

September Meeting Summary

The September meeting of the Hood County Clean Air Coalition was held on September 3, 2025, in the Granbury City Hall Pre-Council Chambers at 116 West Bridge Street in Granbury. There were four board members present with one participating virtually, which did not represent a quorum. Board members present included Mayor Pro-Tem Lisa Clement, Joe Drew, and Chuck Licata with Chairman Mark Franco participating virtually. Also present were Darlene DuVal and Michelle McKenzie, the Air Quality Program Manager with Daniela Tower from NCTCOG and Alethea Tsui-Bowen participating virtually.

- 1.) Chairman Mark Franco called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.
- 2.) Local updates were provided by Michelle McKenzie.
 - a. Consideration of approval of the June, July, and August Meeting Summaries will take place at the next meeting when a quorum of board members is present.
 - b. Monthly Budget Review for May. For May, salary expenses were covered by the NCTCOG Rider 7 grant in the amount of \$5,418.27 along with fringe expense in the amount of \$546.04 for a total of \$5,694.31. There was an invoice for TTI in the amount of \$3,291.11 for a total of \$8,985.42 covered by the NCTCOG Rider 7 grant. Reimbursement funds of \$44,304.24 were received in May. The remaining fringe expenses in the amount of \$1,818.09, \$54.87 for liability insurance, \$23.99 for the Adobe license, and \$159.04 travel expense were covered by the Clean Air Funds for a total of \$2,055.99. Total expense for the month of May was \$11,041.41. Donations were received in May from the City of Granbury in the amount of \$2,083.00. Balance for Clean Air Funds at the end of May was \$39,448.91. Balance at First National Bank is \$745.58. Consideration of approval for the May Budget Review will take place at the next meeting when a quorum of board members is present.
Monthly Budget Review for June. For June, most of salary expenses were covered by the NCTCOG Rider 7 grant in the amount of \$3,342.18 along with fringe expense in the amount of \$364.29 for a total of \$3,796.47. There was an invoice for TTI in the amount of \$11,908.12 and invoice for \$18,955.00 for Ramboll for a total of \$34,659.59 covered by the NCTCOG Rider 7 grant. Reimbursement funds of \$101,038.22 were received in June. The remaining salary expense of \$310.50 and fringe expense in the amount of \$1,622.02, \$113.00 for the post office box renewal, and \$23.99 for the Adobe license were covered by the Clean Air Funds for a total of \$2,069.51. Total expense for the month of June was \$36,715.58. Donations were received in June from the City of Granbury in the amount of \$2,083.00 and City of Cresson in the amount of \$3,000. Balance for

Summary Approved:



Date:

10-1-25

Clean Air Funds at the end of June were \$42,462.40. A \$10 deposit was made at First National Bank to keep the account active. The new balance at First National Bank is \$755.58. Consideration of approval for the June Budget Review will take place at the next meeting when a quorum of board members is present. Monthly Budget Review for July. For July, most of salary expenses were covered by the NCTCOG Rider 7 grant in the amount of \$3,342.18 along with fringe expense in the amount of \$364.29 for a total of \$3,796.47. There was an invoice for TTI in the amount of \$5,121.98 and invoice for \$12,798.75 for Ramboll for a total of \$21,717.20 covered by the NCTCOG Rider 7 grant. Reimbursement funds of \$8,985.42 were received in July. The remaining salary expense of \$414.00 and fringe expense in the amount of \$1,649.02, \$200 for the attorney fees for the 2025 Annual Minutes, and \$23.99 for the Adobe license were covered by the Clean Air Funds for a total of \$2,287.01. Total expense for the month of July was \$18,882.23. Donations in support of the Coalition were received in July from the City of Granbury in the amount of \$2,083.00 and Hood County in the amount of \$30,000. Balance for Clean Air Funds at the end of July was \$72,258.39. The balance at First National Bank is \$755.58. Consideration of approval for the July Budget Review will take place at the next meeting when a quorum of board members is present.

c. Reports

- i. Air Quality Update. In the ozone season report, for 2025 there were 23 moderate days and 1 exceedance day through the end of July. The fourth highest reading is 63 and the design value is 72 ppb as of the end of July.
- ii. North Texas EV Infrastructure Grant Application Workshop. The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) hosted several workshops for the North Texas EV Infrastructure Grant Call for Projects. The workshop began with an overview of electric vehicles that could use the proposed charging infrastructure including plug-in hybrid electric (PHEV) and battery electric (BEV) vehicles and the three levels of charging. This grant would apply to level 2 and DC Fast Charge. Level 2 charging ranges from 6-19 kwh output and provides 10-20 miles per hour of charge. DC Fast Charge charging ranges from 50-350 kwh output and adds 180-240 miles per hour of charge. There are different types of plugs that apply to EV charging the J3400 or NACS (North American Charging Standard or Tesla) plug can be used for all three levels of charging. DC Fast Charge applies to the NACS and CCS (Combined Charging System) plugs. Level 2 charging works with NACS or J1772 plugs. Level 1 Charging works with NACS or J1772 plugs. In a review of EV registrations in the region Hood County has 521 EVs, Erath has 123 EVs, Somervell has 39 EVs, Johnson has 1,514 EVs, and Tarrant has 27,914 EVs. The focus of this grant is to fill in gaps in the region with up to 100 ports with \$12,000,000 in funds with \$931,200 specifically for Erath, Palo Pinto, and Somervell counties. The grant is for public sector agencies for level 2 or DC Fast Charge stations on public sector parking lots in the 16-county

