

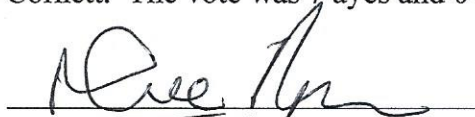

## June Meeting Summary

The June Hood County Clean Air Coalition meeting was held June 2, 2015 at the Neely House at 304 E. Rucker Street Granbury, Texas. There were eleven in attendance including seven Board Members – Dave Porcher, Chairman, Mayor Bob Cornett, Mayor Nin Hulett, Mayor Terry Johnson, John Campbell, Joe Drew, and Mark Franco - and one on conference call. The seven Board Members represent a quorum for voting purposes. Other participants included Alvin Scott -City of Granbury, Kenneth Harding – Luminant, J. C. Campbell, Michelle McKenzie- Hood County Clean Air Coalition, and, by phone, Carrie Paige – EPA.

- 1.) The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Dave Porcher at 8:35 am.
- 2.) Carrie Paige was called to provide EPA updates. Carrie stated that there was a lot of work currently being done, but there was not much information yet for updates. EPA is still working to finalize the rule for the new ozone standard. They are currently working on responses to comments and also on actions concerning startup, shutdown, and malfunction emissions in the SIPs. On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, EPA finalized actions requiring 36 states, including Texas, to revise SIPs due to concerns over exemptions from emission limits during startup, shutdown, and malfunction. These exemptions are no longer allowed and will require the revision to the SIPs.
- 3.) Regional updates were provided by Michelle McKenzie. These included reminders of current air quality funding opportunities and that Clean Air Action Day is June 26. Posters are provided to help get the word out and there is a link on the Hood County Clean Air website to the Air North Texas commitment page for commitments to do something for air quality that day.
- 4.) Local updates were also provided by Michelle McKenzie.

a.) There was a brief review of the May meeting summary. The May meeting included introduction of new City Manager, Chris Coffman, review of status of projects, monthly budget review, Rider 8 Contract extension, review of previous month's meeting summaries, status of Certificate of Formation, reports for CenSARA call, ozone, and Earth Day events, and submission of draft PGA. It also included regional updates including Clean Fleet Policy and funding opportunities. Mark Franco made a motion to approve the May meeting summary that was seconded by Bob Cornett. The vote was 7 ayes and 0 nays and the motion to approve the summary was passed.

Summary Approved:

Date: 8-4-15

b.) The review of projects began with the April Budget Review.

i.) Terry Johnson made a motion to approve the April Budget Review and John Campbell seconded it. The vote was 7 ayes and 0 nays and the motion to approve the April budget review was passed

ii) The status of projects was done out of order due to the availability of Alvin Scott to provide updates about the bikes and storage and the propane infrastructure.

(1.) The update for the bikes provided by Alvin Scott was that the bikes were set in place and have addressed concerns of Police Chief. The structure will have to meet masonry requirements of the City. There is a possible additional \$3000 that could be used from the supply category of the budget towards the additional expense of about \$7000 for the masonry requirement. He is about to finalize the location with the City. He is getting additional estimates for a wood building with thinner stone that may be cheaper. Bob Cornett asked if the wood building would eliminate the masonry requirement and Alvin Scott replied no, but would offer the flexibility of using lighter weight stone. Plan is for a 24x24 building with 18' rollup doors at either end. Plan now is for location at Veteran's Museum for easy access to the trail.

(2.) The update for the propane project is that Clean Fuel USA is meeting tomorrow with the City and the school district. The GISD is reviewing the interlocal agreement that will be necessary for the government code for shared purchases. This project is large enough that it will qualify as a public works project and will require following compliance with city and school district requirements. It should be able to move forward by end of summer and should have estimates to review at the next meeting. The meeting tomorrow will set up the scope of work and Clean Fuel USA was through the Buy Board so it meets the competitive bid requirements. Michelle McKenzie suggested that additional funds may be transferred to help with cost of building for the bikes through the radio ad budget if necessary. Alvin Scott will provide the updated estimates before the next meeting and suggested waiting for those estimates before considering budget transfers. There was some discussion if additional bikes were purchased later, would the building be big enough or will it be designed to be added onto easily. Alvin Scott said adding length would be easy, but width would be more difficult.

