

TO: Western North Carolina Regional Air Quality Agency Board of Directors
FROM: Juanita Shanley, Administrative Secretary
SUBJECT: March 11, 2013 Board Meeting
DATE: May 31, 2013

Please find attached a copy of the **MINUTES** from the March 11, 2013 Board Meeting. The next meeting of the WNCRAQA Board is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 14, 2013,** in the Agency Board Room at 49 Mt. Carmel Road, Asheville, NC.

The Western North Carolina Regional Air Quality Agency Board of Directors met on Monday, March 11, 2013, 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

Dean Kahl

Loyd Kirk

Vonna Cloninger (via teleconference)

Members Absent:

Karl Koon

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

Media Present:

Others Present: *Curt Euler, Attorney*

Mr. Lovin called the meeting of the Western North Carolina Regional Air Quality Agency Board of Directors to order on March 11, 2013, 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. Kirk made a motion for approval. Ms. Cloninger seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0.

III. CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of minutes from the January 14, 2013 Board Meeting: Ms. Cloninger made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Kirk seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. **Monitoring Station Update:** Mr. Brigman informed the Board that the lease had been signed and the building was almost complete. We may have to start the monitoring season at the old site and move to the new site later.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

A. **FY2014 Budget Discussion:** Mr. Brigman presented the FY 2014 budget to the Board for their review. He informed them it would go out for a thirty day public comment period then be voted on at the May meeting. The budget is about the same as the last few years, with the exception of last year when we purchased the new monitoring equipment. The 105 EPA grant may be cut approximately 5% this year because of federal budget cuts, which would reduce our funding by about \$12,000. The only added expense we will have this year is a new computer and new data loggers for the new monitoring station.

B. **Grant for Retrofitting Fire Engines:** Ms. Featherstone informed the Board the Agency had another grant opportunity this year to retrofit more fire engines with diesel oxidation catalysts. She sent out an email to all the stations and Reems Creek was interested in having five trucks retrofitted. We were awarded a \$12,000 grant from NC DENR for these five trucks.

C. Facility Operating Permit (Renewal)

Facility Name	Type of Facility	Facility Classification	Location	Proposed Equipment
Aprotech Powertrain, LLC	Automotive Components Mfg. Facility	Title V	128 Bingham Rd, Asheville	Equipment list, general conditions, and NC Air Toxics requirements were reviewed and updated.

There were no questions regarding the permit renewal and Mr. Kirk made a motion to approve the permit. Ms. Cloninger seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0.

D. Facility Permit Modifications

Facility Name	Type of Facility	Facility Classification	Location	Changes from Existing Permit
B.V. Hedrick Gravel & Sand – Grove Stone Quarry	Stone Crushing & Processing Facility	Small	Old U.S. 70, Swannanoa	Addition of portable crushing operation consisting of a crusher, screen, conveyor belts,

				generators
B. V. Hedrick Gravel & Sand – North Buncombe Quarry	Stone Crushing & Processing Facility	Small	100 Goldview Road, Weaverville	Addition of portable crushing operation consisting of a crusher, screen, conveyor belts, generators
Springs Global US – Charles D. Owen Manufacturing Company, Inc.	Textile Manufacturing Facility	Small	Warren Wilson College Road, Swannanoa	Name and Ownership Change

Ms. Cloninger did not receive the additional handout for B.V. Hedrick so Mr. Brigman briefly updated the Board on the change. This permit change will make them a synthetic minor source and put limitations on their allowable emissions. There were no questions regarding the permit modifications and Mr. Kirk made a motion to approve the permits. Dr. Kahl seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Legal Council Report – Mr. Euler:** Mr. Euler briefly updated the Board members on the Pitrolo case. Mr. Lovin also informed the Board of a Recommended Decision on the appeal hearing for Mr. Newby that will be reviewed at the next meeting.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. Advisory Committee:** Dr. Kahl updated the Board on the February 21st meeting of the Advisory Committee. Mr. Walt Smith from Energy Technology Services International, Inc. is interested in serving on the committee and Dr. Kahl asked that he be appointed to serve. There were no objections from the Board and Mr. Lovin appointed him to the committee. The Committee also discussed the Clean Air Excellence Awards and recommended four awards. 1) The City of Asheville Water Facility in the Institutional Category for their implementation of an environmental management system. 2) The Buncombe County Sheriff’s Department in the Institutional/Government category for retrofitting ten vehicles to operate on propane. 3) The Dept. of Veteran’s Affairs Medical Center in the Permitted Facility category for implementing a voluntary energy conservation program with documented energy savings and associated pollution reductions. 4) Blue Ridge Biofuels in the Business category for their work in reducing air pollution emissions through their various initiatives. Dr. Kahl made a motion that these four be presented awards at the May Board meeting. Mr. Kirk seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0. The Committee will meet again on April 29, 2013.
- B. Calendar:** The next meeting for the Board is scheduled for Monday, May 13, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Lovin ask if the meeting could be moved to Tuesday, May 14th. There were no objections and Mr. Lovin made a motion to move the meeting date to Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. Dr. Kahl seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0.
- B. Announcements:** Mr. Lovin announced that Dr. Kahl would give the Agency’s annual

report to the Asheville City Council on May 28, 2013 if any Board members would like to attend.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, Mr. Kirk moved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 4:40 p.m. and Dr. Kahl seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.