

TO: Western North Carolina Regional Air Quality Agency Board of Directors
FROM: Juanita Shanley, Administrative Secretary
SUBJECT: November 8, 2010
DATE: December 21, 2010

Please find attached a copy of the **DRAFT MINUTES** from the November 8, 2010 Board Meeting. The next meeting of the WNCRAQA Board is scheduled for **Monday, January 10, 2011** in the Agency Board Room at 49 Mt. Carmel Road, Asheville, NC.

CC: Mr. Jim Siemens, Board Attorney

The Western North Carolina Regional Air Quality Agency Board of Directors met on Monday, November 8, 2010, 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
Loyd Kirk
Karl Koon
Dean Kahl
Vonna Cloninger*

Members Absent:

Staff Present: *David Brigman, Director; Juanita Shanley, Administrative Secretary; Ashley Featherstone, Engineering Supervisor; Mike Matthews, Engineer; Vic Fahrer, Engineer; Kevin Lance, Enforcement and Monitoring Supervisor; James Raiford, Engineer; Arnie Lingle, Inspector.*

Media Present:

Others Present: *Katherine Fisher, Attorney; Mike Plemmons, CIBO;*

Mr. Lovin called the meeting of the Western North Carolina Regional Air Quality Agency Board of Directors to order on November 8, 2010, at approximately 4:00 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 and it was approved 5-0.

III. CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of minutes from the September 13, 2010 Board Meeting: Ms. Cloninger made a

motion to approve the minutes with no changes and Dr. Kahl seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Fee Increase Update:** Mr. Brigman stated the Agency was continuing to look at fees and ways to increase revenue. The state will have a large budget shortfall this year and the county is also looking at a possible budget reduction. The Agency needs to cut expenses this year to bring them more in line with revenues. He also informed the Board that the additional 105 grant money we were projected to get this year will probably not happen. Dr. Kahl asked about our equipment and how long it would last. Mr. Brigman told the Board our monitoring equipment is newer than the state's, but it is still ten years old. Mr. Lovin asked that he share with the Board in January how we are doing and what we are looking at cutting.
- B. Lunsford Appeal Hearing:** Mr. Lovin said he would carry this over to the January meeting since he just received the Findings of Fact from Ms. Fisher. He will review the information and present it to the board at the January meeting. Ms. Cloninger asked about the violator and what the hearing was about. Mr. Lovin and Mr. Brigman briefly explained.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- A. Quarterly Report – 3rd Qtr. 2010:** Mr. Brigman asked if the Board members had any questions about specific items on the report. Mr. Lovin wanted to know about high ozone days this year and there was a brief discussion of our ozone levels for the year.

B. Facility Operating Permits (Renewals)

Facility Name	Type of Facility	Facility Classification	Location	Changes from Existing Permit
Asheville Mortuary Services, LLC	Crematory	Small	89-B Thompson Street, Asheville	The NC Air Toxics Condition in the Permit will be amended to include a limit to ensure compliance based on the updated emission factors.

There were no questions regarding the operating permit and Dr. Kahl made a motion to approve the permits. Mr. Kirk seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Ms. Cloninger was concerned with the crematory complying with the regulations since they have had several violations. Mr. Brigman informed her they were in the process of buying another facility that would reduce the work load for this facility.

B. Facility Permit Modifications

Facility Name	Type of Facility	Facility Classification	Location	Changes from Existing Permit
Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc. – Asheville Steam Plant	Electric Generating Utility	Title V	200 CP&L Drive, Arden	Addition of a dry sorbent injection system to minimize duct work corrosion

There were no questions regarding the permit modification and Mr. Koon made a motion to approve the permit. Dr. Kahl seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Mr. Fahrer briefly explained that Progress Energy’s injecting dry sorbent to reduce corrosion in the duct work of the two coal-fired units could create problems for them meeting their opacity limit. For each unit, the continuous opacity monitoring system (COMS) is located upstream of the scrubber to avoid interference from water vapor in the stack when measuring opacity. As a result of the COMS location, the dry sorbent injected in the ductwork just upstream of the COMS would be included in the opacity measured by the COMS, even though much of the dry sorbent would be eliminated further downstream by the scrubber. However, Progress Energy has submitted an application to use a particulate matter continuous monitoring system (PM CEMS) located in the stack to demonstrate compliance with both PM and opacity limits in the permit.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Legal Council Report – Mr. Siemens: Ms. Fisher had nothing new to report.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Advisory Committee Report – Dean Kahl: The Advisory Committee has been wrapping up the fire truck retrofits. Dr. Kahl thanked Ms. Featherstone and Mac Salley for all the hard work put into this project. A press release was sent to all local media giving an overview of the project. A total of twenty trucks for the county and city departments were retrofitted. A press event is being held November 19th at the Asheville Fire Department and he invited everyone to attend if possible. There will also be a truck in the Holiday Parade on Saturday. The next meeting will be January 27, 2011, at which time they will continue to update the member list and look at new projects for the committee.

B. Calendar: The next meeting for the Board will be January 10, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Lovin asked the Board members to check the 2011 calendar for any conflicts and bring these up at the next meeting. There will need to be a meeting in late December to adopt the greenhouse gas rules. Mr. Brigman will let the Board members know when this meeting needs to take place.

C. Announcements:

None

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

IX. PRESENTATION:

Mr. Lovin told the Board that back in July, the Agency had been asked to make a presentation to the City Council updating them about the Agency. Mr. Brigman went through the presentation for the Board. He briefly explained the mission statement, history of the Agency and what we do. He reviewed the permitting and inspection process, the pollution sources in WNC, and the efforts made to reduce these emissions. He presented graphs showing the ozone and PM-2.5 data for the past several years, as well as discussing what it would mean if Buncombe County became non-attainment. He also briefly went over several public service projects the Agency has participated in to help reduce pollution.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, Mr. Kirk moved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 5:25 p.m. and Dr. Kahl seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.