(3.) 1.) Have funds remaining from TV and radio PSAs (cost to run additional PSAs. Cost to run on second station (KTRL) or transfer funds to another project

KTRL: 25 second PSA

Per month: # of ads	Cost per month
20x	\$125
40x	\$200
60x	\$275



Most thought running the \$275 per month ads for a few months would be good, but will wait until bids are received for the storage building to be sure additional funds are not necessary.

(4.) Commissioners Court approved installing anti-idling signs at three parking lots – courthouse, county annex, and the fleet center. I ordered six signs – two for each parking lot. The signs were delivered on May 26<sup>th</sup> to the County maintenance office. They may install three signs at the Annex parking lot and one at the road ops center where vehicles are kept, and two at the County Courthouse.

(5.) Lawn equipment exchange. Cost for utility bill flyers for Granbury is \$480. This task is in the “other” budget category – there is \$700 left for the task currently, so that would require most of the budget. Consensus was to wait until next summer to try program again, but use the utility flyers and advertising with other flyers earlier – maybe February. Three gas mowers were recycled this month and there was \$8.90 received back that will be deposited with Coalition funds.

6.) FY 16/17 draft PGA submitted April 15, 2015. The legislative update during the Ozone Advance Conference call included that the House version of the budget included a status quo for funding of the Rider 8 (now referred to as Rider 7) grant program which should maintain funding at \$350,000. The senate version of the budget included a \$2,000,000 increase in funding, but included language that each area would receive \$350,000 and then areas with population > 350,000 would receive remaining funds based on population size.

c. The Contract Extension revised PGA was submitted early in May with the budget that was approved at the last meeting.

d. Certificate of Formation status – we received an invoice for \$700 from Steve Reid’s office for work completed thus far. Invoice was paid with Coalition funds because grant funds could not be used for this expense. Spoke with Steve Reid’s office and the Certificate was filed and they will be filing for the EIN. We will have to check into opening a bank account and will have to decide on who to sign for account. Complicated by the fact that we will have to leave funding in City account for the 10% reimbursement from TCEQ (\$35,000 or as close to as possible). John Campbell suggested that the deposit for new account be minimal required and others suggested two signatories be the Treasurer and the Chairman.

e. I have been working this month on the annual report for the Ozone Advance program. Draft should be going out this week for review. Please send any updates of energy efficiency projects or other air quality efforts that you would like included in the update.

f. Reports:

i. The Texas Regional Ozone Advance/ Nonattainment Areas Conference Call was held at 10 am on May 14, 2015. Brenda Williams of AACOG began with a welcome and overview of the call. San Antonio has already experienced two exceedances on May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> with readings of 78



and 77 respectively. These days were likely due to high background levels coming in from the Midwest and upper Ohio Valley. It was estimated that background ozone for these days was at 60 ppb.

The 2015 Ozone Discussion was a review of the upcoming timeline for the proposed new ozone standard. The Final Rule is due by October 1, 2015, 2016 will be state recommendations, and 2017 will be EPA attainment designations based on years 2014, 2015, and 2016. The Air Resources Committee in San Antonio sent in comments for the proposed standard. There were an estimated 430,000 comments submitted. Andrew Hoekzema of CAPCOG provided information about the timelines for upcoming EPA rulemakings and guidance. There is a new guidance on permit modeling due in a couple of months and there is work being done on a nonattainment guidance. The 2012 PM standard implementation milestones will be similar to the future implementation milestones. The nonattainment guidance is scheduled to be ready by four months after the final rule and the proposed implementation rule will be due one year after the final rule with the final implementation rule a year after that. The new implementation rule is likely to look very similar to the implementation rule for the 2008 ozone standard.

