

**Minutes
Rapid City Area Air Quality Board
September 12, 2011**

Members Present: Clint Allen, David Bartsch, Jerry Steinley, Danielle Wiebers, Jake Smith

Members Absent: Donna Kliche, Scott Landguth

Others Present: Jon Epp, Keri Schiferl, Lyndell Petersen, Brett Limbaugh, Rich Broderick,
Karl Merbach

Call to Order

Wiebers called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Approval of March 14, 2011 and June 13, 2011 Minutes

Steinley moved and Bartsch seconded the motion to approve the minutes from March 14, 2011 and June 13, 2011 as distributed. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Allen moved and Steinley seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

Reports from the Department of Environmental and Natural Resources, Staff and Committee

Epp reviewed the report from the DENR indicating that four High Wind Dust Alerts had been called through the end of August and one was called for today. Epp indicated that the monitor at the Credit Union site was recording fairly high PM10 concentrations as of 11:00 am today. Epp reviewed the Figures in the Rapid City Area Air Monitoring Report reporting that all of the values recorded this year were below the PM10 and PM2.5 standards.

Smith entered the meeting at 1:02 pm.

Epp reviewed the ozone concentrations reporting that the trends continue to be similar to the previous years. Epp stated that the President decided to put revisions to the ozone standard on hold until 2013 and reported that the EPA has not proposed revisions to the PM standards.

Schiferl indicated that the reports listed in items b-f are posted online and briefly reviewed the complaints received in the last three months.

Recreational Fires

Broderick indicated that the Fire Department is currently making sure that all of the definitions regarding recreational fires, open burning and bonfires are consistent. Broderick indicated that the Fire Department revised their open burning permit application and are updating their website. Broderick reported that the calls they get regarding the fire pits tend to be feuds between neighbors. In response to a question from Allen, Broderick expanded on the changes to the open burn permit application. Broderick, in response to a question from Smith, indicated that they have not had a problem with recreational fires starting uncontrolled fires. Broderick discussed the discontinuance section in the fire code and explained that they would like to base

discontinuance on a life safety issue instead of trying to determine what is offensive. Discussion continued on the difficulty of regulating fire pits and the enforcement.

Broderick suggested that they could track the complaints regarding fire pits and pass them on to the Air Quality Division. Broderick stated that they will work on a PSA and pass it to the Air Quality Board for review. The Board indicated that they were in favor of this and would review the issue at the next meeting.

Defenders of the Black Hills Letter (Information only)

Merbach provided a brief overview of the letters and indicated that the only contact that the City has is the Letter to the Environmental Protection Agency and they were not contacted directly. Merbach briefly reviewed portions of the 10 year lease agreement with Community Alternatives of the Black Hills including the section that points out the proximity to the landfill. Merbach stated that they want to be a good neighbor and make sure that everyone is safe; the Landfill uses best management practices to lessen the impact on the surrounding neighbors. Discussion continued on the Landfill's Air Quality Permit sampling requirements and upcoming stack monitoring. In response to a question from Wiebers, Merbach indicated that the Landfill has not contacted Community Alternatives or Defenders of the Black Hills regarding this issue because no correspondence was directed to the Landfill.

2012 State Pass Through Agreement

Motion by Smith and second by Allen to authorize the Air Quality Board Chair to sign the State of South Dakota Agreement/Letter of Agreement with the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources. The motion carried unanimously.

Compliance Plan Annual Inspection Reports

Smith moved and Steinley seconded the motion to acknowledge the Annual Inspection Reports for the Compliance Plan Permits for Butler Machinery Company, City of Rapid City, Classic Soils LLC, Dakota Minnesota and Eastern Railroad, Heavy Constructors, Horst Properties LLC, J Scull Construction, Munoz Logging and Construction, Neff Pit, Nelson Ditching and Excavating Inc, Pennington County Highway Department, RCS Storage and Zandstra South Yard. In response to a question from Wiebers, Schiferl provided an overview of the Out of the Dust program. A brief discussion followed. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Neff Pit Air Quality Compliance Plan Application

Schiferl provided a brief overview of the Neff Pit operation. **Allen moved and Steinley seconded the motion to approve the Neff Pit Compliance Plan Application.** In response to a question by Smith, Schiferl indicated that Heavy Constructors currently do not have plans to move a batch plant back on the site but in the future a batch plant may be operated on the site. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Election of Officers

Wiebers nominated Steinley as a candidate for Chair-Elect and Steinley declined.

Allen nominated Smith as a candidate for Chair-Elect and Steinley seconded the appointment of Smith as Chair-Elect. The motion was approved unanimously.

Items from Board Members

There were no items from the Board Members.

Items from the Floor

There were no items from the floor.

Adjournment

There being no further business Smith moved, Bartsch seconded and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 1:36 pm.