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

The Forsyth County Environmental Assistance and Protection Advisory Board met on July 15, 2014 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  
Charles Wilson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Richard Sieg                      Beth Williams  
William Mosko                                  Nate Atkinson

**FCOEAP PRESENT:** Minor Barnette                      Peter Lloyd                      Valerie Shores  
Jeff Ebbitt    Bob Ragland

**VISITORS:** Mike Hastings                                  Howard Moore

**I. Call to Order.**

Peter DeVries called the meeting to order.

**II. Approval of the April 15, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes.**

Mr. DeVries opened discussion. Mr. Thompson made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and the three members of the Board who were present, approved unanimously.

The minutes will be officially approved at the next meeting that is comprised of a quorum on July 31, 2014.

### III. Special Environmental Awards and Special Air Quality Awards

The members agreed to allow the Special Awards applicants to make their presentations. Peter Lloyd introduced two presenters for the Special Environmental Awards.

The first presenter was Howard Moore of Winston–Salem/Forsyth County Schools. Applications were received from Carver High School, Clemmons Middle School and Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools Maintenance Division. Mr. Moore discussed modifications to the schools which enabled them to earn the Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star certification. The certification signified that the schools performed in the top 25 percent of similar facilities nationwide for energy efficiency. On a scale of 1-100, Carver H.S. received a 94 and Clemmons M.S. received a 97 for superior performance ratings. The Winston-Salem /Forsyth County Schools and Maintenance Division also partnered with the Duke Energy Smart Saver Program to help fund the changes. The Forsyth County Schools Maintenance Division completed 90% of the upgrades that contributed to the success. Mr. DeVries, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Wilson voted to approve the applications for these three Special Awards.

The second presenter was Mike Hastings of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. This company applied for the Special Environmental Award for recycling. In 2013 they began sending 100% of dry fine particles of tobacco waste to an outside vendor to reuse. They are no longer sending waste tobacco to the landfill. Mr. Thompson and Mr. DeVries voted to approve the Special Award.

The members who were present at the meeting also voted to continue the Air Quality Award program by recognizing permitted facilities that did not receive an NOV or NOD during 2013. Peter Lloyd provided a list of eligible permitted facilities to the Advisory Board.

### IV. Air Quality Monitoring Update

Minor Barnette presented an excerpt from Senate Bill 734, the Regulatory Reform Act of 2014, addressing Ambient Air Monitoring and requiring any air quality monitors currently operating in N.C. that can be shut down without EPA permission to be shut down by September of 2014. The bill also directs the state to determine which monitors are not directly required by federal regulations and to seek EPA approval for terminating their operation. He did not anticipate that these changes will impact local monitoring sites at this time. Mr. Barnette also discussed proposed changes to the open burning regulations.

V. Public Hearing on the Revisions to the Forsyth County Code and Air Quality Technical Code.

Mr. DeVries opened the public hearing. Mr. Lloyd explained that the code revisions have been proposed to incorporate changes adopted by the NC Environmental Management Commission. The proposed revisions include VOC RACT rules, reporting, public notice requirements, stream-lining and applicability in the air toxics pollutant program as well as administrative corrections. Mr. DeVries noted and discussed editorial comments and grammatical corrections. Mr. Thompson discussed the VOC RACT rules and their applicability to Forsyth County with Mr. Lloyd. Minor Barnette advised the Advisory Board that Forsyth County had no air quality exceedances resulting in non-attainment for the current calendar year. Mr. Wilson addressed the toxicological data changes and increases in asbestos pollutant values and acceptable ambient levels with Mr. Lloyd.

Mr. DeVries closed the public hearing. He noted for the record that no one from the public showed up for the hearing. The Advisory Board asked the Office of Environmental Assistance and Protection to review the excerpts of the revisions to the Forsyth County Code in comparison with the revisions adopted by the state of North Carolina. Any commonalities in deficiencies will be addressed to the state. Mr. Barnette planned to poll the Advisory Board to select a date for another meeting to discuss revisions and recommendations for code changes that will be given to the Forsyth County Commissioners.

VI. Next Tentative Quarterly Meeting:

Date: October 21, 2014

Location: 201 North Chestnut St. Winston-Salem, N.C.

Landfill tour planned

\*Special Meeting will be July 31, 2014 due to lack of quorum.

VII. Peter DeVries adjourned the meeting.

Dated: 10/21/14

W. Minor Barnette  
W. Minor Barnette, Director

Approved:

Peter H. DeVries

Peter H. DeVries, Chairman