

## October Meeting Summary

The October meeting of the Hood County Clean Air Coalition was held on October 3, 2024, in the City of Granbury Pre-Council Chambers at 116 West Bridge Street in Granbury. There were six board members present, and one attended virtually for a total of seven board members which represented a quorum. Board members present included Judge Ron Massingill, Mayor Jim Jarratt, Mayor Pro-Tem Lisa Clement, Joe Drew, Chuck Licata, and Zak Monroe. Chairman Mark Franco attended virtually. Also present were Daniela Tower of NCTCOG, Madelyn McKenzie, and Michelle McKenzie, Air Quality Program Manager.

- 1.) Joe Drew called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.
- 2.) Local updates were provided by Michelle McKenzie.
  - a. Review of September Meeting Summary. The September Meeting Summary was sent for board member review. There were no questions about the summary. A motion to approve the summary was made by Mayor Jim Jarratt and seconded by Chuck Licata. The motion was approved with a vote of seven ayes and no nays.
  - b. The Monthly Budget Review for August. For August, expenses were \$3,432.18 for salary and \$1,847.42 for fringe, \$23.99 for Adobe license, and \$63.10 for liability insurance. Total expenses for August were \$5,366.69. Donations were received in August from the City of Granbury in the amount of \$2,083.33 and the City of Cresson in the amount of \$2,500. Balance for Clean Air Funds at the end of August was \$53,193.86. a motion to approve the August budget review was made by Mark Franco and seconded by Mayor Jim Jarratt. The motion was approved with a vote of seven ayes and no nays.
  - c. Rider 7 Update. The Interlocal Agreement is still being developed at NCTCOG. Amount will be \$288,444.66 for monitoring project, emission inventory project, and administrative activities. The Air Quality Program Manager has spoken with William Cagle of Rocking X Ranch a couple of times and he was waiting to hear back from the ranch office if the property could be used. Daniela Tower with NCTCOG said that she had preliminary approval for use of the ranch site but would be meeting with representatives of Rocking X Ranch to confirm. If confirmed, that would be all five monitor locations approved: Rancho Brazos Community Center, Somervell County Water District location, Vista Minerals site, Mark Franco's property, and Rocking X Ranch.
  - d. Wolf Hollow III information. Cindy Highsmith, who lives in Pecan Plantation, called and emailed me about a State Senate hearing scheduled for October 8<sup>th</sup> to hear testimony concerning the Texas Fund loans that Wolf Hollow III has been approved for. They were one of 17 projects approved for the fund. She was hoping that someone from the Coalition would be willing to testify at the hearing against Wolf Hollow receiving the funding. The Air Quality Program Manager told her that it would be brought up to the Coalition board to consider any

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actions. She requested if the Coalition did not attend, that we consider sending letters to the senators on the committee. She also said many of the residents near Wolf Hollow have requested a contested hearing for the proposed permit, but those residents had limited funds for attorneys. The Air Quality Program Manager explained that our funding was limited, and we would likely not be able to help with funding for attorneys. Following a discussion about options for a response for the hearing, a motion was made to send the TCEQ comment letter from the HCCAC by email to the Texas Energy Fund Advisory Committee members by Chuck Licata and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lisa Clement. The motion was approved with a vote of seven ayes and no nays.

e. Reports

- i. In the ozone season update, there have been 5 exceedance days since the start of ozone season and 53 moderate readings. The design value is 77 ppb.
  - ii. The Air North Texas Coalition meeting was held September 19<sup>th</sup>. Following introductions and a review of the July meeting, Daniela Tower presented the Air Quality Update. The current DFW uncertified design value is at 83 parts per billion which surpasses both the 2008 and 2015 ozone standards. There have been 38 exceedance days with 29 over 71, 7 over 86, and 3 over 106 parts per billion. Ozone season ends at the end of November. The Fort Worth monitor is the leading monitor with a few others close to 83. The attainment date for the 2008 standard is July 20, 2027, and will be based on 2024-2026 data. The DFW region is currently designated Severe. The new PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard is effective as of May 6, 2024, at 9 micrograms per meter cubed. There have been no classifications yet, but the state recommendations are due soon. Currently twelve counties are proposed to be recommended as non-attainment for the PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard including Tarrant and Dallas counties with Ellis County proposed as unclassifiable due to the monitor there not working. A new monitor is proposed for next year. Administrative announcements and quantification results were reviewed. The next meeting is scheduled for November 21 and will be an in-person meeting.
  - iii. On September 30, 2024, the Air Quality Program Manager met through Teams with Mia South, coordinator for the EPA Advance Program. The discussion included an update about the proposed air quality permit for Wolf Hollow III and that the Coalition submitted comments to TCEQ to address air quality concerns that Hood County is already registering high ozone values before the construction of the new power plant. There was also discussion about the new Coalition website and the start of social media outreach and the cooperative planning with NCTCOG for EV infrastructure in Hood County. Mia provided a review of the Advance Partner tool that provides emission information for the county and highlighted the website [driveelectric.gov](http://driveelectric.gov) for assistance with EV infrastructure planning.
- f. The Coalition website was launched on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Please visit the site at **[hccleanair.org](http://hccleanair.org)**. The Air Quality Program Manager contacted Sean Pruitt with Colored Bean and thanked him for his previous work and asked him to disable the old site, which he has already done. Madelyn worked on resizing some of the

