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**FORSYTH COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE and PROTECTION  
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

The Forsyth County Environmental Assistance and Protection Advisory Board met on October 19, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. via online meeting through the Microsoft Teams platform.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Richard Sieg  
Brent Rockett  
Susan Appt

Gayle Goldsmith  
Nicole Mathis  
Charles Wilson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Reid Hutchins

**FCOEAP PRESENT:**

Minor Barnette  
Steve Lyda  
Amanda Bashor

Valerie Shores  
Peter Lloyd

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Approval of the July 20, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes:**

Mr. Sieg opened the discussion to approve the July 20, 2021 meeting minutes. Ms. Goldsmith made a motion to accept. Ms. Mathis seconded the motion, all members of the Board in attendance approved.

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### **III. Director's Update**

The two vacant positions have been filled. An Environmental Specialist in Community Hygiene will be working primarily on vapor recovery and asbestos program training. The asbestos program currently has one certified and trained staff member. The second position filled is Sr. Environmental Specialist in Logistics and Support Services, focusing on the county-wide team working to transition the county to clean and renewable energy. This position was developed to support the resolution adopted in 2019 by the County Commissioners.

The clean energy improvements made to the Government Center at this juncture include parking deck lighting transitioned to LEDs. The next goal includes research on infrastructure requirements and procurement of electric vehicles to begin replacing the current gas-powered motor pool. Initial purchases are tentatively anticipated in the next year.

### **IV. Other Business**

Ms. Goldsmith inquired about collaboration with local municipalities regarding similar clean energy resolutions. As strategic plans are developed individually there will likely be some collaboration and communication between local government entities. Aggregation of procurement may be possible, with large scale purchase discounts available by some vendors. Due to division of government entities and the responsibilities and funding therein, most collaboration will likely be academic and informational sharing. Forsyth County remains in the draft planning stage of adoption at this time.

Ms. Mathis asked about considerations of the electric vehicle purchases. At this time research has been done on Chevy Bolt options, but more research and sourcing will be needed before any make and model decisions are made for procurement. Participation will be invited from subject matter experts to give input, likely after the initial plan has been drafted.

### **V. Next Tentative Quarterly Meeting:**

**Date:** January 18, 2022

**Location:** Digital Meeting through Microsoft Teams Platform

VI. Mr. Sieg adjourned the meeting.

*Minor Barnette*

**Dated:** 1-5-2021

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Minor Barnette, Director

**Approved:**

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Richard L. Sieg, Chairman