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Advisory Council Minutes
September 25, 2025

Members Present:

Ron Edgar, Chemistry
John Dietzman, Environmental
Tony Masiello, Member at Large
Hal Ophus, Business Community (Zoom)
Janna Loeppky, Industry (Zoom)
Jackie Etter, Agriculture

Staff Present:

April Westby, Executive Director
Lisa Woodard, Communication/Outreach Manager
Mark Rowe, Air Monitoring Manager
Margee Chambers, Air Resource Specialist
Derek Aubrey, Compliance Manager

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

1. **Introductions:**

2. **Approval of the May 2025, June 2025, and July 2025, Minutes:**
   a. John moved to approve all of the minutes, Jackie 2nd. Minutes approved.

3. **Executive Directors Report**
   a. We have not received any additional information about our federal and state 103/105 core grants, so we are waiting on the decision to hire another inspector. We hope to get some additional information later this Fall.
   b. With the retirement of our monitoring technician, we have been focused on training staff to conduct maintenance activities on our air monitoring equipment and perform daily air quality forecasting. One of our inspectors is now dedicating 40% of their time to QA/QC work on the monitoring network, while our air resource specialist has taken on the responsibility for daily air quality forecasts.
   c. We have submitted a grant application for the next 2-year cycle of the woodstove changeout program. We are not proposing any major changes to the program.
   d. We are continuing to update our agency personnel manual. Legal review has been completed, and we are currently addressing the comments received. Our goal is to present a final version to the Board for approval by the end of the year.
   e. We are beginning to explore the potential use of AI within the agency. As a first step, we are reaching out to other agencies currently utilizing AI and reviewing their policies and practices. We also plan to establish an internal committee with representatives from each section to identify and evaluate opportunities for integrating AI into our operations.
   f. EPA Region 10 sent a letter to the Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC) to formally mark the end of the 20-year maintenance period for the PM10 and CO NAAQS. The letter states that as of August 30, 2025, SRTC is no longer required to address the conformity requirements for the Spokane CO and PM10 areas, but all other provisions of the maintenance plans continue to remain in effect. SRCAA is working on a plan to highlight the significant air quality improvements from our nonattainment years through the end of the formal maintenance period. More information will be presented to the Board in October.

g. The new Liberty Lake air monitor is in the final stages of installation. We expect to start generating PM2.5 data from the monitor later this month.
h. We are reviewing year-end financial information and evaluating changes to staffing and fee schedules that may be warranted. Currently, the NOC program and fees are being evaluated, with recommendations likely presented to the Board this Fall.

4. **Communication Plan for End of PM10 and CO NAAQS Nonattainment and Maintenance Period**
   a. Lisa gave an overview of the communication plan to commemorate the end of the PM 10 and CO Nonattainment and Maintenance Period. Presentation attached.
5. **Proposed Rulemaking, Amendments to Articles II, IV, V, and VI**
   a. Margee gave a presentation on the Proposed Rulemaking Administrative Amendments pertaining to articles II, IV, V, and VI. Discussion ensued. Presentation is attached.
6. **Wildfire smoke 2025 update**
   a. Mark gave an update on the 2025 wildfire smoke season. Discussion ensued. Presentation is attached.
7. **Advisory Council Concerns**
   No concerns

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

The next Advisory Council Meeting is scheduled for October 23, 2025.

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Advisory Council Member

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April Westby, Executive Director