

MINUTES

AIR QUALITY TASK FORCE MEETING

Friday, October 9, 2009, 11:00 A.M.
Bi-State Regional Commission
Rock Island County Office Building, Third Floor Room 320
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois
Chairman, Wally Mook
Public Works Director, City of Bettendorf

1. Introductions and Consideration of the August 14, 2009 Meeting Minutes. The Air Quality Task Force meeting was called to order by Mr. Mook. Introductions to those in attendance were requested. Task Force members were asked if there were any comments or corrections to the previous meeting's minutes. Hearing none, there was a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and passed.
2. Update from Resource Agencies on Current Air Quality Status/Issues. Mr. Jim Ross, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, informed the task force the US EPA released 24 hour PM 2.5 standard designations on Thursday, October 8, and that all counties in the Illinois Quad Cities were considered in attainment. Mr. Ross further indicated that the Rock Island monitor continues to show attainment levels. Mr. Ross also applauded the effort in implementing the leaf burning ban in the Illinois Quad Cities. Ms. McCullough asked Mr. Ross what the Illinois EPA foresees happening if areas go into non-attainment with an upcoming review of ozone standards. Mr. Ross replied that the current administration is reviewing the standards now, and that it is anticipated that the new levels will be set in the low 70s (ppb). Mr. Ross also stated that the Rock Island monitor should be safely in attainment if its current levels stand in the mid-60s (ppb).

Mr. Matthew Johnson, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, gave an update along similar lines, and stated that all areas in Iowa were also designated in attainment. Ms. McCullough asked if there have been any changes to the status of recorded Muscatine values. Mr. Johnson replied that $28.8 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ is the threshold value for Muscatine, which depends only on the fixed data from 2006-2008. The last update that Mr. Johnson had received was that the 7th highest reading out of Muscatine was just under the threshold. Mr. Johnson informed the Task Force that if Muscatine has any reading greater than $28.8 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, the average will be above the standard. Ms. McCullough also informed Mr. Johnson that she had received a question from the City of Buffalo about fugitive dust and that she would like Mr. Jim McGraw to follow up with her.

3. Summary of Transportation Alternatives & Air Quality Summit and Status of Bi-State Clean Air Partnership Activities. Ms. Anderson, Bi-State, gave an update on the Summit. There were 55 attendees, 17 speakers, and 7 Bi-State staff who attended the Summit. Ms. Anderson then gave a brief description of the types of topics that were discussed as well as the Partnership unveiling and officials signing. Ms. Anderson also informed the Task Force

that the Partnership Pledge was featured in a news tab in the Quad City Times and the Dispatch/Argus and will be in the November issue of the QC Business Journal.

Mr. Jim Nitzschke, Deere & Co., informed the group that he had taken copies of the Pledge to the IA/IL Safety Council. Mr. Bryce Harthoorn, citizen from Princeton, asked if there had been any effort to collect landfill methane and if that was a consideration in the Partnership. Ms. McCullough replied that Scott County has been working with Linwood Mines to collect methane but was unsure if anything was being done in Illinois. Mr. Sam Shea, Iowa Department of Transportation, commented that the Summit had high caliber speakers but wished the attendance would have been better. Mr. Wally Mook echoed this concern. Ms. Beck Passman, Bi-State, remarked that the low attendance may have had something to do with the timing due to a variety of similar conferences be scheduled in late September/ early October. Ms. McCullough finished with an update on other ICAAP activities indicating that the staff is working toward Alternative Transportation week in May and transit training activities in November.

4. Local Status Report on Air Quality Issues. Ms. McCullough introduced a resolution for support and concurrence of consistency with transportation planning in regards to seeking additional ICAAP funds. Ms. McCullough asked that the Task Force recommend that the Transportation Policy Committee support the resolution. Mr. Mook motioned for the recommendation, and Mr. John Riches, Alcoa, seconded the motion. The motion was passed. Ms. McCullough then updated the Task Force that Dr. Charles Stanier, University of Iowa, will be conducting research for LADCO and forwarded his thanks for the Task Force's letter of support. Ms. McCullough also informed the group that Mr. Tom Dalton had given information on a form of green fleet technology and that she would be forwarding that on to Task Force members.
5. Other Business. Mr. Harthoorn suggested that we adopt a "retiree" rate for future summits and events to attract more attendees.
6. Scheduling of Next Meeting. The next Task Force meeting was tentatively scheduled for December 11, 2009.
7. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.