers.

BEKER PHOSPHATE CORP. - VIOLATIONS WATER QUALITY STANDARDS

Dick Eckenrod, Phosphate Mining Coordinator, gave a brief background on the purpose of this special meeting, pointing out that in early July Beker was cited for violation of water quality standards following discharge at its Wingate Creek Mine.

On August 2nd, Beker submitted a letter to the County Commission outlining the measures they had taken. On August 3rd, the Board considered suspension of Beker's operating permit pursuant to the provisions of the Mining Reclamation Ordinance. In view of the measures which Beker had taken, the Board resolved that day to defer further consideration of suspension of the operating permit until October 12th.

The temporary corrective measures taken by Beker have proven adequate to prevent recurrence of those June violations; however, the process of securing necessary NDR permits and County approval of proposed polishing ponds has not progressed as swiftly as was anticipated when this date was set for continuation of the hearing. It was only yesterday that the initial information necessary to completion of that application was received from Beker and Department of Environmental Regulations.

Within a 30 day period, both the County and DER will have sufficient time to review that information and obtain any additional information necessary to complete processing the application, and will at that time have a better idea of when to expect DER's final decision on issuance of the operating permit. At that time, the Board can go forward with the consideration of the suspension of such permit.

Mr Eckenrod and staff recommended further deferral of the date of hearing until November 9, 1982, as there have been no further violations of water quality for which Beker was cited, and they saw no imminent danger by postponement.

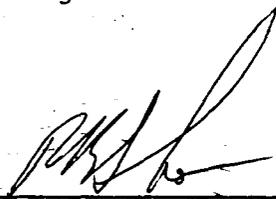
Motion was made by Mr Fletcher, and seconded by Mr Chance, to defer further consideration of suspension of the operating permit for Beker Phosphate until November 9, 1982. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned.

Attest:

APPROVED:



Clerk



Chairman

Adj: 3:13 p.m.