

Brunswick County Board of Commissioners 6/19/17

OBSERVER REPORTING - League of Women Voters, Lower Cape Fear

Highlight: Commissioners pass resolution requesting Chemours to stop discharge of chemical GenX in Cape Fear River

The Brunswick County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on June 19, 2017, beginning at 6:00 pm and ending at 7:00 pm in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the David R. Sandifer Building in the County Government Center in Bolivia. All commissioners were present including: Randy Thompson, Martin Cooke, Pat Sykes, Mike Forte, Frank Williams. Staff present included the County Manager, Ann Hardy. An [agenda](#) was posted prior to the meeting. The Wilmington Star News was present.

Agenda discussion topics relevant to LWV positions/programs:

Of environmental and public health interest are the water quality concerns discussed by the commissioners relating to reports of the potentially toxic chemical GenX found in the Cape Fear River. The Cape Fear River is a local water supply source. GenX is made by the Chemours company located in Fayetteville which is upstream from Wilmington on the Cape Fear River. Chemours is suspected of discharging GenX in the Cape Fear River. The Brunswick County commissioners unanimously passed a resolution requesting the Chemours company to halt processes which result in the discharge of GenX into the Cape Fear River. Also approved was a motion made by commissioner Randy Thompson to work with the county attorney's office to explore additional options should Chemours refuse to halt the GenX producing processes. Citizens voiced environmental, health and economic concerns related to this issue.

A county maintained informational website for [Ge](http://bcaz.brunswickcountync.gov/genx/) [HYPERLINK "http://bcaz.brunswickcountync.gov/genx/"](http://bcaz.brunswickcountync.gov/genx/) [nX](http://bcaz.brunswickcountync.gov/genx/) [HYPERLINK "http://bcaz.brunswickcountync.gov/genx/"](http://bcaz.brunswickcountync.gov/genx/) [HYPERLINK "http://bcaz.brunswickcountync.gov/genx/"](http://bcaz.brunswickcountync.gov/genx/) & [HYPERLINK "http://bcaz.brunswickcountync.gov/genx/"](http://bcaz.brunswickcountync.gov/genx/) [Brunswick County Public Utilities Drinking Water](http://bcaz.brunswickcountync.gov/genx/) was announced.

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