

MINUTES

Eugene Toxics Board
Singer Room – Second Floor
Eugene Public Library

March 14, 2006
3 p.m.

PRESENT: Marylee Bowman, John Jordan-Cascade, David Doll, Steve Johnson, RueAnn Thomas, Jennifer Gleason, members; Terry Connolly, Ken Luse, Andy Poynter, guests.

ABSENT: Doug Brooke, Chair

Ms. Bowman, Vice Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order as Mr. Brooke was absent.

I. Introductions

It was decided that introductions were not necessary.

II. Approval of Agenda/New Items

There were no changes to the agenda.

III. Public Comment

Mr. Luse said he wanted the Board to consider grouping all of the paint thinners, naphtha spirits, and those types of solvents into one category to help simplify reporting. He stated that the substances were very similar and all had the same flash points.

Ms. Bowman clarified that they were petroleum distillates.

Mr. Poynter noted that of the seven or eight such chemicals that were listed, four or five of the CAS numbers were incorrect.

Mr. Johnson thought it would be reasonable to put this suggestion on an agenda for further Board discussion.

Ms. Gleason suggested that Mr. Luse submit a list of the substances he was concerned with.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Gleason moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to approve the Toxic Board minutes of January 24, 2006, as submitted. The motion passed unanimously, 6:0.

V. Staff Report

a. Council Action on 2006 Fees

Mr. Potter reported that the City Council had voted unanimously, 7:0, to approve the 2006 Program Fees for the Toxics Board. He reported that three people testified during the public hearing portion of the proceedings, all in favor of the program. He had been somewhat surprised that no one from the Chamber of Commerce had testified. He related that Councilor Andrea Ortiz was the only councilor to comment and she indicated she would support expansion of the program. He noted that the 2006 fees were similar to the fees assessed for the past two years.

b. Status of 2005 Reporting

Mr. Potter had a few reports in hand and had received a couple of phone calls asking for help. He noted that he had already agreed to an extension requested by Forbo Adhesives.

Mr. Doll asked how a new business, such as Forbo Adhesives, would be advised they would need to report. Mr. Potter responded that he had investigated a company called Industrial Adhesives some months earlier and learned that they were being bought. As a result, he had monitored the company and had subsequently advised the company regarding the need to report as it had grown much larger through the merger.

c. Possible Work Plan Item – 2007 Tracking Instructions

Mr. Potter reported that the Board had not published a new handbook in several years and had not reviewed it in as long. He said that the chemical list had grown. He wondered if the Board would wish to consider a review and possible revision of the handbook.

The Board's consensus was that members would re-read the handbook for purposes of discussion of this proposal at the April meeting.

VI. 2005 Annual Report

Mr. Potter stated that he had made the changes that had been suggested at the last meeting.

Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Gleason, moved to approve the 2005 Annual Report. The motion passed unanimously, 6:0.

VII. Possible Voluntary Subcategories for Output Categories 3 and 8

Mr. Potter recalled that the Board had wanted to revisit those subcategories and had formed a subcommittee. He said the full Board had yet to address the issue.

In response to a question from Mr. Johnson, Mr. Potter explained that Category 3 outputs were items that were hauled away as waste and Category 8 outputs were eliminated through treatment at a facility. He said the idea behind the possible voluntary subcategories was to provide the public with information regarding companies' recycling efforts.

Ms. Gleason said Mr. Brooke would likely wish to take part in this discussion. Mr. Johnson agreed and suggested that the discussion be placed on a future agenda.

VIII. Next Meeting

The Toxics Board agreed to meet at 3 p.m. on April 18, 2006, in the Fire Conference Room on the 2nd Floor of the Eugene Emergency Services Center.

The meeting adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

(Recorded by Ruth Atcherson)

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