

SRCAA Advisory Council Minutes

February 22, 2024

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Scott Windsor, Executive Director
Mark Rowe, Air Monitoring Manager

Guests

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

1. Introductions:

- a. Introductions of the Advisory Council members and staff.

2. Approval of the January 2024, Minutes:

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

3. Executive Directors Report for January 2024

- a. The Agency awarded IAC (International Aerospace Coatings) the 2024 Clean Air Award for their efforts in improving air quality here in Spokane.
- b. On February 2nd, two of the Agency's vehicles were vandalized and had fuel stolen. This is the second incident of this nature since we have been at our new offices.
- c. The State Auditor has conducted the exit conference with staff and Board member Grover.
- d. On February 7th, The EPA announced new annual NAAQS pm2.5 standards. This will be fully implemented by 2032 and will be based on 2020-2022 data.
- e. The Agency has begun the search for an engineer to replace a retired employee. This may prove challenging. We will advise as we move forward.
- f. We have on the agenda an update to the Advisory Council Policies and Procedures.

- g. On February 29th, the EPA provided an educational update on their proposed LMWC (Large Municipal Waste Combustor) rules. This rule may impact Spokane's WTE.
- h. The low-income woodstove changeout program is slowly getting up to speed as we had to re-write terms of the grant. We currently have a waiting list.
- i. On February 27th, staff participated in the U.S. Attorney's Office for environmental justice community listening session.

4. NAAQS pm 2.5 rule

- a. Mark gave a presentation regarding the Final Rule to Strengthen the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter. Discussion ensued.

5. State Legislative Bills.

- a. Scott gave an overview of the upcoming bills going to the state legislature. Discussion ensued.

6. Open Discussion – Current Topics:

- a. Advisory Council members discussed the upcoming Board of Directors meeting and the date of the next Advisory Council meeting. They also discussed if there would be a quorum for the next Advisory Council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 a.m.

The next Advisory Council Meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2024.

Advisory Council Member

Scott Windsor, Executive Director