

June Meeting Summary

The June meeting of the Hood County Clean Air Coalition was held on June 4, 2025, in the Granbury City Hall Pre-Council Chambers at 116 West Bridge Street in Granbury. There were seven 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, John Campbell, Chuck Licata, and Zak Monroe. Also present were Jeremy Johnson of the Texas A&M Transportation Institute, Scott Bradley, and Michelle McKenzie, Air Quality Program Manager.

- 1.) Chairman Mark Franco called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Following introductions, Mark Franco called the meeting into Executive Session.
- 2.) During the May HCCAC meeting, Chairman Mark Franco requested an Executive Session for discussion of the salary of the Air Quality Program Manager at the June HCCAC meeting. Board members went into the Executive Session at 9:04 a.m. and the Executive Session ended at 9:10 a.m. Board members approved a new salary for the Air Quality Program Manager during the Executive Session. Signatures from the attending board members were collected to document approval of the salary increase.
- 3.) Local updates were provided by Michelle McKenzie.
 - a) Review of May Meeting Summary. The May Meeting Summary was sent for board member review. There were no questions about the Summary and Chuck Licata made a motion to approve the Summary which was seconded by Mayor Jim Jarratt. The motion passed with a vote of seven ayes and no nays.
 - b) Monthly Budget Review for April. For April, 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 \$364.29 for a total of \$3,796.47. There was also an invoice for Ramboll in the amount of \$9,536.25 and TTI in the amount of \$7,779.41 for a total of \$21,112.13 covered by the NCTCOG Rider 7 grant. Reimbursement funds of \$1,698.92 were received in April. The remaining fringe expenses in the amount of \$1,540.94, \$25.00 for liability insurance, and \$23.99 for the Adobe license were covered by the Clean Air Funds for a total of \$1,589.93. Total expense for the month of April was \$22,662.68. Donations were received in April from the City of Granbury in the amount of \$2,083.00. Balance for Clean Air Funds at the end of April was \$39,421.90. Balance at First National Bank is \$745.58. A motion to approve the budget review was made by Judge Ron Massingill and seconded by Chuck Licata. The motion was approved with a vote of seven ayes and no nays. In discussion about the budget, it was requested that the Air Quality Program Manager attend the Granbury City Council meeting on

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June 17th regarding the Rider 7 projects and June 24th Hood County Commissioners Court regarding a funding request. The cities of Cresson and Granbury have already included a funding request in their budgets in support of the Clean Air Coalition.

c) Reports

- i) Ozone Season Report. In the ozone season report, for 2025 there were 21 moderate days and 1 exceedance day through the end of May. The fourth highest reading is 63 and the design value is 72 ppb as of the end of May.
- ii) The DFW Clean Cities Technical Advisory Committee meeting was held on May 6th. James Wood of DFW Airport provided a member update about a new pilot program for hydrogen buses. The airport is in the process of getting two hydrogen fueled buses that will be part of a pilot program for the new fuel. The new buses will be new for first responders and others at the airport. The hydrogen will be from renewable energy sources and is considered green hydrogen. They will be receiving safety training from NREL. There was a review of the DFW Clean Cities Strategic Plan Review for 2027-2030 and an update on Federal EV Charging Station Awards. For the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Community Award, NCTCOG received \$15 million from the Federal Highway Administration for charging station on public sector property across the 16-county region. Kimley-Horn and Associates will serve as the “Deployment Dream Team” to expedite requirements and ensure timely implementation. A metric has been developed to score the locations. For the North Texas Reliable EV Infrastructure project, 8 locations have been identified with four having the potential to be upgraded to DC fast charge and four identified to remain level 2 chargers. This grant provided \$3.66 million awarded to NCTCOG to fund upgrades and repairs to charging stations selected. Coalition staff updates were provided about the DOE’s Vehicle Technologies Office 2025 Notice of Funding Opportunity Concept Paper Support, the DFWCC Director Transition Plan, Fleet Assistance Standard Operating Procedure, and the DFWCC Annual Survey Update. There was a review of upcoming events including the May 14th Local Government EV Charging Panel, May 21st North Texas Resilient EV Infrastructure Stakeholder Meeting, May 27 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Funding Round Table, Summer 2025 North Texas Zero-Emission Vehicle Project, and an update on site visit for the next TAC meeting in July. Volterra site in Dallas is likely site for a visit. More details will be provided later. The next DFW Clean Cities Technical Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for July 28th.
- iii) The DFW Clean Cities Regional EV Infrastructure Working Group meeting was held May 14, 2025. The meeting began with a review of the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Community award from the Federal Highway Administration in the amount of \$15 million for the 16 county North Texas region. Kimley-Horn has been procured as the “deployment dream team” for the award. They have 24 entities that have provided potential locations including the cities of Granbury, Stephenville, and Weatherford. The City of Farmers Branch provided a review of

