

TO: Western North Carolina Regional Air Quality Agency Board of Directors
FROM: Betsy Brown, Air Quality Supervisor
SUBJECT: May 9, 2016
DATE: June 23, 2016

Please find attached a copy of the **MINUTES** from the May 9, 2016 Board Meeting. The next meeting of the WNCRAQA Board is scheduled **Monday, July 11, 2016**, in the Agency Board Room at 125 South Lexington Ave Suite 101, Asheville, N.C. 28801.

The Western North Carolina Regional Air Quality Agency Board of Directors met on Monday, May 9, 2016, at the boardroom of the Western North Carolina Regional Air Quality Agency, located at 125 South Lexington Ave Suite 101, Asheville, N.C.

The attendance of the Board members was as follows:

Members Present:

Britt Lovin

Dean Kahl

Loyd Kirk

Karl Koon

Vonna Cloninger

Members Absent:

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

Media Present: *none*

Others Present: *Michael Frue, Attorney; Vince Hyatt, Attorney with Buncombe County; Julie Mayfield, City Council*

Mr. Lovin called the meeting of the Western North Carolina Regional Air Quality Agency Board of Directors to order on May 9, 2016 at approximately 4:02 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:

Mr. Lovin proposed an adjustment to the agenda; adding a closed executive session as item IX. and moving Adjournment to item X. Mr. Koon made a motion for approval. Ms. Cloninger seconded the motion. It was approved 5-0.

III. Consent Agenda:

Approval of minutes from the March 14, 2016 Board Meeting:

There was a misspelling of Mr. Lovin's name in the previous minutes. There were no other changes to the minutes and Dr. Kahl made a motion for approval with correction. Ms. Cloninger seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

IV. Unfinished Business:

A. FY17 Budget Approval

Dr. Kahl commented on how much employee benefits added to the budget. Mr. Lovin noted that much of this was dictated by the county. Mr. Brigman commented that this includes longevity pay, insurance, and 401k. There were no further questions regarding the FY2017 Budget. Mr. Koon made a motion to approve the budget. Dr. Kahl seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

V. Director’s Report:

A. Duke Energy Progress Permit Renewal Update (Ashley Featherstone)

The Agency has submitted the revised draft permit along with comments and our responses to comments document to the EPA back on April 15th. That began EPA’s 45 day review period of the permit renewal. That period will expire May 30th. At that time we will consider any comments and will decide what recommendations we would make to the Board, whether to submit it as is or to include any changes that EPA might suggest. If there are no extensive changes, we may have the permit to present to the Board by the July Board meeting. This would just be for the renewal. We have a significant modification pending and a construction permit pending. We hope to get the TV permit renewed and then soon after, present the construction permit for the new natural gas turbines to the Board, September or November at the latest. We will also be working on a significant modification to incorporate conditions of the Mercury Air Toxic Standard which they are currently subject to and complying with. Duke is currently operating under their permit application shield which means that since they submitted their permit renewal application on time, they can continue to operate under that permit even though the permit expiration date listed on the permit has passed. We are required to act on that permit. Duke plans to have the gas turbines up and running in 2020. Deconstruction of the coal boilers will occur after that. They hope to start construction in November.

B. Facility Operating Permits (Renewals)

Facility Name	Type of Facility	Facility Classification	Location	Changes from Existing Permit
Asheville Landfill Gas, LLC	Landfill Gas Collection, Control, and Distribution Facility	Small	Riverside Dr., Asheville	None
Cormark International, LLC	Wood Millwork Facility	Small	Reems Creek Road, Weaverville	Addition of control device inspection requirements

Mr. Koon moved to approve. Mr. Kirk seconded. Motion passed 5-0 to renew permits.

C. Facility Permit Modifications

Facility Name	Type of Facility	Facility Classification	Location	Changes from Existing Permit
Perfection Gear, Inc.	Power Transmission Manufacturing Facility	Small	9 North Bear Creek Road, Asheville	Replace paint booth and add oven.

Mr. Koon moved to approve. Ms. Cloninger seconded. Motion passed 5-0 to modify the permit.

VI. New Business:

A. Legal Counsel Report- None. Vince Hyatt, a new hire with Buncombe County was introduced. He may be designated our legal counsel.

VII. Other Business:

A. Advisory Committee Report – Dean Kahl

Clean Air Excellence Award – there were no nominees. Keith Bamberger, NCDEQ- DAQ, asked if we would host the statewide AQ-IQ awards at the July Board meeting. There will be a brief reception at approximately 3:30PM before the Board Meeting.

B. Calendar

Next Regular Scheduled meeting is July 11, 2016 (Agenda incorrectly showed May 9, 2016)

C. Announcements

A plaque was presented to Loyd Kirk in recognition for 12 years of service as a Board member. Mr. Kirk’s term is expiring in July.

Mr. Lovin thanked Julie Mayfield for attending. Currently there is no Buncombe Co liaison. Mr. Frue said the Board is considered a partner agency to the county and so there was no reason for a liaison.

VIII. Public Comment

None

IX. Closed Session

Mr. Koon moved to go to the closed session per NCGS§ 143-318.11 (a)6 to discuss a personnel matter. Ms. Cloninger seconded. Motion passed 5-0. At 4:22 PM the Board went to closed session. The Board went into discussion about the employment agreement for the Director, David Brigman. The Board unanimously agreed to update the employment agreement.

X. Adjournment

The Board returned from closed session at 4:36PM. Mr. Koon motioned that the Board adjourn. Dr. Kahl seconded. The motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 4:36 PM.