

Advisory Council Minutes

April 25, 2024

Members Present:

Ron Edgar, Chemistry
John Dietzman, Environmental
Tony Masiello, Member at Large
Jackie Etter, Agriculture
Brent Downy, Industry (Zoom)
Doug Bleeker, Fire Protection (Zoom)

Staff Present:

Scott Windsor, Executive Director
Mark Rowe, Air Monitoring Manager
Margee Chambers, Air Resource Specialist

Guests

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

1. Introductions:

2. Approval of the March 2024, Minutes:

- a. John motioned to approve the March 2024 minutes, Jackie 2nd. Minutes approved.

3. Executive Directors Report for March 2024

- a. The Agency completed its annual CTR survey for WSDOT.
- b. The Agency is participating in the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Expo '74 with many other organizations involved in the Expo and will do so through the month of July.
- c. The Agency has been informed by the American Lung Association that Spokane once again has been described as having some of the worst air in the Nation regarding fine particulates. Of the top 25 cities listed, 24 are in the West with the common denominator being Wildfire smoke events.
- d. The Woodsmoke Reduction Grant changeout program is doing well as we have distributed \$63,000 out of our budget of \$138,000.

- e. The Agency has begun interviewing for two vacant positions after receiving applications. We have been able to fill one who will start in the month of May. The other position search is ongoing.
- f. The regional partners involved in Smoke Ready Spokane begin to have monthly meetings starting in April.
- g. The “Take care, Check the air” campaign will begin at the end of the month. This was a grant by the DOE for PNA outreach. It was delayed from last fall to the beginning of this year’s wildfire season.
- h. The Agency and the state’s Office of Public Instruction (OSPI) co-hosted a workshop for middle and high school educators at our offices on April 19th. Other agency presenters included Ecology and the National Weather Service, Spokane.

4. Wildfire Smoke Season

- a. Scott and Mark gave a presentation regarding the previous smoke season and forecasting the upcoming wildfire season. Discussion ensued.

5. Open Discussion – Current 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 9 a.m.

The next Advisory Council Meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2024.

Advisory Council Member

Scott Windsor, Executive Director