

MINUTES

Eugene Toxics Board
Fire Conference Room, 2nd Floor
Eugene Emergency Services Center
1705 West 2nd Avenue

June 1, 2011
3:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Stephen Flanagan, Chair; Cynthia Kokis, Vice Chair; David Doll, Randall Prince, members; Joann Eppli, Fire and Emergency Medical Services staff; Tom Carmicheal, Sheena Gardner, Eugene City Councilor Pat Farr, guests.

ABSENT: Diana Bollenbaugh, Holly Jacobson, members.

Mr. Flanagan called the meeting of the Eugene Toxics Board to order.

I. Introductions/Approval of Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda. Everyone present introduced themselves.

II. Public Comment

There were no members of the public who wished to provide comment at this time.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes - May 18, 2011

Ms. Kokis, seconded by Mr. Doll, moved to approve the May 18, 2011 minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously, 4:0.

IV. Toxics Board Membership Update

Ms. Eppli had provided copies of the applications and the interview questions to those present. She stated that she had sent four or five memoranda about the Toxics Board vacancies. She ascertained that there were no questions. She reported that in her recruiting efforts she had made 19 phone calls and 11 of the businesses had requested more information. This effort had resulted in two applications for the open industry representative positions, the recruiting process having ended on the previous day.

In response to a question from Mr. Flanagan, Ms. Eppli explained that Position 2 was the open three-year position and Position 1 was the position that Dave Beede had vacated, which would end in 2013.

Ms. Kokis asked when the council intended to make its appointments and Councilor Farr responded that this action was planned for the City Council meeting of June 13, 2011.

- Position 1 (Industry) Interview

- Position 2 (Industry) Interview

Ms. Eppli brought in Tom Carmicheal, the first industry applicant to be interviewed.

Mr. Carmicheal had worked in industry for 40 years, most recently in quality control for Lanz Cabinets. He conducted the Right-to-Know Program reporting for his employer. He felt that the program was redundant and replicated reporting processes already in place required by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA), and the Fire Marshal. He noted, in response to a question, that because Lanz used stains, paints, and some adhesives that it was required to report. He underscored that Lanz had opted to use more environmentally friendly compounds because it was the right thing to do.

Mr. Carmicheal left and Ms. Eppli escorted Sheena Garner in to be interviewed.

Ms. Gardner provided her background. She explained that in her work at the Willamette Valley Company she had been charged with reporting for the Right-to-Know program. She considered the program to be based on what the public should want to know. She noted that she was someone who always looked up what compounds were used in the area she lived in. She felt that though the Right-to-Know program was available to the public, very few people knew about it.

Ms. Gardner left, and members discussed the interviews. Mr. Doll commented that it seemed that the Board was shaping up to have a pretty good balance of views.

Ms. Kokis, seconded by Mr. Doll, moved to nominate Sheena Gardner to be recommended to the Eugene City Council for Position 2 on the Toxics Board. The motion passed unanimously, 4:0.

Mr. Prince, seconded by Ms. Kokis, moved to nominate Tom Carmicheal to be recommended to the Eugene City Council for Position 1 on the Toxics Board. The motion passed unanimously, 4:0.

V. Staff Report

Ms. Eppli reminded the Board that Mr. Prince would become chair and Ms. Bollenbaugh vice chair as of July 1, 2011. She stated that the interviews concluded the official business for the year.

Mr. Doll thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve on the Board. He considered it to be very educational. He related that when he had first come on the Board he had thought the reporting process to be a "hassle," but he had come to understand that there was no changing it as it was required by charter. He thought it would be good if the Board found a way to streamline the process and he planned to follow the Board's activities into the future after his term ended.

Ms. Eppli thanked Mr. Doll, on behalf of the Board, for his service.

Ms. Kokis commented that any person joining a board such as the Toxics Board who was not well-grounded in industrial concerns would be in tough circumstances. She would not recommend it, as being an advocate alone was not enough.

Ms. Eppli also thanked Ms. Kokis for her service, on behalf of the Board.

VII. Schedule Next Meeting/Agenda Items

Ms. Eppli noted that the Toxics Board typically took the summer off. She said there was no business required to be conducted by the Board until mid-November.

Members discussed whether or not to convene the new Toxics Board prior to then. Ms. Eppli said she planned to provide the next Toxics Board members with background materials and to meet with them one-on-one to orient them to the Board and its purview.

Mr. Flanagan supported convening a Board meeting earlier than November. The Board agreed that Ms. Eppli would contact everyone after the council action and a meeting time would be determined at that point.

Mr. Flanagan adjourned the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

(Recorded by Ruth Atcherson)