website to make it more mobile friendly. Madelyn is also going to try to update the search engine optimization, so the site shows up on Google Search. There is space on the website for a blog. The Air Quality Program Manager is planning to try and attend the DFW Clean Cities National Drive Electric Week event at the Tanger Outlets in Fort Worth and may try to make that the first blog topic. In reviewing the website, Madelyn asked for permission to add credit to her for designing the website. Board members approved that request, and a request was made to add a link to the TCEQ monitor site for data from the Granbury monitor.

- 3.) EPA Updates are from Carrie Paige with EPA. The EPA is preparing an Integrated Science Assessment (ISA) as part of the review of the primary (health-based) National Ambient Air Quality Standards for oxides of nitrogen. As part of this review, EPA is announcing a series of public workshops to evaluate preliminary draft materials that will inform the development of the ISA for oxides of nitrogen. Preliminary materials are not being released externally but will be provided to the panelists to guide discussions that will inform the development of the draft ISA for oxides of nitrogen. The workshops are being organized by EPA's Center for Public Health and Environmental Assessment within the Office of Research and Development and will be held by webinar and teleconference on October 8, October 30, and October 31. Members of the public may attend the webinars as observers. Space in the teleconferences may be limited, and reservations will be accepted on a first come, first-served basis.

For more information and to register for the workshop as an observer, please see the Federal Register notice linked here: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-09-10/pdf/2024-20350.pdf>.

On September 20, 2024, EPA released the [proceedings from the virtual Workshop to Inform the Review of the Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards](#), which was held May 13 to 16, 2024. The workshop proceedings provide critical input that will inform the development of the planning and assessment documents used to develop EPA's review of the primary (health-based) and secondary (welfare-based) NAAQS for ozone. This workshop allowed the EPA to receive input and advice on critical science and policy issues regarding how the ozone NAAQS review will be structured. EPA held the workshop, fulfilling one step in Administrator Regan's commitment to a new ozone standard review.

Participants invited to the workshop included scientists external to EPA, EPA scientists, and policy experts with a wide range of expertise (e.g., epidemiology, controlled human exposure studies, animal toxicology, ecology, statistics, biological, environmental, and physical sciences, atmospheric and climate science, human exposure science, and risk analysis and policy analysis). The workshop was open to the public.

To read the proceedings document and learn more, head to the [Integrated Science Assessment \(ISA\) for Ozone and Related Photochemical Oxidants](#) webpage.

#### 4.) Regional Updates

- a. The DFW Clean Cities National Drive Electric Week event is scheduled for Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am-2 pm at the Tanger Outlets in North Fort Worth. The event will include a free EV display, EV ride and drive, and EVs with their owners to answer questions and share their experiences. The event will also feature food, games, kids' activities, prizes, a scavenger hunt, and opportunities

to meet with industry professionals. More information at <https://www.dfwcleancities.org/events>.

- b. The TCEQ Emission Reduction incentive Grant applications are due by October 29<sup>th</sup>. The grant provides funding to replace or repower older locomotives, marine vessels, stationary equipment and non-road equipment. The grant covers up to 80% of the incremental cost.
- c. Funding Opportunities are at <https://nctcog.org/aqfunding>

5.) Other Discussion. NCTCOG EV Infrastructure meeting held October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

6.) Adjourn until Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.