FORSYTH COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE and PROTECTION BOARD MEETING

July 17, 2012

The Forsyth County Environmental Assistance and Protection Board met on July 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

Tommy Thompson, Vice Chair

Nathan Atkinson Richard Sieg

Mary Beth Williams Charles Wilson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

William Mosko

FCOEAP PRESENT:

Minor Barnette

Peter Lloyd Bob Ragland

Donna Murphy

Keith Tart

VISITORS:

None

I. Call to Order.

Peter DeVries called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Minutes of April 17, 2012.

Peter DeVries asked if there were any questions concerning the minutes of the last meeting. Richard Sieg moved to accept the minutes from April 17, 2012. Nathan Atkinson seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

- III. The Board welcomed new member, Mary Beth Williams.
- IV. Peter DeVries open the floor for nominations of new officers. Tommy Thompson nominated Peter Devries to continue as Chairman. Richard Sieg nominated Tommy Thompson to continue as Vice Chairman. There were no additional nominations and nominations were closed. The vote to continue the present Chairman and Vice Chairman was unanimous.
- V. Keith Tart addressed the Board regarding proposed changes to the By-Laws due to the name change from Forsyth County Environmental Affairs Department to Forsyth County Office of Environmental Assistance and Protection. Tommy Thompson made a motion to adopt the new By-Laws; Richard Sieg seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- VI. Peter Lloyd addressed the Board concerning Special Air Quality and Special Environmental Awards Guidelines. At the April meeting, the Board requested the Guidelines be modified and returned to the Board for their final approval. The limit of six awards was removed from the Guidelines and the eligibility language for public sector was modified. Option 2 added more guidance for eligibility. Richard Sieg, motioned for the Board to adopt the new guidelines, Tommy Thompson seconded the motion. Charles Wilson opposed. The motion passed and it was decided that the Board would wait a year to see how the new guidelines work.
- VII. Peter Lloyd reported on the presentation of the Special Environmental Awards at the Forsyth County Commissioners' June 21 Briefing meeting. Peter DeVries presented the awards to Highland Industries, Kernersville Middle School, and North Hills Elementary School.
- VIII. Peter Lloyd addressed the Board about the latest EPA Ozone report and mentioned that the ozone levels were at the highest they have ever been and is not sure how this will affect the future attainment designation. Minor Barnette addressed the Board and spoke about the changes within the Office of Environmental Assistance and Protection, such as the opening of an Environmental Specialist position due to a retirement. He also talked about the cross training of the Waste Management staff in "Air" duties to insure that the Department maintains acceptable function coverage, i.e. open burning complaints, solid waste complaints, and responding to citizens questions and concerns.
- IX. Next Tentative Meeting is October 16, 2012.
- X. Peter DeVries adjourned the meeting.

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			W. Minor Barnette, Director	

Approved:

Peter H. DeVries, Chairman