

# MINUTES

Eugene Toxics Board  
Saul Conference Room—The Atrium Building—99 West 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue

July 6, 1999  
3 p.m.

PRESENT: Cathy Verret, Chair; Mary O'Brien, Steve Morgan, Madrona Holden, Mike Friese, Steve Johnson, Don Upson, members; Glen Potter, Fire Department.

## I. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ms. Verret determined there was consensus to approve the agenda, as written.

## II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

There was no public comment.

## III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The board reviewed the Toxics Board meeting minutes of June 9 and June 21, 1999.

Mr. Upson moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the minutes of June 9, 1999, be clarified as follows: the amnesty program approved at that meeting would provide for a maximum \$500 penalty, with a maximum of \$250 in cases like Western Structures (where the company had not been contacted regarding the program and was unaware of it); the penalty during the amnesty period would be zero in cases of misunderstanding the reporting requirements for characteristic substances. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Verret determined there was consensus to approve the minutes of the June 9 and June 21, 1999, meetings of the Toxics Board, as submitted, with the above clarification.

## IV. STAFF REPORT

With regard to legislative issues, Mr. Potter reported that House Bill 2431 had been referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

Mr. Potter reported that the first audit under the Toxics Right-to-Know ordinance had been conducted. He agreed with the board's characterization that the misreporting found during the

audit resulted from errors of understanding on the part of the reporting company. He said the business was alerted to the errors, instructed on how to accurately report in the future, and asked to authorize corrections to its report which he would make once the authorization was received.

## V. OPTIONS TO RESPOND TO APPEALS COURT DECISION (CONTINUED)

Referring to a draft memorandum to the Mayor and City Council concerning the “pros” and “cons” of various funding options proposed pursuant to the Court of Appeals decision, Mr. Potter noted that City Council does not anticipate holding an election on the issue and will probably not schedule it for Council consideration until September at the earliest.

Ms. O’Brien expressed her opinion that the memorandum sent to City Council should state the “pros” and “cons” of each funding option in a neutral manner. She said the memorandum should conclude with a statement of the board’s support for one option, if consensus is reached, or statements by board factions in support of one option or another.

Mr. Upson expressed support for establishing a subcommittee to review and revise the draft memorandum. He suggested that the subcommittee consist of a business representative, a right-to-know representative, and, if possible, Ms. Verret. He agreed that reaching a consensus on one funding recommendation would be preferable. Mr. Upson suggested that if the board failed to reach a consensus, the memorandum include majority/minority position statements.

Mr. Johnson expressed his opinion that the board should agree upon the stated “pros” and “cons,” regardless of whether consensus was reached on a recommendation.

Ms. O’Brien said she would want to include in the memorandum examples of fee amounts associated with each proposed option. With regard to Option 3 (combined business and public support), Ms. O’Brien inquired as to whether the board supported a 50/50 ratio for purposes of defining this option. The board expressed unanimous support for the suggested ratio.

Mr. Upson and Ms. O’Brien agreed to serve as on a subcommittee for the purpose of reviewing and revising the draft memorandum to the Mayor and City Council. They agreed to meet on July 28 at 4 p.m. Ms. Verret agreed to participate if she was available. Mr. Potter agreed to forward electronic copies of the current version of the memo to subcommittee members.

## VI. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Toxics Board was scheduled for 3 p.m. on August 9.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

(Recorded by Kim Kunkel)

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