

TO: Western North Carolina Regional Air Quality Agency Board of Directors

FROM: Marti Skelly, Accounting Technician III

SUBJECT: March 9, 2015

DATE: April 29, 2015

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Please find attached a copy of the **MINUTES** from the March 9, 2015 Board Meeting. The next meeting of the WNCRAQA Board is scheduled for **Monday, May 11, 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, March 9, 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*

*Loyd Kirk*

*Dean Kahl*

Members Absent:

*Karl Koon*

*Vonna Cloninger*

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

Media Present: *none*

Others Present: *Curt Euler, Attorney; Kelly Martin, Sierra Club; Emma Greenbaum, Sierra Club*

Mr. Lovin called the meeting of the Western North Carolina Regional Air Quality Agency Board of Directors to order on March 9, 2015 at approximately 4:04 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.

Mr. Kahl seconded the motion. It was approved 3-0.

***III. CONSENT AGENDA:***

**Approval of minutes from the January 12, 2015 Board Meeting:** There were no changes to the minutes and Mr. Kirk made a motion for approval. Dr. Kahl seconded the motion and it was approved 3-0.

**IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- A. Quarterly Report for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2014:** Mr. Brigman offered to answer any questions regarding the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report. Mr. Lovin inquired on the date of the Ozone Kick-Off for the season and Ms. Featherstone advised that the kick off for the year 2015 Ozone Season is on March 31, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. at Land of Sky.
- B. FY2016 Budget Discussion:** The following update was made by Mr. Brigman: The FY 2016 Budget will include a capital project of replacing the TEOM monitors with BAM monitors. Mr. Brigman also assisted with explaining the budget line by line. Mr. Lovin mentioned that the Agency is to keep Ms. Cloninger and Mr. Koon informed on budget information.
- C. Electronic Board Books and Agenda Packets:** Mr. Brigman explained that the Agency requests to go to an electronic version of the board books in lieu of paper copies. The expense of printing, paper, and labor to make 11 copies of each change in the regulation for the books can be greatly reduced by putting the policies and procedures on a flash drive, and providing the ability to be viewed on a personal device. Mr. Lovin mentioned that Mr. Brigman had come to him with the request to go to an electronic version of the Board manuals. Mr. Lovin would like to vote on this item in May when Ms. Cloninger and Mr. Koon are in attendance. He also mentioned that we would keep one hard copy in the board room, and the other copies would be electronic. Mr. Euler mentioned the use of online records, making their files constantly updated and the public always has access, he stated it works well.
- D. Recent Publicity Regarding Sulfur Dioxide Standard and Duke Energy Progress Permit Renewal:** Special note \* Ms. Featherstone made note that there was an error on the minutes reported from the January 12, 2015 Board Meeting. The error is the Milkco, Inc. Facility classification under the Facility Operating Permits (Renewals). The classification is reported as Small; it should be reported as Synthetic Minor. Mr. Euler explained that the change must be voted on for approval.  
Mr. Kirk made a motion to approve the change. Dr. Kahl seconded the motion. It was approved 3-0.

Regarding SO<sub>2</sub> Standards; Ms. Featherstone addressed that there had been media attention brought forth by the Sierra Club regarding the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for SO<sub>2</sub> that EPA issued in 2010 and the modeling study that was by Sierra Club for this area. The study suggests that emissions from Duke Energy Progress may be causing an exceedance of the standard. Because WNCAQA permits Duke Energy Progress as a Title V facility, the WNCAQA has received public comments and a request for a public hearing regarding renewal of the Duke Energy Progress Permit. Ms. Featherstone wanted to address the board and make the board aware of the situation, advising that the permit renewal would include a public comment period, EPA review, and the agency has decided to have a public hearing.

**E. 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>
Charter Communications - Asheville	Cable TV, Internet, and Telephone Services Provider	Small	Hendersonville Road, Asheville	None

City of Asheville Water Resources Department	Drinking Water Pumping Station	Small	Riceville Road, Asheville	None
Baldor Electric Company	Mechanical Power Transmission Equipment Mfg. Facility	Small	Reems Creek Road, Weaverville	Non-permitted emissions source list will be updated.
Nonwovens of America, Inc.	Textile Manufacturing Facility	Small	Warren Wilson College Road, Swannanoa	Non-permitted emissions source list will be updated.

There were no questions regarding the renewals and Mr. Kirk made a motion to approve the permits. Dr. Kahl seconded the motion and it was approved 3-0.

**F. Facility Permit Modifications**

Facility Name	Type of Facility	Facility Classification	Location	Changes from Existing Permit
Plasticard - Locktech International, LLP dba PLI	Specialty printer of plastic and paper products	Small	Sweeten Creek Industrial Park Road, Asheville	Replacement of a printing press

There were no questions regarding the permit modifications and Dr. Kahl made a motion for approval. Mr. Kirk seconded the motion and it was approved 3-0.

**G. New Facilities**

Facility Name	Type of Facility	Facility Classification	Location	Proposed Equipment
Ray and Allen Funeral Services, Inc.	Crematory	Small	Sweeten Creek Road, Asheville	One crematory incinerator

There were no questions regarding the permit and Dr. Kahl made a motion for approval. Mr. Kirk seconded the motion and it was approved 3-0.

**V. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Proposal of Regulatory Changes:** The State Division of Air Quality has made changes to several rules that the agency is proposing to adopt by reference. One change is a result of the US Supreme Court Decision that sources cannot be triggered in to the Title V and PSD programs as a result of greenhouse gas emissions alone. The state transportation facility permitting rules are being repealed. These rules only addressed carbon monoxide emissions, which have declined in recent years. Permit terms for non-Title V facilities are being adjusted from five years to eight years. The open burning rules are being amended as required by the legislature, to allow the burning of land clearing debris at offsite locations as long as certain

requirements are met. Dr. Kahl made a motion to approve the regulatory changes and Mr. Kirk seconded the motion. It was approved 3-0.

- B. Legal Council Report – Mr. Euler:** Mr. Euler reported that \$90.41 was collected in the Pitrolo case. This should be the last report regarding the case.

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS:**

- A. Advisory Committee Report – Deal Kahl:** An update was given by Dr. Kahl: Ms. Featherstone sent out the memo about the Air Quality Excellence Awards for year 2015. The deadline for nominations is on March 16, 2015. The Agency did a better job with publicity this year and Mr. Lovin noted the article was posted in the Citizens Times newspaper. The plan is to have a committee meeting in April 2015.

**B. Calendar:**

1. The next meeting of the Board will be Monday, May 11, 2015.

**C. Announcements: No other announcements**

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Lovin requested any public comments. Ms. Kelly Martin, Sierra Club representative, indicated she had public comments. She introduced Emma Greenbaum, also a Sierra Club representative. Ms. Martin offered clarification that the Sierra Club did not conduct modeling on SO<sub>2</sub> analysis and that the modeling was conducted by Air Resource Specialist using EPA approved models. Ms. Martin stated she is hearing public concerns with Duke Energy specifically, and would appreciate if WNCRAQA would hear public comments via public hearing.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business, Mr. Kirk moved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 4:27 p.m. Dr. Kahl seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.