

# **Minutes**

## **Bi-State Region Air Quality Task Force**

Friday, April 27, 2017, 11:00 A.M  
Bi-State Regional Commission  
Rock Island County Office Building  
Third Floor Room 320  
1504 Third Avenue  
Rock Island, Illinois

1. Introductions and Consideration of December 9, 2016 Meeting Minutes. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Statz. Mr. Burns motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Statz seconded the motion, which carried.
2. Update from Resource Agencies on Current Air Quality Status/Issues. Mr. McGraw reported that Muscatine's 1-hour SO<sub>2</sub> non-attainment designation has been included in the most recent State Implementation Plan which includes control strategies developed by Iowa DNR. The non-attainment designation became effective on October 4, 2013 and must reach attainment NAAQS levels no later than October 4, 2018.

Mr. McGraw also reported that information regarding the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act has been distributed to the counties and transit organizations, as there is still funding available.

3. Kimberly and Division Intersection Improvements. Mr. Statz provided an overview of the intersection improvement project located at Kimberly and Division in Davenport, IA. During construction the project has caused significant congestion, but will ultimately lead to improved traffic flow. The project includes turn lane improvements and additional median to prevent left turns near the intersection into surrounding businesses, which have been the cause of congestion in the past.
4. Update for Safe Routes to Schools Planning Project. Mr. Soliz provided a brief overview of the history of the Safe Routes to Schools program. Research on student safety began in the mid-70s culminating in the first modern program in New York in 1997. There are now programs in all 50 states that emphasis health and wellness of students. Mr. Soliz noted that Bi-State and partnering agencies have just completed the second year of a Partnerships to Improve Community Health (PICH) grant funded through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Year two studied four locations: Lincoln-Irving Elementary School in Moline, IL and Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center in Rock Island, IL, Madison Elementary School, and Hayes Elementary School in Davenport, IA. It is estimated that efforts reached 1300 students and 160 teachers and staff. The program involved extensive public outreach and data collection, which was used to create plans for the schools to implement. Three locations have been identified for the third year of the grant: Longfellow Elementary in Rock Island, IL, Wilson Middle School in Moline, IL, and Edward White Elementary School in Eldridge, IA.
5. Local Status Report and Air Quality Issues. Mr. Melton reviewed the status report provided in the agenda packet. He highlighted that Bi-State would be applying for a grant from the Mark W. Schwiebert Fund for Environmental Studies to fund an Alternative Fuels Workshop.
6. Other Business. None.
7. Scheduling of Next Meeting. The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 27, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.
8. Adjournment. Mr. Burns motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Olson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.

**MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD**  
**MEMBERS, GUESTS & STAFF**  
(Please Print Legibly)

Meeting of: Bi-State Region Air Quality Task Force

Date: 4/27/17 Time: 11:00 a.m To \_\_\_\_\_ Minutes: Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Meeting: Rock Island County Third Floor Conference Room 320

| Name:               | Title/Representing:      | Contact # or Email:      |
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| 4. Dave Seliz       | BSRC                     |                          |
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| 22. On the phone:   |                          |                          |
| 23. Matthew Johnson | IA DNR                   |                          |
| 24. Jim McGraw      | IA DNR                   |                          |
| 25. Betsy Tracy     | FHWA-IL DIV.             |                          |