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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 21, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the BER Meeting Room, 201 North Chestnut St. Winston-Salem, NC. and via online meeting through the Microsoft Teams platform.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brent S. Rockett Nicole Chiles Gayle Goldsmith

Joe Mannuzza

MEMBERS ABSENT: Charles Wilson Jamie Maier

FCOEAP PRESENT: Minor Barnette Peter Lloyd Steven Lyda

Valerie Shores Dana Wade

I. Call to Order

Brent Rockett called the meeting to order.

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II. Approval of the July 15th Advisory Board Meeting Minutes:

Brent Rockett opened the discussion to approve the July 15, 2025 meeting minutes.

III. Director's Update

Mr. Barnette informed the board that there may be one or two appeals hearings at the January meeting and encouraged all members to be present.

He provided an update on staffing vacancies within the EAP. There are currently three vacancies. The Logistics and Support Services Division is seeking a Data Specialist; this position has been vacant the longest, for just under three years, while two additional vacancies have only recently become available. Community Hygiene is seeking an Environmental Specialist to replace a recently retired employee. Analysis and Monitoring is seeking a replacement for the Air Awareness Coordinator, a position focused on education and community outreach. The former employee in this role has transferred to another county.

Mr. Barnette also informed the board that the largest solid waste case has been resolved and that all charges have been dismissed.

An update was provided regarding the electric vehicle currently assigned to the EAP, for which the department has served as key holder for the past three weeks. Mr. Barnette noted that the county is still awaiting delivery and installation of the transformer from Duke Energy to power the new charging infrastructure on the fifth floor of the Government Center and at the HHS campus. He also stated that Construction Management within General Services is working with the budget team to secure a rebate for three vehicles, totaling \$22,500. The deadline for the rebate submission is November 15, 2025.

Mr. Barnette then opened the floor for updates from division managers present.

Mr. Lyda, Program Manager of the Logistics and Support Services Division, reported that the EPA recently performed a grant audit which resulted in a favorable outcome for our agency.

IV. Other Business

V. Next Tentative Quarterly Meeting:

Date: April 21, 2026

Location: 201 North Chestnut St. Winston-Salem, N.C.

VI. Adjournment

Brent Rockett entertained for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nicole Chiles motioned to adjourn. Gayle Goldsmith seconded the motion. Brent Rockett adjourned the meeting.

Dated: 1/8/2026

Minor Barnette

Minor Barnette, Director

Approved:

Brent S. Rockett

Brent S. Rockett, Chairman