

June Meeting Summary

The June meeting of the Hood County Clean Air Coalition was held June 5, 2024, in the Granbury Parks Department office at 220 North Travis Street in Granbury, Texas. There were four board members present which did not represent a quorum. Board members present included Joe Drew, Judge Ron Massingill, Council member Lisa Clement, and John Campbell. Also present were Darlene DuVal and Madelyn McKenzie with the City of Granbury Economic Development, Zak Monroe with Heine Propane, Bill Black, and Michelle McKenzie, Air Quality Program Manager.

- 1.) Treasurer Joe Drew called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. and followed up with introductions.
- 2.) Local Updates
 - a.) The May Meeting Summary was sent for board member review. Without a quorum present, the approval of the May Meeting Summary will be considered at a future meeting with a quorum present.
 - b.) The Monthly Budget Review for April. For April, expenses were \$3,432.18 for salary and \$1,847.40 for fringe, \$23.99 for Adobe license, and \$98.10 for liability insurance. Total expenses for April were \$5,401.67. Donations were received in March from the City of Granbury in the amount of \$2,083.33. Balance for Clean Air Funds at the end of April was \$42,965.29. The bank balance at First National Bank is \$740.58. Without a quorum present, the approval of the April Budget Review will be considered at a future meeting with a quorum present.
 - c.) Rider 7 Update. The Hood County Commissioners Court approved a \$25,000 donation in support of the HCCAC for FY 2024 at the meeting on May 14th. The HCCAC will note to ask for the same funding for FY 2025 during that fiscal year. After meeting with the City Finance Director and NCTCOG contract review, the monitoring project will be handled by NCTCOG directly and they will retain the \$28,125 for allowed administrative costs. They are proposing to include \$28,000 in a contractual agreement through an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Granbury for the HCCAC to handle the emission inventory project and other administrative assistance. The emission inventory project is estimated at \$37,000 and will need to be addressed with an RFQ and at least three estimates for the project but will not require City Council consideration. This means the Rider 7 budget will be \$28,125 to NCTCOG for administrative expenses, \$28,000 to the City of Granbury for HCCAC oversight, \$37,000 for emission inventory, and \$188,125 for monitoring work. NCTCOG composed a list of possible locations for the monitoring project based on information provided by HCCAC board members at the Rider 7 meeting with NCTCOG staff. Locations will be based on availability of necessary infrastructure, permissions, and best locations for the project. Daniela Tower from NCTCOG presented an updated map and

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- d.) suggested that six monitors may be used for the project with one co-located at the regulatory monitor and five additional monitors located within about a 10-mile radius of the monitor. Daniela will update the map to show major highways and with 5- and 7-mile radiuses marked
- e.) Wolf Hollow Proposed Permit. TIME magazine is still emailing and now has also contacted the board chairman for comment. A draft comment was sent to board members for review. Board members approved of the draft comment. The Air Quality Program Manager contacted TCEQ again and was able to get the comment letter submitted and discovered that the hearing has not been scheduled, but with the submission of the comment should be on the contact list for updates.
- f.) In the ozone season report, for 2024 there have been 17 moderate days and no exceedance days. The fourth highest reading is 63 ppb and the design value is 74 ppb.

3.) EPA Updates

- a) Regarding EPA's review of the Secondary NO₂/SO₂/PM National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) – EPA is proposing to revise the existing secondary SO₂ standard to an annual average, averaged over three consecutive years, with a level within the **range from 10 to 15 ppb**. Additionally, EPA is proposing to retain the existing secondary standards for N oxides and PM, without revision. EPA also is proposing revisions to the data handling requirements for the proposed secondary SO₂ NAAQS. Comments on this proposal must be received by **June 14, 2024**. More information and instructions to comment, please see the Federal Register proposal: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-04-15/pdf/2024-07397.pdf>. To review documents associated with this review, please visit: <https://www.epa.gov/naaqs/nitrogen-dioxide-no2-and-sulfur-dioxide-so2-secondary-air-quality-standards>.
- b) EPA recently released the Ozone Watch App to the public. EPA has been using and improving this app for several years. Ozone Watch contains different applications to track ozone concentrations reported during the current ozone season and understand the possible implications for attainment of the NAAQS for ozone during the current 3-year design value period. The app can be found on the EPA Air Data website at <https://www.epa.gov/outdoor-air-quality-data/ozone-watch>. EPA is planning to host a webinar to demonstrate the app this summer. Please check out the app and bring any related questions to the webinar.

4.) Regional Updates

- a.) The first Friday of June will be Clean Air Action Day. On Friday, June 7, 2024, we invite you to join us for Clean Air Action Day by doing at least one thing to help improve air quality. Log your commitments at <https://www.airnorthtexas.org/cleanairactionday>. Tell us what you plan on doing by selecting your planned action(s) at the link. On Clean Air Action Day, share how you celebrate with us on social media by using #CAAD2024 and tagging us, @NCTCOGtrans.
- b.) DFW Clean Cities Events
 - i. Charging Smart, <https://www.dfwcleancities.org/charging-smart>, will be hosting an [informational webinar](#) on Wednesday, June 5, at 1:00PM CST

to provide information about the program and an upcoming cohort to progress through the program with a peer group of local governments. The project aims to provide structured technical assistance and create a designation program that supports local governments in setting and achieving equitable EV-readiness goals and supports the Justice40 initiative to provide opportunities for disadvantaged and lower-income communities.

- ii. The North Central Texas Council of Governments, University of Texas at Arlington, and Texas Hydrogen Alliance will hold a Hydrogen User Forum, <https://nctcog.publicinput.com/nthydrogen> on Tuesday, June 11 which will focus on potential hydrogen adoption by industries in Dallas-Fort Worth. The forum will allow industry members to hear from their peers about the current and future state of hydrogen, and give local utility planners (gas, electric, hydrogen suppliers) the chance to hear from industry so they can be prepared to meet future needs. Lunch will be provided.
- iii. EMPOWER Workplace Charging, <https://www.workplacecharging.com/>, is hosting its next webinar “[Successful workplace charging initiatives](#)” on Thursday, June 20, at 1:00PM CST. These webinars aim to equip your organization with the knowledge and tools necessary to install workplace EV charging stations, contribute to reducing carbon emissions, and demonstrate your commitment to sustainability. For further information on EMPOWER, please fill out the [interest survey](#).

c.) Funding Opportunities

- i. TERP Seaport and Rail Yards Grant has opened: <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/terp/spry>
- ii. TERP Rebate Grants Opening Soon: <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/terp/rebate.html>
- iii. Other Funding Opportunities at <https://nctcog.org/aqfunding>

5.) Other Discussion. Bill Black’s natural gas infrastructure grant conversion to propane and deadline extension to 2025 was approved by TCEQ. Zak Monroe is continuing to reach out to fleets interested in conversion for lower emissions and lower fuel expenses.

6.) Adjourn until July 10th to avoid conflict with the July 4th holiday.