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FORSYTH COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE and PROTECTION BOARD MEETING

April 16, 2013

The Forsyth County Environmental Assistance and Protection Board met on April 16, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the Equalization and Review Board Room, Forsyth County Government Center, 201 North Chestnut Street, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter DeVries, Chairman
Tommy Thompson, Vice Chair
Nathan Atkinson
Richard Sieg
Charles Wilson

MEMBERS ABSENT: William Mosko
Beth Williams

FCOEAP PRESENT: Jeff Ebbitt Peter Lloyd
Donna Murphy Bob Ragland
Rob Russ Mike Settle

VISTORS: Mike Hastings
Max Hopkins
Howard Moore

I. Call to Order.

Peter DeVries called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Minutes of January 16, 2013.

Peter DeVries opened discussion on the January minutes. Tommy Thompson made a motion to accept the minutes. Charles Wilson seconded the motion and the Board approved the minutes.

III. Air Quality Awards.

Peter Lloyd addressed the Board about the Air Quality Awards. Tommy Thompson commented that the Board had decided last year that any Permitted Source would receive an award as long as they had no deficiencies or NOV's. Tommy Thompson made a motion to accept. Richards Sieg seconded the motion and the Board approved the awards.

IV. Special Air Quality Awards and Special Environmental Awards.

Howard Moore of Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools gave a presentation about lighting upgrades being done at all Forsyth County Schools. Light fixtures were converted to more energy saving replacements, saving the school system

money in electrical costs and kWh reductions. Richard Sieg made a motion to approve the Air Quality Award. This was seconded by Tommy Thompson, motion passed unanimously.

Mike Hastings of RJ Reynolds gave a presentation regarding recycling being done at their facilities. Nathan Atkinson made a motion to approve the award. Tommy Thompson seconded the motion. Charles Wilson abstained from voting. The Board approved the award.

V. Announcement of Staff changes within EAP.

Bob Ragland addressed the Board regarding the many staff changes going on within EAP due to staff vacancies, promotions and other factors.

Tommy Thompson asked whether the reduction in permitted facilities would affect our grant. Bob Ragland stated that the number of sources is not a factor since the increase in regulatory requirements compensates for the source reduction. He stated there is no evidence to this date that any reduction in grant monies is going to occur. The sequestration may have some impact but there is no evidence that this will happen though things can always change.

Peter DeVries asked about proposed arsenic limits. Peter Lloyd stated there is a state recommendation to set rules regarding arsenic limits and permitting thresholds. There is also a state proposal for changes to the air toxics program. The state recently released a report on the changes recommending a second set of thresholds that are higher for sources with unobstructed stacks and their emissions.


VI. Next Tentative Meeting is July 16, 2013.

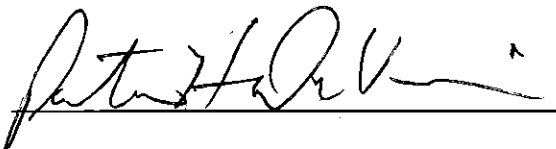
The Board requested staff to provide at the next meeting a summary and phone list of the staff changes that are happening with the employees at EAP.

The board also requested staff to provide a presentation at the next meeting of proactive efforts to educate the regulated community to comply with regulations and other efforts to promote compliance with National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

VII. Peter DeVries adjourned the meeting.

Dated: 7/16/13


W. Minor Barnette, Director

Approved:  Peter H. DeVries, Chairman