



Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency

Advisory Council Minutes

April 25, 2019

Members Present:

Ron Edgar, Chemistry
Jana McDonald, Air Pollution Control
Brent Downey, Industry
Hal Ophus, Business Community
Chet Jahns, Jr. Agriculture
Deborah Bisenius, Environmental

Staff Present:

April Westby, PE, Supervisory Engineer
Mary Kataoka, Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m.

1. Approval of the January 24, 2019 Minutes

Hal moved to approve the January 24, 2019 minutes and Chet seconded it. Minutes approved.

2. Follow-Up to the February, March and April SRCAA Board of Directors Meetings – April

April updated the Advisory Council on the February, March and April board meetings as follows: 1) Retirement of Debbie Riley, Administrative Assistant and the hiring of her replacement Amber Ellis; 2) Julie at WRAP/WESTAR meeting this week and NACAA next week; 3) Letter sent to Congress from the Board regarding federal funding; 4) Snohomish County looking into their own air pollution office; 5) Variance received by Mt. Spokane – Ecology has to make a decision before SRCAA does; 6) New board member Kate Burke is representing City of Spokane; 7) Submitted grant application through state archives to purchase and install necessary hardware and software to change from disaster recovery system to an electronic records management; 8) Working with FreshVue on strategic planning; 9) The office moved from Office2010 to Office 365; 10) Approval was received from Martin Luther King Jr. Family Outreach Center Board to use East Central Community Center for an air quality site monitoring location; and 11) Julie participated in a press conference held here by Senator Maria Cantwell on the Wildfire Management Technology Advancement Act that was submitted March 12, 2019 and spoke about the Interagency Wildland Fire Air Quality Response Program. Some discussion ensued.

3. EPA Title V (Air Operating Permit) Program Audit Review – April

April gave an overview of the Title V program audit that was recently performed by EPA and the results of the audit. Some Discussion ensued.

4. Advisory Council Comments/Concerns and Next Month's Meeting

Deborah will not be here for the May and June meetings and Ron will not be here for the May meeting.

The Advisory Council discussed the recent State of the Air Report issued by the American Lung Association earlier this week. A discussion ensued about Spokane's ratings due to wildfire smoke in recent years.

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 a.m.

The next Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2019, at Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency's office located at 3104 E. Augusta Ave.

Advisory Council Member

Julie Oliver, Executive Director