



WEST VIRGINIA AIR QUALITY BOARD

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MINUTES WEST VIRGINIA AIR QUALITY BOARD February 11, 1997

I. General

The West Virginia Air Quality Board (the "Board") met on February 11, 1997, at 9:00 p.m.. The teleconference originating at 1615 Washington Street, E., Charleston, West Virginia. Thomas Ising, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order. Board members present on the conference call included:

Thomas Ising, Chair
Michael Koon, Vice Chair
Janet Fisher (designee of Gus Douglas)
Robert Foster
Don Kuntz (designee of Dr. Harry Taylor)
Jean Neely

Staff Members Present:

Becky Charles, Legal Counsel
Libby Chatfield, Technical Advisor
Margaret Chico-Eddy, Clerk of the Boards
Ann Holstein, Administrative Secretary

II. Board Meeting

A. Administrative Matters

1. Minutes

The Board did not receive a full copy of the minutes, due to a copying error.

2. Allen Hamner's Resignation

The Board discussed the resignation of Dr. Allen Hamner from the Board. Tom Ising will write the Governor's Office to obtain a letter of recognition for Allen Hamner's years of service on the Board and the Board will be purchasing a gift for Allen Hamner too. Jean Neely requested the Governor be notified and copy to Jack Caffrey about Allen Hamner's vacancy and

the problems that may cause in obtaining a quorum.

On a related matter Don Kuntz announced that Joe Schock will be retiring in the near future. The Board would like a letter of recognition from the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Resources and the Board will purchase a gift.

3. Telephone Bill

Becky Charles informed the Board that the telephone bill between the EQB and the AQB was \$722.00 last month for Board meetings held by conference calls. Janet Fisher suggested that we check on the rates of a company by the name of Call USA at 1-800-829-8600 as another option to try to cut costs.

4. Compensation/Reimbursement Memo

Becky Charles informed the Board of the EQB's suggestion that the Board make a determination at the end of each conference call whether compensation is warranted. The Board agreed and asked Ann Holstein is to keep a log of conference calls.

5. Budget Report

Jean Neely suggested that Ann Holstein add the month and year to the budget report and footnotes at the bottom of the budget report detailing various information pertaining to the budget. Ann Holstein informed the Board that she had an upcoming budget meeting with the DEP Director L. Eli McCoy, prior to the Legislative budget presentation. The Board expressed an interest in writing a supplement for more money to handle the part-time employment of a technical advisor and an increase in air appeals. The Board requested that Ann Holstein do a projected expenditure schedule and mail it to the Board members for their review. Jean Neely made a motion to table the budget; which was seconded by Bob Foster. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

6. Team Management

The Board reviewed and discussed the team management report prepared by Libby Chatfield and critiques of the team management program prepared by each staff member. Libby Chatfield discussed with the Board the recommendation by the EQB with respect to policies between the Boards coinciding and staff input in drafting policies. Jean Neely made a motion to go into an executive session; which was seconded by Don Kuntz.

7. Personnel Evaluations

Libby Chatfield expressed her concerns with the Board in doing personnel evaluations over the telephone. Jean Neely made a motion to go into an executive session, seconded by Don Kuntz. Personnel evaluations were discussed by the Board with Margaret Chico-Eddy and Becky Charles.

8. Administrative Law Judge Legislative Bill

Becky Charles informed the Board about the meeting on February 9, 1997, with the Judiciary Sub-Committee and her meeting with Delegate Dale Manuel regarding this bill. Becky will be filing more information and comments with the Joint Judiciary Committee on February 11, 1997.

9. Technical Advisor

Ann Holstein explained in hiring a part-time technical advisor the bidding process and the cost involved in becoming a vendor with the State. Ann also informed the Board that we have three verbal bids for this position. Jean Neely made a motion to inform Mr. Auberle of the process of becoming a vendor with the State; which was seconded by Bob Foster. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

10. Reimbursement

Jean Neely made a motion to grant reimbursement to the Board members for today's conference call; which was seconded by Don Kuntz. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

B. Motions

1. Georgia-Pacific Corporation

The Board decided to hear this case on May 28, 1997, due to a scheduling conflict with Georgia-Pacific's legal counsel on March 14, 1997.

2. Apple Grove Case

Becky Charles informed the Board that dispositive motions are due in this case on February 24, 1997. The Board will hold a teleconference upon receipt of the motions to decide whether to hear these motions on March 14, 1997.

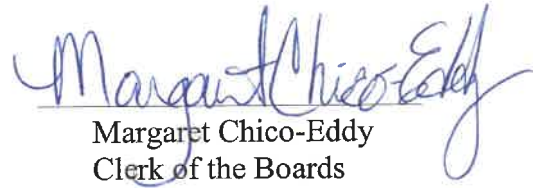
3. Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition and Buckeye Forest Council

Jean Neely made a motion to deny Appellant's OVEC and Buckeye Forest Council's Motion to Suspend or Vacate the Permit; which was seconded by Bob Foster. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Jean Neely made a motion to adjourn at 2:25; which was seconded by Bob Foster.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate representation of the proceedings held by the Air Quality Board on the 11th day of February 1997.

Submitted for approval the 14th day of March 1997.


Margaret Chico-Eddy
Clerk of the Boards