



Advisory Council Minutes

July 25, 2024

Members Present:

Ron Edgar, Chemistry
John Dietzman, Environmental
Tony Masiello, Member at Large
Hal Ophus, Business Community
Ray Byrne, Public Health
Jackie Etter, Agriculture
Brent Downey, Industry (Zoom)
Doug Bleeker, Fire Protection (Zoom)
Jana McDonald, Air Pollution Control (Zoom)

Staff Present:

Scott Windsor, Executive Director
April Westby, Supervisory Engineer

Guests

None

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

1. Member and Staff Introductions

2. Approval of the June 2024, Minutes:

- a. Ray motioned to approve the June 2024 minutes, John 2nd. Minutes approved.

3. Executive Directors Report for June 2024:

- a. The Agency has installed all 11 SensWA sensors provided by the DOE. Sensors are located in the Overburdened Community overlay of the Spokane region. There is currently a conflict between the EPA and DOE on how data is presented.
- b. The Director participated in the DOE Ag. Burning Task Force meeting in Spokane. Issues discussed concern Ag Burning and Woodstove replacement.
- c. The Agency has completed 13 incentive-based woodstove changeouts during the second quarter and has approved 12 income-based replacements.
- d. The Agency continues to meet virtually with FEMA staff to determine what funds may be available to offset expenses incurred during and after the recent firestorms.

- e. The Agency continues to participate with regional partners involved in Smoke Ready Spokane.
- f. The “Take Care, Check The Air” campaign concluded during this month. This was a grant by the DOE for PNA outreach. We are looking forward to reviewing the final metrics.
- g. The Agency is following the public comment schedule for fee increases. The Board adopted the budget at the June 6th Board meeting. We will conduct the public comment period during the month of July with customer outreach efforts. We will conduct a public hearing at the August 1st Board meeting. If adopted, the fee increases are effective ~ September 15th.

4. Interim Agency Director and Director Search

- a. Scott updated the Advisory Council about the agency’s progress in finding a permanent replacement for the Executive Director position and the plan for an interim Executive Director from the date of his retirement until September 5, 2024.

5. 2025 SRCAA Future Topics of Interest

- a. The Advisory Council gave ideas of what they would like to discuss at future meetings. Some ideas included:
 - i. Air Curtain Incinerators,
 - ii. The future of the Waste to Energy Plant
 - iii. Unpaved roads within the City of Spokane, Spokane Valley, and Spokane County
 - iv. Our current Air Monitor network
 - v. EPA’s Ozone findings and the possible impact to the Agency
 - vi. Updates from Section Managers
 - vii. Overview of current grants
 - viii. Climate Commitment Act
 - ix. Low Carbon Fuel standard
 - x. The possibility of inviting someone from the Department of Ecology to attend an Advisory Council meeting and give a presentation or answer some questions.

6. Open Discussions – Current and Future Topics

- a. Advisory Council members discussed the upcoming Board of Directors meeting and the date of the next Advisory Council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 a.m.

The next Advisory Council Meeting is scheduled for August 22, 2024.

Advisory Council Member

Scott Windsor, Executive Director