

TO: Western North Carolina Regional Air Quality Agency Board of Directors  
FROM: Betsy Brown, Air Quality Supervisor  
SUBJECT: May 8, 2017  
DATE: June 30, 2017

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Please find attached a copy of the **MINUTES** from the Monday, May 8, 2017 Board Meeting. The next meeting of the WNCRAQA Board is scheduled **Monday, July 10, 2017**, in the Buncombe County Planning and Development Board Room at 30 Valley Street, Asheville, N.C. 28801.

The Western North Carolina Regional Air Quality Agency Board of Directors met on Monday, May 8, 2017, at the Buncombe County Planning and Development Board Room, located at 30 Valley Street, Asheville, N.C.

The attendance of the Board members was as follows:

Members Present:

*Dean Kahl*  
*Vonna Cloninger*  
*Karl Koon*  
*Joel Storrow*

Members Absent:

*Britt Lovin*

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

Others Present: *Michael Frue, Board Attorney*

Dr. Kahl called the meeting of the Western North Carolina Regional Air Quality Agency Board of Directors to order on May 8, 2017 at approximately 4:01PM.

The order of business was as follows:

**I. Public Comment Protocol Announcement**

Dr. Kahl started the meeting by reading the announcement about the public comment protocol.

**II. Adjustment and approval of agenda**

Ms. Cloninger made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Koon seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

**III. Consent Agenda:**

**A. Approval of minutes from March 13, 2017.**

Mr. Koon made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Cloninger seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

**IV. Unfinished Business**

**A. FY18 Budget Approval**

The budget has not changed from what has previously been discussed and distributed. The Agency needs approval from Board. We do not know what will happen with the EPA and the grant budget. We pull the current federal 105 grant funds down between July 1 and Sept 30, so we are working off grant monies from the previous year which allows us some cushion. We may have to go back and amend the budget at a later time.

Mr. Storrow made a motion to approve the budget. Mr. Koon seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

**V. Director's Report:**

**A. Ambient Monitoring Update**

Monitors are up and running. Last year NC did not take their EPA grant funds. They were resetting their maintenance of effort. We were allocated \$64,000 of those funds from 2016 budget. We ordered 2 FRMS. We were going to order new data loggers, but James and IT have made changes that allow us to use computer equipment instead, and we may have enough funds left over to buy a new BAM. We will be in good shape with our particulate matter monitors. For the most part all of our equipment will be new. This has not happened since the 1990s when the particulate monitoring program began. Our ozone equipment is about four years old and still

fine. EPA would like us to replace our monitoring equipment about every 4 to 5 years. Last time, the ozone monitor was 15 years old when replaced. Ozone levels are still reading low. We had some problems last week with storms. We are considering getting a computer setup that will reboot if power goes out. The computer is telling monitors what to do now instead of data loggers so if goes down, we need for it to reboot itself. Most computers have that capability and will reboot. This one did not reboot and we were not immediately aware.

Does DAQ get new equipment more often than us? Answer, not really-we run the same equipment. DAQ unable to pull the funds down then- the state continuously has more revenue sources to buy new equipment than the Agency.

**B. Clean Air Excellence Awards and Clean Air Compliance Awards**

Ashley Featherstone reported that there is a memo in the Board packet with a list of 54 facilities which qualify for the Clean Air Compliance Award this year. These are the permitted facilities that have been in compliance with their air quality permit for the year. They had no valid complaints against them or compliance problems. We have been doing an award like this for about 15 years. We have good feedback from the facilities on these. We often see them posted at the facilities when we do inspections.

The Advisory Committee recommended presenting the Clean Air Excellence Award to the Asheville Housing Authority. They have made a lot of measurable energy usage reductions. The Citizen Advisory Committee, consists of Dr. Kahl, Terry Gentry with the Fire Marshal’s office, Ned Guttman, a retired meteorologist, and Keith Bamberger with the state Division of Air Quality. There are additional members from industry and the public, but they were not able to attend the meeting where the applicants were reviewed. There were three applicants or nominations. We plan to write back to the other two applicants to thank them for their applications. One was Asheville- Buncombe Energy Task Force who are trying to keep energy usage down to prevent the need for peaking units at Duke Energy Progress. They may apply again next year since they had not yet completed their first report with recommendations at the time that the application was due. The other applicant was Asheville Area Alternative Cremation Services, who has taken additional steps to ensure compliance with their permit. The presentation will be at the next Board meeting in July. As in the past, we will have a reception before the meeting.

Ashley Featherstone did a training presentation at MSD for staff running the sewage sludge incinerator. We appreciate her contribution.

**C. Facility Operating Permits (Renewals)**

Facility Name	Type of Facility	Facility Classification	Location	Changes from Existing Permit
Red Clay Aggregates	Portable Recycled Asphalt Pavement Crusher	Small	Three APAC-Atlantic, Inc. sites and various other sites with local zoning authority approval	None

Ms. Cloninger made a motion to approve the permit. Mr. Koon seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

**D. New Facility Operating Permit**

Facility Name	Type of Facility	Facility Classification	Location	Proposed Equipment
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Crush, LLC	Portable Concrete, Stone, and Recycled Asphalt Pavement Crusher	Small	Three APAC Atlantic sites and various other sites with local zoning authority approval	Crusher, Screen, Conveyor Belts, Generator
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Mr. Koon made a motion to approve the permit pending proper documentation with the Secretary of State for Crush, LLC. Ms. Cloninger seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

**VI. New Business:**

**A. Legal Counsel Report**

Nothing to report.

**VII. Other Business:**

**A. Advisory Committee Report – Dean Kahl**

Summarized earlier by Ashley Featherstone.

**B. Calendar**

Next regular scheduled meeting is July 10, 2017 at 4:00PM. Reception for Clean Air Excellence Award begins at 3:30PM.

**C. Announcements**

None

**VIII. Public Comment**

None

**IX. Adjournment**

Ms. Cloninger made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Storrow seconded. Motion passed, 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 4:23PM.