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**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON
FEBRUARY 7, 2011**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing on February 7, 2011 at 1:30 p.m., Room A201, Justice & Administration Building, 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, North Carolina.

Present: Jack Debnam, Chairman
Doug Cody, Vice Chair
Charles Elders, Commissioner
Mark Jones, Commissioner
Joe Cowan, Commissioner

Chuck Wooten, Interim Co. Mgr.
Evelyn Baker, Clerk to the Board

Chairman Debnam called the public hearing to order and stated the purpose is to receive public input on the Assessment of Corrective Measures for the closed Jackson County Landfill Permit #50-02.

Chris Gilbert of Altamont Environmental, Inc. stated the county has been performing semiannual surface water and groundwater quality monitoring since at least 1999. No detections or exceedences of the constituents of concern in the surface water samples from the Tuckasegee River. There have been consistent low-level organic compounds detected in the groundwater over the years and are slightly above the state water quality standards; however, there are no exceedences present in the down gradient bedrock monitoring wells or drinking water wells of nearby property owners that were sampled. The report lists four alternatives:

(a) Monitor Natural Attenuation which allows for natural degradation of constituents in the groundwater and monitoring of those constituents to make sure they degrade over time.

(b) Monitor Natural Attenuation and Institutional Controls which includes monitoring of attenuation and collection of samples to make sure no one is being impacted over time with an additional control such as a county ordinance that would increase the required distance between new drinking water wells and the landfill .

(c) Leachate Removal involves using the wells that were installed as a part of the landfill gas extraction system to withdraw leachate and prevent it from infiltrating into the groundwater.

(d) In Situ Treatment which involves injecting a solution in to the fractures of the bedrock to facilitate degradation of contaminants. Injection wells would need to be installed into the fractured bedrock.

Public Comments: None

There being no public comments, Commissioner Jones moved to adjourn the public hearing. Commissioner Elders seconded the Motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote and the hearing adjourned.

Attest:

Approved:

Evelyn B. Baker, Clerk

W. J. Debnam, Chairman