their charging network that was installed from 2021-2023 and includes 13 level 2 public charging ports and five fleet charging ports. These are installed at their City Hall, Recreation Center, Justice Center and library. Funding from the TCEQ VW Settlement funds were used for the public charger at the library and SECO grant funds were used for the fleet chargers. Dallas County provided a presentation about their charging network that includes 48 level 2 chargers that are a mix of public and private that were installed over the last five years. They did not use grant funds. The chargers were installed as part of new construction projects. Dallas County used Charge Point and included a park timer. They charge a rate of \$0.15/kWh. Farmers Branch charges \$0.20/kWh. Both entities charge \$5/ hour after the vehicle is charged, usually about 4 hours, to prevent people leaving vehicles parked there and blocking the charging stations. Farmers Branch reported about 450 sessions per month on their 13 chargers and Dallas County reported about 900 sessions per month on their public chargers, mostly at the downtown locations. The money collected offsets the electricity use and covers warranty charges and the remaining revenue goes back to the general fund for the entities. Some of the issues they have had include each vendor requiring a different app for use and the charging stations being tied to one vendor. They haven't had issues with that vendor, but it would be difficult to change if they did have issues. There are a few charging stations that have the capacity to switch vendors.

- iv) The Air North Texas Coalition meeting was held on May 15th. Following introductions and a review of the March meeting. Daniela Tower presented the Air Quality Update. As of May 12th, the design value for the DFW area is at 78 parts per billion, which means they exceed both standards. They have had 3 exceedance days so far. The controlling monitor is currently the Fort Worth Northwest monitor. The five highest reading monitors range from 76-78. In comparing the 2006 emission inventory and the estimated 2026 emission inventory, emissions have dropped from 582 tons per day to 187.5 tons per day of NOx emissions. 32% of emissions are predicted to come from on-road in 2026. Previously, over half of emissions were from on-road emissions. Despite these reductions, ozone levels are still above the ozone standard. There was a presentation about Engine Off North Texas that targets idle reductions especially for heavy-duty vehicles. Heavy-duty Vehicle emissions make up 67% of the 35% total NOx emissions for the region. The Engine Off North Texas program was relaunched in 2021 and uses parts of the EPA SmartWay Technology Program. There is a toolkit available. Clean Air Action Day is scheduled for June 6th and graphics are available now. Pledges can be made on the Air North Texas website. There was a review of available outreach items and a quantification report. Advertising for Air North Texas started in April. The next meeting will be virtual and is scheduled for July 17th.
- v) A preliminary meeting for the TCEQ Wolf Hollow Contested Case hearing was held on May 20th. Judge Katerina DeAngelo verified the participating parties for the meeting that included TCEQ representatives, OPIC, Office of Public Interest

Council, representatives, attorneys representing Wolf Hollow, and the affected persons in the case. The schedule had not been agreed to yet by participants, but they thought they could agree on a schedule by Friday, May 23rd. They do have a 180-day limit to get through the process. Wolf Hollow representatives proposed August 26-29 as a timeframe for the hearing. The Judge pointed out that mediation is an available option. There was a harassment notice that will not be addressed. There have been 251 requests for documents from Wolf Hollow by the affected persons in the case and Wolf Hollow representatives requested a protective order be issued for proprietary documents that the Judge agreed to. The “attorney eyes only” label will not be used for documents as the protestants are not represented by an attorney. Wolf Hollow requested an in-person hearing, but the Judge is considering a hybrid option. TCEQ and OPIC representatives requested a virtual option. Wolf Hollow also requested email contact versus mail contact. The Judge warned that it can be difficult to be placed on the email contact list. The preliminary hearing concluded at about 10:45 a.m.

- d) In the NCTCOG Rider 7 update, Ramboll has completed processing and summarizing EPA’s 2022 Modeling Platform emission inventory for Hood County. They have continued analysis of Wolf Hollow III permit application, continued analysis of historical Hood County EGU and historical permitted sources emissions and began developing the Hood County Emission Inventory draft report. The monitoring project is continuing. Jeremy Johnson with TTI will be presenting the data collected so far.
- e) Monitoring Project Presentation by Jeremy Johnson with the Texas A&M Transportation Institute. The five monitor sites around Hood County monitor for ozone and weather data. Four of the sites have additional sensors that measure ozone, nitrogen oxides, and particulate matter. The monitors follow each other well in data collection. There were some battery issues with the site in Somervell County, but this has mostly been resolved with the longer days aiding the solar panels charging the batteries. While not the focus of the project, the particulate matter readings have been reading higher at the Community Center location than at the other monitor sites.

4) Regional Updates

- a.) Texas LoanSTAR Revolving Loan is open.
- b.) Provide input on future EV charging locations at <https://www.publicinput.com/nctcogEVcharging>
- c.) North Central Texas Asthma Summit scheduled for June 18th will be a hybrid meeting at NCTCOG offices with a virtual option from 8:30-2:30.
- d.) Funding Opportunities at www.nctcog.org/aqfunding

- 5) Other Discussion: Carrie Paige with EPA who provided our updates retired on May 30th. Alethea Tsui-Bowen will be the new Advance Program contact with EPA. Clean Air Action Day is Friday, June 6th. Log your clean air commitments at airnorthtexas.org.

- 6) Adjourn until July 2nd.