March Meeting Summary

The March meeting of the Hood County Clean Air Coalition was held on March 5, 2025, in the Granbury City Hall Pre-Council Chambers at 116 West Bridge Street in Granbury. There were six board members present which represented a quorum. Board members present included Chairman Mark Franco, Judge Ron Massingill, Mayor Jim Jarratt, Mayor Pro-Tem Lisa Clement, Joe Drew, and Chuck Licata. Also present were Sharla Caro and Mia Ruiz of Rancho Brazos Community Center, and Michelle McKenzie, Air Quality Program Manager.

- 1.) Chairman Mark Franco called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.
- 2.) Local Updates were provided by Michelle McKenzie
 - a. Review of February Meeting Summary. The February Meeting Summary was sent for board member review. There was no discussion about the Summary. A motion to approve the Summary was made by Judge Ron Massingill and seconded by Joe Drew. The motion was approved with a vote of six ayes and no nays.
 - b. Monthly Budget Review for January. For January, salary expenses were covered by the NCTCOG Rider 7 grant in the amount of \$3,432.18 along with fringe expense in the amount of \$770.01 for a total of \$4,202.19. There was also an invoice for TTI in the amount of \$2,109.20 for a total of \$6,311.39 total expense covered by the NCTCOG Rider 7 grant. The remaining fringe expenses in the amount of \$1,179.85 and \$23.99 for the Adobe license were covered by the Clean Air Funds for a total of \$1,203.84. Total expense for the month of January was \$7,515.23. Donations were received in January from the City of Granbury in the amount of \$2,083.00. Balance for Clean Air Funds at the end of January was \$38,512.34. A motion to approve the budget reviews was made by Mayor Jim Jarratt and seconded by Judge Ron Massingill. The motion was approved with a vote of six ayes and no nays.
 - c. The January Meeting Summary was sent to the Reid Firm for development of the 2025 Annual Minutes. An invoice in the amount of \$300 was sent to the city finance department for payment on February 7. The \$300 covered \$200 for the 2024 Annual Minutes and \$100 for the attorney agent fee. The 2024 annual tax form 990-N has been filed by Molly Willsher's office. An invoice for the tax filing was submitted to the city finance department for payment on February 12th in the amount of \$155.
 - d. In the NCTCOG Rider 7 update, the analysis of the three proposals was sent to the City's Purchasing Department on February 5th. As the proposal was over \$40,000, the Purchasing Department sent the proposal for review by the City Finance Director and City Manager to ensure that the proposal did not need to go to City Council for review. The adjustment to the task budgets to accommodate the \$44,064 expense for the emission inventory project required another

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NCTCOG Amendment. This second amendment will reflect the new budgets of \$44,064 for emission inventory, \$200,445 for monitoring, and \$43,865 for administrative activities. The City Finance Director did not think the second amendment would require Council consideration as the overall budget remains the same. In meeting with John Grant with Ramboll about the emission inventory project, Ramboll will be working with the most recent emission inventories from EPA and TCEQ – hopefully as much data as possible from at least 2022. The Air Quality Program Manager explained how important 2022 data will be as that was the start of the higher ozone levels seen in the county along with the opening of the bitcoin data center affiliated with Wolf Hollow in the summer of 2022. With the monitoring project, there was an issue with one of the monitors not working and the Community Center electrical work, but Jeremy with TTI was going to check on both the week of February 17th.

- e. Wolf Hollow Update. The Air Quality Program Manager was notified by Cindy Highsmith that at the TCEQ hearing for Wolf Hollow, there were five affected people. TCEQ will be scheduling a contested case hearing in front of a Judge. Affected people must be within 1.5 miles of the plant. They are hoping to get additional control measures like scrubbers added to the plant to further reduce emissions. Several members of the community were at the City Council meeting on March 4th. Chuck Licata and Mayor Jim Jarratt provided an overview of the discussion. The Air Quality Program Manager will work to try to identify additional control measure ideas that could be suggested for use at Wolf Hollow III and send to Cindy Highsmith or one of the other contacts.
- f. Ozone season started on March 1st and runs through the end of November. The first day of the ozone season saw an exceedance day in the DFW area and two low 60 readings for Hood County with a current design value of 68 parts per billion on March 4th.

3.) Regional updates were from NCTCOG

- a. Texas Clean Fleet Program from TCEQ is now open. This program provides funding to Texas Fleet owners to help replace aging diesel vehicles with new hybrid or alternative fuel vehicles. It offers an estimated \$16 million in grants and up to 80% of the cost of the new vehicles may be reimbursed. Eligible entities must own and operate a fleet of 75 or more on-road vehicles in Texas and applicants must replace at least 10 of those vehicles with hybrid or alternative fuel vehicles.
- b. Funding Opportunities
- 4.) Other Discussion. Chuck is working on videos to go along with the blog posts. We have had two blog posts on the website. Please let the Air Quality Program Manager know if you have suggestions for blog articles or if you are interested in writing one of the articles.
- 5.) Adjourn until April 2.