

**AIR RESOURCES COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING #237
03/21/16**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice-Chairman David Collins, Mark Lambert
Kris Blomback, Deborah Chabot, William Smagula
Georgia Murray (via. Conf. Call)

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Chairman Robert Duval, Ryan Bielagus, Raymond Donald,
Carmela Amato-Wierda,

NHDES – ARD PERSONNEL: Craig Wright, Michael Fitzgerald, Evan Mulholland,
Catherine Beam, Karla McManus, Chris Skoglund

OTHERS PRESENT: Anne Keach

Call to Order:

Vice-Chairman Collins called Meeting #237 of the Air Resources Council (ARC) to order at 9:15 a.m. on Monday, March 21, 2016. Vice-Chairman Collins announced that a quorum of the ARC was present.

Approval of Minutes:

William Smagula entered a motion to accept the minutes of meeting #236. Mark Lambert seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried. The minutes of ARC meeting #236 of December 14, 2015, were approved and accepted by the ARC.

Division Activities & Legislative Update:

Vice-Chairman Collins introduced Craig Wright, Director of the Air Resources Division (ARD). Director Wright briefly updated members of the ARC regarding issues relative to the ARD, including:

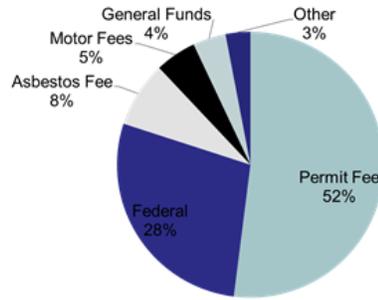
Personnel

Director Wright announced that Evan Mulholland, former of the Department of Justice and the Fish and Game Department has accepted the position of Administrator of the Compliance Bureau and introduce Mr. Mulholland to members of the ARC. Director Wright announced that Catherine Beahm, has been promoted to the position of Air Permit Programs Manager of the Permitting and Environmental Health Bureau.

Budget

Director Wright provided members of the ARC with an overview of the ARD's revenue sources as depicted in the charts below:

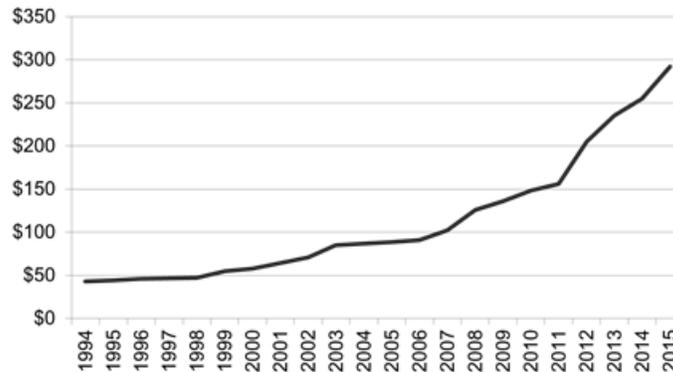
2016 ARD Revenue Sources



Source: NHDES

Director Wright explained that the per ton emissions fee for 2016 is \$291.13/ton. He provided members with the following graph to illustrate the ton progression of the emissions fee rates since 1994.

Air Permit Fees (\$/ton)



Director Wright stated that although New Hampshire has the second highest fee rate in the Northeast, only four percent of the ARD's budget is supported by General Funds.

Legislative Update

Director Wright introduced Michael Fitzgerald, Assistant Director of the Air Resources Division. Assistant Director Fitzgerald provided members of the ARC with a brief overview of the following legislative activity relative to work of the ARD.

HB351 – exempting historically significant vehicles from emission control requirements (track only).

HB1116 – relative to net metering (support).

HB 1186 – repealing the law prohibiting the coasting of vehicles (track only).

HB1282 – state building code (track only).

HB1320 – assignment or transfer of an operating permit issued by the Department of Environmental Services (opposed).

HB1358 – regulating engine idling of certain vehicles (support).

HB1374 – relative to rebates for ratepayers from renewable energy fund (track only).

HB1568 – relative to prepaid road tolls for electric vehicles (oppose).

HB1602 – relative to establishing a road usage fee and making an appropriation therefor (track/neutral).

SB309 – relative to sulfur limits of certain liquid fuels (support).

SB311 – relative to standards for radon in water (track only).

SB333 – relative to net energy metering (track).

SB359 – relative to funding electric vehicle charging stations with municipal registration permits (support).

SB368 – relative to making a capital appropriation for NHDES monitoring equipment (support).

SB377 – relative to emission levels of municipal waste combustion units (support).

SB381 – relative to the combustion of the wood component of construction and demolition debris (support).

SB497 – relative to expenditures from the energy efficiency fund (support).

Rulemaking Update

Vice-Chairman Collins introduced Karla McManus, ARD Planning and Rules Manager. Ms. McManus presented the status of the following rules:

Env-A 3300, *Municipal Waste Combustors* is due to expire on February 2, 2016. NHDES is awaiting the outcome of SB377 before amending Env-A 3300.

Env-A 618 & 619, *State Implementation Plan* rule changes have been drafted and sent to the US EPA Region I for review.

The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), *Clean Power Plan*, which is a rule that will be part of the State Implementation Plan (SIP). The NHDES held a stakeholder meeting on February 5, 2016. This rule is on hold per the United States Supreme Court.

Status of Appeals

Currently, there are no appeals before the ARC.

New Business

No new business was discussed.

Other Business

Vice-Chairman Collins scheduled the next meeting of the ARC to be held on Monday, April 18, 2016.

Public Commentary

No members of the public were present.

Adjourn

Having no further business to discuss, William Smagula entered a motion to adjourn, seconded by Deborah Chabot. All were in favor. Meeting #237 of the Air Resources Council adjourned at 9:50 a.m., on March 21, 2016.