

Minutes

(The following is a summary of the meeting)

Forsyth County Environmental Assistance and Protection Board Meeting

January 17, 2012

The Forsyth County Environmental Assistance and Protection Board met on January 17, 2012 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
Don Nielsen
Richard Sieg
Charles Wilson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nathan Atkinson
William Mosko
Tommy Thompson

FCOEAP PRESENT: Minor Barnette
Jeff Ebbitt
Peter Lloyd
Keith Tart
Joy Roach

VISITORS: None

I. Call to Order

Peter DeVries called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Minutes of September 20th, 2011

Peter DeVries asked if there were any questions concerning the minutes of the last meeting. Don Nielson moved to accept the September 20, 2011 minutes. A second was received from Charles Wilson and the minutes were approved unanimously.

III. Introduction of Director

Minor Barnette introduced himself to the board and gave a description of his previous work history with the County.

IV. Change of Department's Name

Minor Barnette informed the Board of the new name "Office of Environmental Assistance and Protection" and the addition of county solid waste and recycling programs. He included a Power Point presentation with information on the programs, and answered questions from Board members.

V. Public Hearing on Proposed Code Modifications

Peter DeVries opened the public hearing on the proposed changes to the Forsyth County Code and Air Quality Technical Code. Keith Tart presented changes to the Air Quality Code and Air Quality Technical Code explaining the proposed modifications. The following rules were proposed for modification: Subchapter 3D, Rules .0402, 0407, and .0544. The remaining changes were the result of the department moving to the government center and changing the department name.

Keith Tart addressed questions from the board.

No public comments were received at the hearing

Don Nielsen moved to recommend the code changes to the County Commissioners for adoption. Richard Sieg seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously.

VI. Air Quality and Special Awards

Peter Lloyd addressed the Board to see if they wish to continue the Air Quality and Special Awards Program. Peter Lloyd addressed questions from the Board.

After discussion, the Board recommended applicants submit documentation with the application for review and requested additional information about compliance activities to the list used to identify Air Quality Award winners. Staff was also asked to send a draft of award procedures to the Board for consideration.

VII. Report – Open Burning Civil Penalty Policy

Minor Barnette reviewed the modified Open Burning Civil Penalty Policy which includes a provision for seeking court resolution. Minor Barnette answered questions from the Board.

VIII. Next tentative Meeting is April 17, 2012

The next meeting is set for April 17, 2012.

IX. Adjournment

Peter DeVries adjourned the meeting at 11:31 am.

Date: 4/24/12 W. Minor Barnette
W. Minor Barnette, Director

Approved: Peter H. DeVries
Peter H. DeVries, Chairman