

TO: Western North Carolina Regional Air Quality Agency Board of Directors

FROM: Marti Skelly, Accounting Technician III

SUBJECT: January 12, 2015

DATE: February 16, 2015

Please find attached a copy of the **MINUTES** from the January 12, 2015 Board Meeting. The next meeting of the WNCRAQA Board is scheduled for **Monday, March 9, 2015**, in the Agency Board Room at 49 Mt. Carmel Road, Asheville, N.C. 28806.

The Western North Carolina Regional Air Quality Agency Board of Directors met on Monday, January 12, 2015, at the boardroom of the Western North Carolina Regional Air Quality Agency, located at 49 Mt. Carmel Road, Asheville, NC.

The attendance of the Board members was as follows:

Members Present:

*Britt Lovin
Karl Koon
Loyd Kirk*

Members Absent:

*Dean Kahl
Vonna Cloninger*

Staff Present: *David Brigman, Director; Ashley Featherstone, Air Quality Permitting Program Manager; Betsy Brown, AQ Supervisor; Kevin Lance, AQ Field Services Program Manager; James Raiford, Senior AQ Specialist; Marti Skelly, Accounting Technician III; Mike Matthews, Senior AQ Specialist;*

Media Present: *none*

Others Present: *Curt Euler, Attorney; Mike Plemmons, CIBO*

Mr. Lovin called the meeting of the Western North Carolina Regional Air Quality Agency Board of Directors to order on January 12, 2015 at approximately 4:01 p.m.

The order of business was as follows:

I. PUBLIC COMMENT PROTOCOL ANNOUNCEMENT:

Mr. Lovin started the meeting by reading the announcement about the public comment protocol.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

There were no changes to the Agenda and Mr. Koon made a motion for approval. Mr. Kirk seconded the motion. It was approved 3-0.

III. CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of minutes from the November 9, 2014 Board Meeting: There were no changes to the minutes and Mr. Koon made a motion for approval. Mr. Kirk seconded the motion and it was approved 3-0.

IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

A. Update on Arrangement between Air Quality and Solid Waste Departments: Mr. Brigman advised that as of December 15, 2015, the Air Quality Agency was back at 49 Mount Carmel Road and will not consolidate with the Solid Waste Department. Solid Waste will be hiring a person for the administration of their business. Air Quality will be assisting Solid Waste in the transition and Marti Skelly will be going to Solid Waste a few days of the week to help. Mr. Brigman also advised that the heating and cooling system was in need of repairs at the Air Quality building and estimates have been received to make those repairs. He noted that it will save money if the repairs are done in-house by the County.

B. Update on Agency staff positions vacated by retiring employees: The following update was made by Mr. Brigman:

- Marti Skelly took Juanita Shanley's position. Ms. Shanley retired in November of 2014.
- Betsy Brown took Vic Fahrer's position.
- James Raiford came back to work at the Agency and took Betsy Brown's position in December 2014. The Agency is fortunate to have someone with his experience.
- Arnie Lingle retired at the end of December 2014.

C. New Ozone Standard Proposal: Mr. Brigman stated that EPA has proposed a new smog standard. The proposed range is 65-70 parts per billion. Buncombe County is currently at 64 parts per billion. Hot and dry summers tend to result in higher levels. Mecklenburg County/Charlotte may be the only area in the state that would be in violation if the standard is set at 70 parts per billion. The deadline to be in attainment is 2020.

D. WNCRAQA Presentation to the NC EMC's Air Quality Committee: David Brigman and Ashley Featherstone went to a Raleigh to do a presentation about what WNC Air Quality does. They answered questions about the program and funding. Mr. Brigman discussed the differences and similarities in the State rules versus WNCRAQA rules.

E. Facility Operating Permits (Renewals)

| Facility Name | Type of Facility | Facility Classification | Location | Changes from Existing Permit |
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| Asheville Pet Crematory, Inc. | Pet Crematory | Small | Summer Haven Road, Swannanoa | None |
| Milkco, Inc. | Fluid Milk, Juice and Water Processing, Packaging & Distribution Facility | Small | Deaverview Road, Asheville | Updated notification and reporting requirement summary tables in permit to include requirements for peak shaving engine |
| Shakespeare Conductive | Synthetic Fiber Coating Facility | Small | Sand Hill Road, Enka | None |

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| Fibers, LLC | | | | |
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There were no questions regarding the renewals and Mr. Kirk made a motion to approve the permits. Mr. Koon seconded the motion and it was approved 3-0.

F. Facility Permit Modifications

| Facility Name | Type of Facility | Facility Classification | Location | Changes from Existing Permit |
|--|---|--------------------------------|--|---|
| APAC-Atlantic, Inc., Harrison Construction Company | Portable Concrete, Stone, and Recycled Asphalt Pavement Crusher | Small | Various sites with local zoning authority approval | Addition of conveyor belt. A condition allowing flexibility for crusher permits will be added. |
| Eaton Electrical | Electrical Distribution Equipment Manufacturer | Small | Heywood Road, Arden | Addition of an emergency generator. |
| Mill Tek Toll Grinders, LLC | Mineral Product Grinding Facility | Small | Spiral Road, Arden | Addition of a jet mill to process the same bisque-fired clay products as the other permitted mills. |

There were no questions regarding the permit modifications and Mr. Koon made a motion for approval. Mr. Kirk seconded the motion and it was approved 3-0.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Legal Council Report – Mr. Euler: Mr. Euler had nothing to report.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Advisory Committee Report – Deal Kahl: Ashley Featherstone reported that the committee is planning to meet in March. The agenda for the committee meeting will include the Air Quality Excellence Awards for year 2015.

B. Calendar:

1. The next meeting of the Board will be Monday, March 9, 2015.

C. Announcements:

1. Expediting Permits: Mr. Koon commends the staff of Air Quality for the flexibility in expediting permits.
2. Budget/Finances Mr. Brigman and Mr. Lovin did meet with Wanda Greene. Mr. Lovin indicated that he wants to be diligent on budgeting and wants to review the Agency’s finances with another board member.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, Mr. Koon moved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 4:27 p.m. Mr. Kirk seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.