

February Meeting Summary

The February meeting of the Hood County Clean Air Coalition was held on February 4, 2026, in the Granbury City Hall Pre-Council Chambers at 116 West Bridge Street in Granbury, Texas. There were eight board members present with one participating virtually which represented a quorum. Board members present included Chairman Joe Drew, Judge Ron Massingill, Mayor Jim Jarratt, Mayor Pro-Tem Lisa Clement, Brian Caruthers, Darlene Du Val, Chuck Licata, and Mark Franco who participated virtually. Also present were Joe Atwood, the Surface Transportation Technical Committee Hood County Representative and Michelle McKenzie, Air Quality Program Manager with Daniela Tower of NCTCOG and Alethea Tsui-Bowen of EPA participating virtually.

- 1.) Chairman Joe Drew called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. There were seven board members present at the beginning of the meeting.
- 2.) Local updates were provided by the Air Quality Program Manager.
 - a. The January Meeting Summary was sent for board member review. There was no discussion on the January Meeting Summary. A motion to approve the January Meeting Summary was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lisa Clement and seconded by Chuck Licata. The motion was approved with a vote of seven ayes and no nays.
 - b. In the Monthly Budget Review for December, there were no additional expenses for the Interlocal Agreement and funds in the amount of \$29,695.64 were received in reimbursement. \$84,087.20 remains to be reimbursed as of the end of December. Clean Air Funds were used for \$3,846.18 in salary expense, \$1,866.56 in fringe expense, \$23.99 for Adobe license, \$64.32 for liability insurance, and \$113 for the post office box renewal for a total of \$5,914.05. Balance for the Clean Air Funds at the end of December was \$61,454.73. A motion to approve the December Budget Reviews was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lisa Clement and seconded by Darlene Du Val. The motion was approved with a vote of seven ayes and no nays.
The balance at First National Bank is \$755.58 at the end of December.
 - c. In the Rider 7 planning update, both the emission inventory and monitoring project reports are posted on the website on the Documents and Agendas tab. The Surface Transportation Technical Committee approved the TCEQ Rider 7 Contract with NCTCOG. The contract will go before the Executive Board on February 26th for consideration before work can begin on an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Granbury. The HCCAC board approved moving forward with planning for the development of an Ozone Conceptual Model estimated at \$52,000 with an additional cost of \$30,000 for the addition of source apportionment analysis as well as \$175,000 to continue the monitoring project with four sites in Hood County and one in Somervell County. The

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monitoring project will use the same monitors as before for ozone and AerQual sensors for ozone, NOx, and PM. An additional AerQual monitor will be added at the Western site to ensure all sites have the same monitoring capacity. The cost of the two projects will go over the \$253,125 grant by \$3,875. Daniela Tower at NCTCOG will be following up with TCEQ and NCTCOG regarding using other funding to cover this overage.

- d. At the January meeting, there was a discussion of the possible need to revise the HCCAC agendas to include an item for public comment and address the need for executive sessions for some agenda items. In reviewing Robert's Rules of Order, as HCCAC is a non-profit and not a governing body, a formal public comment agenda item may not be needed as discussion of each agenda item includes all those attending the meeting. The HCCAC board preferred including this item in future agendas. Regarding the use of Executive Session, wording for Executive Session will be added to the agendas for future cases if needed. A discussion and consideration of what decorum rules should apply will be included in the March agenda.
- e. Alethea Tsui-Bowen with EPA provided the Austin-area Clean Air Coalition newsletter that was shared with Board Members. The Air Quality Program Manager thought some of the things included in the newsletter could be considered for implementation on a smaller scale here. The AQI days retrospective looks like a good way to summarize the ozone for the year and a way to compare year to year – maybe looking at the three years that determine the design value at least quarterly with a summary at the end of the year. This graph will be added to the air quality reports on a quarterly basis. There was also a discussion, with the current heightened interest in air quality in the county, to research PurpleAir sensors cost that could be deployed at schools or neighborhoods. The Air Quality Program Manager will research more about what is required for the PurpleAir sensors. In an update included in the newsletter, the 2024 PM_{2.5} standard of 9 micrograms per meter cubed is scheduled to take effect on February 7th if it is not vacated or repealed by the D.C. Circuit before then. As steps have not been taken to enforce the standard, if it does take effect, there will likely be litigation to follow. Additionally, for the start of ozone season, the Capital Area Council of Governments and Clean Air Force of Central Texas host a start of ozone season luncheon and awards. There was a discussion of the possibility of including an event like this in Hood County and a possible business program for outreach to local businesses to increase participation in the HCCAC.
- f. The Air North Texas Coalition meeting was held on January 15th. Following introductions and a review of the November meeting, Daniela Tower presented the air quality update. Ozone season will run from March 1 through November 30, 2026. The DFW uncertified design value for 2025 was 83 ppb. Because of higher ozone readings from 2024 and 2025, they are starting the ozone season at 69 ppb. (Please note that the Granbury monitor is at a design value of 63 as of February 2nd.) They noticed an issue with the Arlington monitor reading high values in January and reached out to TCEQ. The monitor readings from the first

