

TO: Western North Carolina Regional Air Quality Agency Board of Directors
FROM: Betsy Brown, Air Quality Supervisor
SUBJECT: January 9, 2017
DATE: March 3, 2017

Please find attached a copy of the **MINUTES** from the January 9, 2017 Board Meeting. The next meeting of the WNCRAQA Board is scheduled **Monday, March 13, 2017**, in the Buncombe County Planning and Development Board Room at 30 Valley Street, Asheville, N.C. 28801.

The Western North Carolina Regional Air Quality Agency Board of Directors met on Monday, January 9, 2017, at the Buncombe County Planning and Development Board Room, located at 30 Valley Street, Asheville, N.C.

The attendance of the Board members was as follows:

Members Present:

Britt Lovin

Joel Storrow

Karl Koon

Vonna Cloninger

Members Absent:

Dean Kahl

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

Others Present: *Michael Frue, Board Attorney; Mike Plemmons, CIBO; Julie Mayfield, Asheville City Council (liaison)*

Mr. Lovin called the meeting of the Western North Carolina Regional Air Quality Agency Board of Directors to order on January 9, 2017 at approximately 4:02PM.

The order of business was as follows:

I. Public Comment Protocol Announcement

II. Adjustment and approval of agenda

Mr. Koon made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Cloninger seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

III. Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of minutes from November 14, 2016.

Mr. Koon made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Cloninger seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

IV. Director's Report:

A. Duke Energy Progress SO₂ Monitoring/Modeling Update

Mr. Brigman: during the last meeting we said Duke would be doing modeling to show compliance with the SO₂ standard. EPA finalized changes to the modeling rules at the end of the year. As a result Duke could no longer pass the modeling. They got the monitor up on Brown Mountain on the 28th, but it did not start January 1st as it was supposed to; it was not operational until January 5th. They have to meet the data completeness guidelines since the monitor was not up and running until January 5th. The State didn't seem to think that would be a problem. The consent decree between EPA and Sierra Club stated that any monitoring had to start January 1st. No attainment designations will be made for SO₂ until the end of 2017.

Attainment designation made the end of 2017 will be based on modeling. Attainment designations that are based on monitoring will not be made until 2020. We could be designated unclassifiable or non-attainment because the monitor was not up and running. There is a lot of uncertainty with the new administration coming in. It is unknown how it will all shake out with the EPA, and with the EPA lawyers and the Sierra Club lawyers. Data from this monitor should be showing up shortly on the state monitoring website and should be publicly accessible. Mr. Storrow asked if the Agency had any liability or exposure from Duke not having the monitor up and running on time. Mr. Brigman said he thought it would be the

state's responsibility. It is covered under the SIP. Mr. Lance said that the awareness of deadlines is well documented and the deadline is covered under NC SIP for monitoring. Duke was showing compliance with the modeling until the final rules came out. The monitor was at the approved site, but there was no power. If a non-attainment area is designated, it would be just around Duke. Ms. Featherstone said that they are just missing the first 5 days; we are hopeful that they could still be able to meet the data completeness requirement. Mr. Lance said Duke is supposed to allow us to observe audits and have access to data.

B. Agency Office Space Update

The Agency has moved to the third floor of 200 College St. The lab is on Valley Street which is across the street. This is a better setup than we had at the last location. We still have a few items at the other office. Mike Matthews is still at the Permit Office. This will be our meeting place going forward.

C. Update on Delegation Request for 40 CFR 62 Subpart LLL-Existing Sewage Sludge Incinerators

The Agency just had the public hearing on the 21st of December. We only had one attendee from the facility. One Board member, Joel Storrow, attended. Mr. Lovin was the hearing officer. There were no public comments. The next step would be to submit the formal delegation request to the EPA now that we have had the public hearing. We plan to do that later this month.

D. Facility Operating Permits (Renewals)

Facility Name	Type of Facility	Facility Classification	Location	Changes from Existing Permit
Mission Hospital	Office Facility	Small	980 Hendersonville Road, Asheville	No changes
Tutco, Inc.	Manufacturer of custom electric heaters	Small	30 Legend Drive, Arden	No changes

Mr. Koon made a motion to renew the permits. Mr. Storrow seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

E. Facility Permit Modifications

Facility Name	Type of Facility	Facility Classification	Location	Changes from Existing Permit
Duke Energy Progress, Inc.	Electric Generating Utility	Title V	200 CP&L Drive, Arden	Replace the existing coal fired generation with natural gas fired generation.
Vertique, Inc.	Conveyor and Conveying Equipment Manufacturer	Synthetic Minor	115 Vista Boulevard, Arden	Name and ownership change

Mr. Koon made a motion to approve the permit modifications. Ms. Cloninger seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

F. New Facility Operating Permit

Facility Name	Type of Facility	Facility Classification	Location	Proposed Equipment
Harwood Home for Funerals, Inc.	Crematory	Small	208 West State Street, Black Mountain	One crematory incinerator

Mr. Koon made a motion to approve the permit. Ms. Cloninger seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

V. New Business:

A. Legal Counsel Report

Nothing to report.

VI. Other Business:

A. Advisory Committee Report – Dean Kahl out

Ms. Featherstone said that we have not met, will send out letters requesting nominations for the Environmental Excellence Award.

B. Calendar

1. Approval of remaining 2017 Board meeting schedule:

March 13, 2017

May 8, 2017

July 10, 2017

September 11, 2017

November 13, 2017

The next scheduled meeting is March 13, 2017.

Mr. Koon made a motion to approve the meeting schedule. Ms. Cloninger seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

C. Announcements

Mr. Storrow said Ms. Featherstone had informed him of the Clean Air Act Webinar presented by the Mid-Atlantic Regional Air Management Association. He stated that it was very informative and he appreciated being included.

We usually have the Ozone Season Kickoff media event before the beginning of ozone season. This year the ozone monitoring season starts earlier, March 1st, and a time to have the kickoff event has been difficult to coordinate. We hope to have the kickoff around the end of March, or the first of April.

VII. Public Comment

None.

VIII. Adjournment

Mr. Koon made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Cloninger seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:20PM