Ozone Advance/ SIP updates began with a summary from Brenda Williams from AACOG. Their Ozone Advance Update was late last year and they are trying to get back on schedule with a July submission date for the current update. Focus will be on increased participation by area businesses. The bus system is on a five year schedule to replace buses with electric and CNG buses. They contracted with ENVIRON through TCEQ to identify possible additional control measures. Steven Smeltzer added that they are also working on an Emission Inventory from Eagle Ford and on road emissions. The Austin area sent reporting forms out covering the new Action Plan. While this is not required, it was done with the Early Action Compact and has been continued from that. Their annual air quality report will be ready by the end of June. Their outreach and education is being coordinated better with combining efforts on radio advertising and better tracking of participation in events. Their focus is on steps people can take now to minimize chances of nonattainment. Technical work has been on point sources and agricultural equipment. Corpus Christie area was not on the call. NCTCOG has been working on conformity approval and improving the emission inventory. Outreach efforts are focused on Clean Air Action Day. They have had one ozone action day and three exceedances for the year. Hood County (Granbury) is working on the second annual report for Ozone Advance for next month. Outreach has included radio and TV ads and trying to promote a lawn mower exchange program. Efforts also include the propane infrastructure for the City and School District and expanding the bike rental program for the city. The Longview area is moving forward with an Action Plan rather than a Path Forward. They are studying a photooculation flux close to the monitor in Longview and realize they have a NOx driven problem. They are concerned about the upcoming open burning scheduled to occur at Camp Minden in North Louisiana and how it may impact them. Victoria and Waco were not available. H-GAC provided an update that they have had three ozone action days and did reach warning levels on one of those days. Their PM 2.5 Advance document is due at the end of July and they are working on several projects including tug/tow engine replacements as well as construction and drayage truck replacement. They have 200 trucks with GPS monitors and have found that these are idling more than was expected – some more than 50% of operation time. Emissions are higher during idling and this includes the particulates that they are concerned about. They are working with the City of Houston on an idle reduction program. They also recently completed a survey through TTI and are waiting for analysis of findings. They are trying to identify projects in congested areas and staff are working with DOE electric plug ins and moving forward with hydrogen drayage trucks. There was a brief discussion about emission from idling and



tracking data. Houston has 2 years of tracking data and NCTCOG is also doing some testing with TTI. Beaumont, Killeen, and El Paso were not available. There was a brief discussion about the possibility that El Paso may have to do a CO SIP.

Shannon Stevenson from NCTCOG provided a legislative update. There is a bill that adds counties that are eligible for TERP funding and increases the light duty rebate grant as well as extends it to 2023. These are expected to move forward. There is a Senate bill that moves \$20 million of TERP funds to transportation. It appears that both TERP and LIRAP are due to have additional funds in both House and Senate versions of the budget. TERP is estimated at \$236 million. The near nonattainment funding listed in the House budget maintains the status quo, but the Senate version has the same funding, but with language that each area would receive \$350,000 and then remaining funds would be divided by population for areas with population greater than 350,000. June 1<sup>st</sup> is the last day of the session.

The outreach and survey discussion began with San Antonio stating that they are focusing on increased participation in their “fresh air Friday” campaign. The campaign promotes a specific activity each week and includes short messages sent out by tweet and on digital billboards. Austin is participating in regional surveys. NCTCOG is currently focused on their Clean Air Action Day which will have a larger social media aspect this year. They are asking participants to send in their photos. They are doing more advertising and are including the new mascot, Arlo the Airmadillo. They are also promoting alternative fuel vehicle preferential parking signs and will be experimenting with billboards along I35 starting in June. Hood County mentioned that they completed a baseline outreach survey in December and will be pursuing a comparative survey study likely at the end of next summer. Longview is considering a survey. H-GAC has outreach activities through their “fresh air Friday” campaign done in downtown. Last year this was diversified into smaller events. They are focusing more on social media with messages from their “my solution” – reducing trips, better maintenance of vehicles. Their survey indicated an increase of 25% in participation and they continue to focus on name recognition.

