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

The Forsyth County Environmental Assistance and Protection Advisory Board met on April 19, 2016 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 Chairman  
Jarrette Dineen Charles Wilson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Richard Sieg  
Beth Williams  
Nathan Atkinson

**FCOEAP PRESENT:** Minor Barnette Valerie Shores  
Bob Ragland

**I. Call to Order:**

Mr. DeVries called the meeting to order.

## **II. Approval of the January 19, 2016 Advisory Board Meeting Minutes:**

Mr. DeVries opened the discussion to approve the January 19, 2016 meeting minutes. Mr. Thompson made a motion to accept. Mr. Dineen seconded the motion, all members of the Advisory Board in attendance approved.

## **III. Director's Update:**

Mr. Barnette informed the Advisory Board that the next quarterly meeting scheduled for July 19<sup>th</sup> may be comprised of extensive agenda items which may lead to a comprehensive, prolonged meeting. There are several significant rule changes to the Air Quality Technical Code which will go to public notice before the meeting. Copies of these changes will be distributed to the Advisory Board prior to the next meeting. Items included will affect open burning, air quality permitting and the air quality index. A quorum of 4 board members will need to be present for the regulation and rule changes. We may also have comments from the public.

Mr. Barnette said that he does not agree with some of the rule changes but our local rules can not conflict with NC General Statutes. Our local rules can be stricter than NC State rules that are NC Administrative Code but our local rules can not be in direct conflict with the general statutes. The NC Legislature has forced us to make these changes.

Changes to air quality permit rules are being adopted concurrently as the state adopts their rules because we don't have enough time for the state to finish their process, which will tentatively conclude in the month of November. The Forsyth County Board of Commissioners previously decided years ago that our county permit fees and requirements should not be greater than the state fees and requirements. Permit rule changes keep us consistent with the state as we have been instructed.

Mr. Barnette briefly discussed The Clean Smoke Stacks Act that went into effect in 2005. He said this helped to significantly reduce the emissions of nitrogen oxides and sulfur dioxides from our coal burning power plants by 85%. As a result of that major change, over 75 % of the nitrogen oxides in the air are coming from mobile sources. Conditions conducive to ground level ozone formation, the air quality index, mobile source idling, anthropogenic and biogenic sources of VOC's were also discussed.

There was a brief discussion about the composition of solid waste received at the Hanes Mill Road Landfill. Mr. Barnette said ½ of the distribution average of 290 tons a year of solid waste received at the landfill could be diverted. Mr. Barnette said recyclables comprise over 30% and compostable organics comprise about 35%. The Director's update was concluded.

**IV. Other Business:**

Mr. DeVries confirmed there was no other business.

**V. Next tentative meeting:**

Date: July 19, 2016

\*Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: 201 N. Chestnut St. Winston-Salem, NC

Board of Equalization and Review Room

**VI. Peter DeVries adjourned the meeting.**

Dated: 7/6/16  Minor Barnette, Director

Approved:  Peter H. DeVries, Chairman