

TO: Western North Carolina Regional Air Quality Agency Board of Directors  
FROM: Marti Skelly, Accounting Technician III  
SUBJECT: July 13, 2015  
DATE: August 20, 2015

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Please find attached a copy of the **MINUTES** from the July 13, 2015 Board Meeting. The next meeting of the WNCRAQA Board is scheduled for **TUESDAY, September 8, 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, July 13, 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  
Vonna Cloninger  
Karl Koon  
Dean Kahl  
Loyd Kirk*

Members Absent:

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

Media Present: *BCTV*

Others Present: *Curt Euler, Attorney; Kelly Martin, Sierra Club; Kirsten Ross, Eaton Corporation-Arden Plant; Jeffrey Bierenbaum, Eaton Corporation – Arden Plant; Vanessa King, Biltmore; Patty Beaver, CIBO*

Mr. Lovin called the meeting of the Western North Carolina Regional Air Quality Agency Board of Directors to order on July 13, 2015 at approximately 4:07 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 Ms. Cloninger made a motion for approval. Mr. Koon seconded the motion. It was approved 5-0.

**III. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

**A. Clean Air Excellence Awards**

The WNCRAQA recognized two organizations that have made valuable contributions to

improve air quality in our region. The Clean Air Excellence Awards were presented to Vanessa King, Sustainability Manager at Biltmore; and Kirsten Ross and Jeffrey Bierenbaum representing the Eaton Corporation-Arden Plant, Inc. The awards were introduced by Ms. Ashley Featherstone and presented by Mr. Lovin for their contributions to air quality in Buncombe County. Mr. Lovin acknowledged and thanked the committee members for revamping the awards program.

Mr. Lovin excused those present who did not want to stay for the business section of the WNCRAQA Board Meeting.

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**A. Approval of minutes from the May 11, 2015 Board Meeting:**

There were no changes to the minutes and Mr. Koon made a motion for approval. Ms. Cloninger seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

**V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- A. Quarterly Report 1st Qtr. 2015:** Quarterly report is approved as printed. Mr. Brigman asked if there were any questions about the report; there were no questions.
- B. Monitoring Update:** The following update was made by Mr. Brigman: The agency ordered a crane to move the fine particle monitors that are located on the top of the Board of Education building. The monitors had to be moved approximately 100 yards from the previous spot due to renovation of the Board of Education. The monitors are now up & running as normal.
- C. Clean Air Compliance Awards:** The following update was made by Ms. Ashley Featherstone: There were 56 award recognition certificates mailed out by the Agency. For the thirteenth year in a row, the WNCRAQA is recognizing permitted facilities that have been in compliance with all aspects of their permit as well as other WNCRAQA rules and regulations over the past year. There were 56 facilities that fell in that category. Ms. Featherstone made a special note that it is nice to go into facilities and see that the facilities frame the awards to hang in their lobby.
- D. Electronic Board Books and Agenda Packets Update:** Update was given by Mr. David Brigman; the facility has been wired for WIFI to be installed. We are currently waiting on IT to come in to install the WIFI routers. We will then be able to pull up the agency's information from the internet. Ms. Cloninger questioned timing and Mr. Brigman said that the agency hoped it would be installed by the next board meeting.
- E. Duke Energy Progress Permit Renewal Update:** An update was given by Ms. Featherstone. The comments and emails have been categorized and the next step is to summarize each one. After summarization, a written response will be given to each comment and emailed comment. It will be a lengthy process to write the responses. It will be another month or longer before the document will be sent to the EPA due to the agency being busy with permit renewals and other agency business. The EPA will start their 45 day clock after they receive the document with the comments and agency responses from this agency.
- F. Board Member Attendance and Voting by Telephone:** Update given by Mr. Brigman, there needs to be a written policy added to the bylaws showing approval by the board to use telephone as a means of approved electronic communication. Mr. Euler explained typically you try not to have members present in a board meeting by means of telephone because things get lost in translation; he will investigate further.

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

<b>Facility Name</b>	<b>Type of Facility</b>	<b>Facility Classification</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Changes from Existing Permit</b>
Asheville Area Alternative Funeral & Cremation Services	Crematory	Small	702 Riverside Drive, Asheville	Condition related to NC Air Toxics rules will be updated per revised rules.
Black Rock Crushing, LLC	Portable Concrete, Stone, and Recycled Asphalt Pavement Crusher	Small	Three APAC Atlantic sites and various other sites with local zoning authority approval	None. As discussed in the memo to the Board, staff is waiting to hear back from Black Rock about whether they want to renew the permit.
City of Asheville, Water Resources Dept. – North Fork Water Treatment Plant	Water Treatment Facility	Small	3374 North Fork-Left Fork Road, Black Mountain	Insignificant activity list will be updated.
Cremation Services of WNC, LLC	Crematory	Small	856 Tunnel Road, Asheville	Condition related to NC Air Toxics rules will be updated per revised rules.
East Coast Drilling & Blasting, Inc.	Portable Concrete, Stone, and Recycled Asphalt Pavement Crusher	Small	Various sites with local zoning authority approval	None
Forever Faithful Pet Memorial Gardens & Cremation Center	Crematory	Small	110 Lyman Street, Asheville	None
Southern Concrete Materials – Biltmore Plant	Ready-mix Concrete Facility	Small	35 Meadow Road, Asheville	Insignificant activity list will be updated.
Southern Concrete Materials – Weaverville Plant	Ready-mix Concrete Facility	Small	24 Ollie Weaver Road, Weaverville	None

Mr. Lovin pulled Black Rock for questions; Mr. Lovin questioned if Black Rock was still requesting renewal; Ms. Featherstone replied that they were requesting renewal. After no further questions, Black Rock Crushing, LLC renewal request was entered and Ms. Cloninger made a motion to approve the renewal permit. Mr. Koon seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

There were no questions regarding the remaining renewals and Ms. Cloninger made a motion to approve the permits. Mr. Kirk seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Proposal of Regulatory Changes:** Ms. Featherstone noted there is one proposed change that the board needs to adopt. The 2014 NC Air Toxics regulations have a table of pollutants and emission rates that contains three errors. Dr. Kahl questioned how long the regulations were in error. Ms. Featherstone noted the regulations were incorrect since September, however it was not an issue on any facility permits.

There were no questions regarding the regulatory changes and Mr. Kirk made a motion to adopt the regulatory changes. Ms. Cloninger seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

- B. Legal Counsel Report:** No new business to report.

**VII. OTHER BUSINESS:**

- A. Advisory Committee Report – Deal Kahl:** An update was given by Dr. Kahl. The committee is currently up to date with no meetings scheduled.

**B. Calendar:**

1. The next meeting of the Board will be Tuesday, September 8, 2015.

- C. Announcements:** None

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ms. Kelly Martin, representing the Sierra Club, spoke to say thank you to Ms. Featherstone and the permitting staff for the progress on the Duke permit renewal. She made special note that pollution is a concern even though Duke has made an announcement that they will be retiring the coal fired units and switching to natural gas at the Asheville Plant. The permit is still very important.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business, Mr. Koon moved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m. Ms. Cloninger seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.