Steven Smeltzer discussed ozone monitoring and network designs for monitors to be sure high ozone is being monitored and to identify transport issues. He estimated a monitor site can be set up for \$10,000-20,000.

The Houston in person meeting is scheduled for August 25<sup>th</sup> and the Houston area will send contact info for where to send information to be included in the meeting. It was suggested that presentations be sent early to be posted to the website for those unable to make the meeting.

ii. Air North Texas meeting: Air North Texas, the Air Quality Public Relations Task Force group, met on May 21, 2015 at 1:30. The meeting was held at the offices of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG). There was a call in option for those unable to make the meeting. Participants included staff from the NCTCOG, City of Bedford, UT Health Science Center, TxDOT, City of Fort Worth, and Hood County Clean Air Coalition.

The meeting began with introductions and a review of the March meeting. Jody Loza of NCTCOG provided an air quality update. Ozone season began March 1 and runs until the end of October. The current design value for the DFW area is 74 ppb. There have been three exceedance days, but only one ozone action day. The final rule for the proposed new standard is due by the end of the year. Revocation of the 97 standard was final on April 6, 2015. EPA is proposing clean data for the nine county

nonattainment area in lieu of redesignation of attainment. They are also proposing disapproval of the SIP as a result of the court decree from the Sierra Club lawsuit. This action will result in no sanctions and suspends actions related to the 97 standard nonattainment.

Whitney Vandiver of the NCTCOG provided information about Clean Air Action Day being June 26, 2015. There is a list of commitments on the website. Using a larger social media presence this year. Asking partners to use #CAAD2015 in posts on social media and print posters for display. There will be a contest to go along with the social media campaign. Asking participants to wear green for Clean Air Action Day, make commitments on the website, post on social media, and maybe participate in CAAD challenges like Cities of Plano and Grand Prairie did last year.

Marissa Hunt of the NCTCOG provided an update about the social media campaign with the new mascot, Arlo the Airmadillo. There are plans to take Arlo puppets to different locations and post photos to Facebook and Instagram with #ArloWasHere, and #AirNTX. Goal is to reach new audiences and spread air quality messages. Pdfs for the puppets will be sent to partners to use as well. Staff at NCTCOG printed the pdfs on cardstock and used craft sticks to make into puppets.

Whitney Vandiver provided updates about new print ads being used including the new “change is contagious” which will be used on billboards along I35 and is now on the webpage as well.

Kenny Bergstrom and Kimberlin To of NCTCOG provided quantification reports for the website and social media. In the last two months, there were 1344 visits to the website and 3108 page views. 78% were new visitors and the average time spent on the site was 2 minutes and 11 seconds. This time frame had more visitors sourced from social media. For social media, use #AirNTX for tracking.

Amanda Wilson of NCTCOG provided updates about recent events that the group has participated in as well as upcoming events. The focus on their outreach has been on the new mobility plan. The seed paper Clean Air Action Day cards and new water bottles have had a good reception at events.

Other announcements included the addition of the City of Bedford as a new partner and the next meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2015 and will be done by conference call. Outreach items of Arlo Frisbees and coffee tumblers, Air North Texas water bottles, lunch bags, and AQI crayons are available for partners to pick up after the meeting.

iii. Ozone update is on page three of the agenda packet. There have been three moderate readings of ozone so far and the design value for 2015 is currently 69 for the Hood County monitor.

iv. Earth Day Museum prizes – Michelle McKenzie delivered the Earth Day Museum prizes on May 15. First place received Earth Day poster and AQI crayons, second place received Arlo the Airmadillo activity books and Earth Day pencils, and third place received Arlo activity books and Air North Texas bracelets. Thank you again to judges and to Jan for ordering some of the prizes.

5. There was no additional discussion.



6. Terry Johnson made the motion to adjourn and Bob Cornett seconded the motion. The vote was 7 ayes and 0 nays and motion to adjourn passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 am. Next meeting scheduled for July 7, 2015.