part of January have been removed as it was determined that the high readings were due to errors at the monitor. Frisco is the current leading monitor in the DFW region. PM2.5 readings are also high at one monitor in Tarrant County with a reading of 9.6 microgram per meter cubed and one in Dallas County with a reading of 9.9 microgram per meter cubed. These are both over the revised PM2.5 standard of 9.0 micrograms per meter cubed which is currently under EPA review.

The FIFA World Cup events are scheduled for June and July this year. Air North Texas is planning to still target residents but will include FIFA visitors. They cannot use the FIFA or World Cup name without paying fees but will use Arlo soccer graphics. They will be using NextDoor and HOAs to get the word out with a focus on reducing traffic and mitigating ride share confusion. They are hoping congestion management will help reduce pollution.

2026 is the last ozone season to determine DFW attainment status for determining the application of 185 fees. NCTCOG is sending TCEQ a letter on behalf of the region to ask for assistance in what else can be done to try to reach attainment ozone levels.

Air North Texas will be partnering with DFW Clean Cities for their annual awards event which is scheduled for February 5th. In other member updates, Grand Prairie and GPISD are hosting an art contest -Love Your Air - and artwork will be displayed at their Earth Day events and at libraries. The March and May Air North Texas meetings are cancelled as Kimberlin will be out on maternity leave. The next meeting will be July 16th.

3.) Regional Updates from the North Central Texas Council of Governments

- a. DFW Clean Cities Annual Fleet Recognition, Charging Smart Designation Program, and Air North Texas Partner Awards are scheduled for February 25th. The DFWCC Annual Fleet Recognition Awards recognizes outstanding fleets in the DFW region for their efforts using alternative fuels and other fuel saving strategies to improve local air quality. At the awards, DFWCC staff will provide information on the 2024 Annual Survey results. The Charging Smart Designation recognizes municipalities that took steps to streamline planning, permitting, and inspections to support the deployment of electric vehicle infrastructure. The Air North Texas Partner Awards recognizes entities for their educational and outreach efforts in improving air quality in North Texas.

Name: NCTCOG Recognition Awards

Date & Time: February 25, 2026; 2:00 - 3:30 PM CST

Location: NCTCOG Offices, Transportation Council Room, 616 Six Flags Dr., Arlington, TX 76011

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- b. NCTCOG is excited to announce that the Cities of Mesquite and Lewisville have been awarded Bronze Designations from the Charging Smart program, a technical assistance and national designation program that awards municipalities for the EV-ready actions they complete. Through the framework of this program,

cities can streamline planning, permitting, and inspections to more quickly and easily deploy EV charging infrastructure. Congratulations to both cities that performed excellent work to earn these designations!

Mesquite permitted EV chargers as an accessory use in all zoning districts, created an educational EV webpage for residents, installed several chargers for public usage, and more!

Lewisville adopted an EV-Ready ordinance to their development code, tabled an EV booth at the Lewisville ColorPalooza event, and performed a fleet analysis, among others!

For more information, visit Mesquite's [EV webpage](#), along with Lewisville's [press release](#) and [EV webpage](#). Contact cleancities@nctcog.org if your municipality is interested in this free technical assistance program. For more information, visit our [Charging Smart webpage](#).

- c. TxVEMP All-Electric Grant Up to 100% Funding for Heavy-Duty Electric Vehicles Deadline Extended to August 2026
<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/agency/trust/all-electric>
 - d. TERP Light Duty Motor Vehicle Purchase or Lease Incentive Program Opened on October 13th <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/terp/ldplip>. Now accepting only applications for CNG and propane vehicles through March 6, 2026.
 - e. TERP Texas Clean School Bus Program is open now through May 22, 2026.
<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/terp/school-buses.html>
 - f. North Texas Zero Emission Vehicles Project
<https://www.nctcog.org/trans/quality/air/funding-and-resources/chdv>
 - g. Funding Opportunities at www.nctcog.org/aqfunding
- 4.) Other Discussion: As of January 30th, there have been 657 visitors to the website with 276 in last 30 days.
- 5.) Adjourn until Wednesday, March 4th.