

TO: Western North Carolina Regional Air Quality Agency Board of Directors
FROM: Juanita Shanley, Administrative Secretary
SUBJECT: May 14, 2012
DATE: May 14, 2012

Please find attached a copy of the **DRAFT MINUTES** from the May 14, 2012 Board Meeting. The next meeting of the WNCRAQA Board is scheduled for **Monday, July 9, 2012**, 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, May 14, 2012, at the Board Room 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:

*Dean Kahl
Karl Koon
Loyd Kirk*

Members Absent:

*Britt Lovin
Vonna Cloninger*

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; Arnie Lingle, Inspector; James Raiford, Engineer*

Media Present: *Judy Davidson, Buncombe County TV*

Others Present: *Curt Euler, Attorney; Denise Braine, Buncombe Co. Planning; Lori Hembree, General Manager of Mountain Mobility; Bill Eaker, Land of Sky Regional Council; Keith Bamberger, NC DAQ*

Dr. Kahl called the meeting of the Western North Carolina Regional Air Quality Agency Board of Directors to order on May 14, 2012, at approximately 4:02 p.m.

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. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

There were no other changes to the Agenda and Mr. Koon made a motion for approval. Dr. Kahl seconded the motion and it was approved 3-0.

III. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Clean Air Excellence Awards: The Agency has been recognizing businesses and organizations since 2004 that have exceeded expectations in reducing air pollution in our area. Ms. Featherstone stated that this year two recipients were being recognized, Bill Eaker of Land-of-Sky Regional Council and Mountain Mobility, Buncombe County's transportation system.

Bill Eaker has over 30 years of experience in environmental issues and helped establish the regional Clean Air Campaign and the Clean Vehicles Coalition. This Coalition has assisted numerous entities in securing funding for alternative fuel vehicle projects, thus reducing greenhouse gas emissions, as well as fuel consumption. He has demonstrated outstanding leadership and dedication in preserving and protecting the air quality of Buncombe County. Dr. Kahl presented Mr. Eaker with a plaque of recognition and Mr. Eaker thanked the Agency, as well as all the participating partners that have made these projects work.

Ms. Featherstone next introduced Mountain Mobility as a recipient. Mountain Mobility is Buncombe County's community transportation system and is the first in the state to use alternative fuel vehicles in their paratransit fleet. They have recently converted ten fleet vehicles to a dual-fuel system enabling them to run on liquid propane in addition to gasoline. They have also purchased twelve new buses that run on compressed natural gas, bringing their fleet to 51% that use alternative fuels. Dr. Kahl presented a plaque to Lori Hembree, General Manager of Mountain Mobility. Ms. Hembree thanked the county for their support, as well as Land-of-Sky for their all their help with the projects.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of minutes from the March 12, 2012 Board Meeting: Mr. Kirk made a motion to approve the minutes with no changes and Mr. Koon seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. FY13 Budget Approval: The budget was sent out for a thirty-day public comment period. No comments were received. Mr. Brigman informed the Board that the only big change from last year is in capital expenditures. The Agency is planning to purchase new monitoring equipment that will be identical to that of the state (DAQ). We are just waiting for the state to make a decision on the type of equipment they will be purchasing. There were no questions on the budget and Mr. Koon made a motion for approval. Mr. Kirk seconded the motion and it was approved 3-0.

B. Regulatory Change on Open Burning: At the last Board meeting, the open burning regulatory change failed to be adopted and it was decided to have the Advisory Committee look at the change. The Advisory Committee recommended the rule be adopted since the Agency has no option but to enforce the law, which is incorporated in the proposed regulation. Dr. Kahl made the motion to adopt the change and Mr. Koon seconded the motion. Mr. Kirk expressed his disapproval that the state had made this change, but stated he understood that the Agency had no option. The motion was approved 3-0.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Brigman informed the Board that the owner of Blue Ridge Concrete had sent an email stating he has closed the plant in Weaverville and does not need his permit. The agency has mailed a letter asking for clarification of his closure, and if we do not hear from him in 60 days, we will cancel the permit

A. 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 in Buncombe Co.	None

There were no questions regarding the permit renewal and Mr. Kirk made a motion to approve the permit. Mr. Koon seconded the motion and it was approved 3-0.

B. Facility Permit Modifications

Facility Name	Type of Facility	Facility Classification	Location	Proposed Equipment
APAC – Atlantic, Inc., Enka Facility	Asphalt Manufacturing Facility	Synthetic Minor	Smoky Park Hwy Enka,	The condition addressing recycled asphalt shingles as a raw material will be updated.
APAC – Atlantic, Inc., Weaverville Facility	Asphalt Manufacturing Facility	Synthetic Minor	Goldview Rd., Weaverville	The condition addressing recycled asphalt shingles as a raw material will be updated

There were no questions regarding the permit modifications and Mr. Koon made a motion to approve the permits. Mr. Kirk seconded the motion and it was approved 3-0.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair: Mr. Brigman told the Board members that Mr. Lovin had agreed to serve another term as Chair and Dr. Kahl had agreed to serve another term as Vice-Chair. Mr. Koon made a motion to reappoint Mr. Lovin as Chair and Dr. Kahl as Vice-Chair. Mr. Kirk seconded the motion and it was approved 3-0.

B. Legal Council Report – Mr. Euler: Mr. Euler had nothing to report. Mr. Wimer is trying to motivate the judge in the Pitrolo case to make a decision, but we have not heard anything.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Advisory Committee Report – Dr. Kahl: Dr. Kahl informed the Board that the Advisory Committee had concluded all their business at the last meeting. The staff will look to see if there is anything for them to work on, if not, the next meeting will be canceled.

B. Calendar: The next meeting of the Board will be July 9, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

C. Announcements: None

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, Mr. Koon moved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 4:45 p.m. and Mr. Kirk seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.