region and will require minimal operational and maintenance expenses for the agencies. The grant requirements are that it can charge up to 4 vehicles at a time has dusk to dawn lighting, signage, and in an existing paved parking lot. It must be 4 ports with minimum 6 kW output per port for level 2 or 4 CCS or NACS with minimum 150 kw output or a mix of the two levels. The facility must be available at least during the operational hours of the accompanying facility. It must comply with NEPA, no major vegetation is to be disturbed, must be maintained for 5 years and any disposition of the equipment requires NCTCOG approval. Focus is to serve the community, and locations will be scored on areas with insufficient charging, areas with potential demand, public engagement, and feasibility and risk. Complementary initiatives include code adoption of the 2024 building codes which include EV charging codes and the Charging Smart designation program for EV ready cities. Applications are due by October 31st, and the grant will require monthly progress reports, annual asset management report, and EV charging station data. Kimley-Horn is the designated “Deployment Dream Team” to provide application and project assistance for free. Following the Granbury workshop, the Air Quality Program Manager will work with the Granbury Economic Development department to apply for this grant opportunity – current thoughts of best location are the parking lot across from the Langdon House and the City Hall parking lot.

- d. Rider 7 Update. Feedback from TCEQ on the Emission Inventory Review draft report was received on August 18th and sent to Ramboll to address the feedback. The monitoring project is ongoing. It is due to be completed by the end of October. NCTCOG is starting plans for the next Rider 7 biennium. Modeling and data analysis will be allowed for this biennium along with emission inventory and monitoring work. As it has been a good while since modeling was done, if funding is available, it might be good to start with an updated ozone conceptual model to determine the overall picture of where ozone is coming from. Daniela was talking with Jeremy Johnson at TTI about potential monitoring projects as well. Daniela from NCTCOG will present update on the monitoring project and discuss the next grant biennium.
- e. Air Quality Permit Reviews
 - i. There is a TCEQ public meeting regarding renewal of the Wolf Hollow I operating permit on September 25th at 7 pm in the Granbury High School Auditorium.
 - ii. The people involved in the Wolf Hollow III Contested Case Hearing contacted the HCCAC office about the above-mentioned public meeting and about the beginning of their trial. They requested data from the Hood County monitor to present to the TCEQ Judge because TCEQ was using data from the Midlothian monitor that has not been operational since 2022. In discussions with them, they were saying they are working with residents in Somervell County regarding another proposed natural gas

power plant planned to be built near the Comanche Peak power plant. This plant, the Somervell County Power Plant, is 446 MW and is proposed to be operational up to 24/7 with NOx emissions of about 200 tons per year. With this permit and the permits for Bilateral Energy and Wolf Hollow III, there would be six natural gas power plants within a small radius of Hood and Somervell Counties.

3.) Regional Updates

- a. Texas LoanSTAR Revolving Loan application deadline is August 31st for low-interest loans to assist public sector institutions finance energy-related, cost-reduced retrofits of facilities.
<https://comptroller.texas.gov/programs/seco/funding/BE-G29-2025/>
- b. Provide Input on Future EV Charging Locations. Visit the website listed to access the TxDOT interactive map and leave comments anywhere in the state and complete the survey directly on the website.
<https://www.publicinput.com/nctcogEVcharging>
- c. North Texas Resilient EV Charging Plan Information. NCTCOG is seeking stakeholders with diverse perspectives and expertise to guide the development of the North Texas Resilient EV charging plan. The project aims to enhance the resiliency of EV charging infrastructure and ensure critical EV operations can continue during grid disruptions. <https://www.dfwcleancities.org/ntx-rev>
- d. North Texas EV Infrastructure Call for Projects. The FHWA CFI Community Call for Projects is now open for installing charging stations on public sector property in the 16 county NCTCOG region. Examples of locations are sports complexes, parks, city halls, community centers, libraries, multi-use service centers, transit stations, and public schools. Eligible applicants include local governments, transit agencies, school districts, and universities. Funding is up to 80% from federal share of capital costs and 20% non-federal share contributed by the EV charging station vendor. Deadline for applying is October 31st.
www.nctcog.org/evcharginggrant
- e. Funding Opportunities at www.nctcog.org/aqfunding

4.) Other Discussion. Board Members agreed that a formal comment should be made for the Wolf Hollow I permit renewal. The Air Quality Program Manager will draft a comment and send it to board members for review. Chairman Mark Franco requested that information about the public meeting be shared on the HCCAC social media.

5.) Adjourn Until October 1st.