

**FORSYTH COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE and PROTECTION
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

July 16, 2013

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter DeVries, Chairman
Tommy Thompson, Vice Chair
Richard Sieg
Beth Williams
Charles Wilson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nathan Atkins
William Mosko

FCOEAP PRESENT: Minor Barnette Joy Roach
Jason Bodenhamer Michael Settle
Bob Ragland

VISTORS: Meghan Evans

I. Call to Order.

Peter DeVries called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of April 16, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes.

Peter DeVries opened discussion. Richard Sieg made a motion to accept the minutes. Charles Wilson seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.

III. The Office of Environmental Assistance and Protection Reorganization – Review and Contact Information

Minor Barnette addressed the board regarding recent staff changes and division consolidation within the office. At the conclusion, Mr. Barnette asked if there were any questions.

Peter DeVries mentioned the board has seen fewer appeals for open burning violations and wondered if the office has noticed a decline in offenses. Michael Settle and Minor Barnette responded by explaining the educational outreach and assistance that is given to the public. As a result, there are very few repeat offenders. This, together with the Office's informal hearings, has resulted in the reduction of formal appeals before the Board.

IV. Forsyth County Recycling Program

Minor Barnette spoke to the board regarding the current status of the recycling program. Mr. Barnette stated that with less than 3000 of the approximately 22000 households in the unincorporated areas using the recycling service, Waste Management exercised their legal option to terminate the recycling collection service before completion of the initial three year term of the agreement. The end date is Nov. 5th, 2013. The Board asked questions and discussed ways they may be able to gather support for continuation of the service.. Charles Wilson asked if Mr. Barnette could provide the Board with a summary of the statistical data related to county recycling and solid waste management. Mr. Barnette agreed to provide the requested information to the Advisory Board.

V. The Office of Environmental Assistance and Protection's Outreach and Assistance Efforts

Bob Ragland, Jason Bodenhamer, and Michael Settle gave reports for each division and how they interact with the public and businesses within Forsyth County. The reports highlighted the efforts in "assistance" and outreach provided by the Office staff. Peter DeVries asked Mr. Ragland if he could provide him with a link to the webinars provided by U.S. EPA that explained the new federal Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engine (RICE) rules. Mr. Ragland agreed to send the Advisory Board the links.

VI. Next Tentative Meeting is October 15, 2013.

VII. Peter DeVries adjourned the meeting

Dated: 10/15/13

W. Minor Barnette
W. Minor Barnette, Director

Approved: Peter H. DeVries

Peter H. DeVries, Chairman