

OBSERVER REPORTING FORM

League of Women Voters, Lower Cape Fear Organization

Date: 4/16/18

Type of meeting: Regular Session, Brunswick County Government Center

The Brunswick County Board of Commissioners (BCBC) meeting was held 4/16/2018 at 6PM. The agenda discussion topics relevant to LWV positions/programs:

Environmental:

The Final Report for the Northwest Water Treatment Plant Advanced Treatment Options was presented. It compared three options Reverse Osmosis, Ozone, and Post-Filter GAC. Brunswick's NW treatment has not invested in any of the three processes previously, thus the Reverse Osmosis was presented as the most cost effective process. The low pressure Reverse Osmosis treatment, with the extracted impurities reintroduced into the Cape Fear River downstream of the drinking water extraction. The estimated total cost was 137 million dollars (page 359 of the 4/16/18 agenda). This project will be discussed in the May 10 budget meeting. Details page 349 of 4/16/18 agenda

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Many citizens attended the meeting, with several signing up to present to the board (3 minutes each). Speakers opposing off shore drilling argued coastal drilling was beneficial to fossil fuel industry, but risky to residents property values, as well as the tourism, and fishing industries. One speaker stated off-shore drilling was similar to Kenmore's Gen-X discharge profiting the company at the expense of the local population's health and land values. Other speakers were concerned with the water quality issues and suggested completing the H2GO's plan to tap underground aquifer to supply water that was not contaminated with Gen-X.

Education:

The BCBC approved a new school bond for \$52,950,000 series in 2018.

Observer: Sarah Hoss

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