

May Meeting Summary

The May meeting of the Hood County Clean Air Coalition was held on May 7, 2026, in the Granbury City Hall Pre-Council Chambers at 116 West Bridge Street in Granbury, Texas. There were four board members present and one participating virtually for a total of five board members which represented a quorum. Board members present included Chairman Joe Drew, Mayor Jim Jarratt, Mayor Pro-Tem Lisa Clement, and Mark Franco with Darlene Du Val participating virtually. Also present were Joe Atwood and Michelle McKenzie, Air Quality Program Manager with Daniela Tower participating virtually.

- 1.) Chairman Joe Drew called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- 2.) Local updates were provided by the Air Quality Program Manager.
 - a. The April Meeting Summary was sent for board member review. There was no discussion about the meeting summary. A motion to approve the May Meeting Summary made by Mark Franco and seconded by Mayor Jim Jarratt. The motion passed with a vote of five ayes and no nays.
 - b. In the Monthly Budget Review for March, Clean Air Funds were used for \$3,846.18 in salary expense, \$2,012.09 in fringe expenses, \$23.99 for the Adobe license, \$130 for Annual Tax Filing, and \$35 for liability insurance for a total of \$6,047.26. Balance for the Clean Air Funds at the end of March was \$50,994.93. A motion to approve the budget review was made by Mark Franco and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lisa Clement. The vote passed with a vote of five ayes and no nays. The balance at First National Bank is \$765.58 at the end of April.
 - c. The approved January Meeting Summary was sent to the Reid Firm for development of the Annual Minutes in February. The Annual Minutes were received on April 14th and signatures were collected. Still missing some signatures. Judge will be out for a while, and attorney's office made a note that the signed document will be delayed.
 - d. The NCTCOG Rider 7 Interlocal Agreement was sent for City of Granbury review with no issues found. NCTCOG sent an updated draft with some administrative changes. The Air Quality Program Manager has been working on a presentation to go with City Council review of the Interlocal Agreement when the Agreement is completed. NCTCOG is still working with TCEQ on the Statement of Work. After they receive the Notice of Commencement, they will be able to move forward with the Interlocal Agreement. After the Agreement is fully executed work can begin on the Rider 7 projects of the monitoring project and the issuing of an RFP for the ozone modeling project.
 - e. HCCAC funding for 2026 and 2027. The Air Quality Program Manager met with the City Finance Director to review the Rider 7 budget and the proposals for funding for 2026 and 2027. A request was sent to the City Manager to increase funding in the City's budget for HCCAC to \$35,000. This will be included in the City budget that will require City Council approval later. The Coalition will need to request funding from the County and City of Cresson in coming months. The

Finance Director suggested, if a “donation” button is added to the website, that funds would be collected in the Coalition bank account and then a check issued from the Coalition to the City of Granbury to pay expenses. We will need the Treasurer or Chairman to order checks, and they will be the signatories for the checks. Options for the donation button that work with GoDaddy include Give Butter and Donorbox. Overview of these options is in a table to be reviewed/discussed. The AQPM would like to do more research into the donor button options as there were some issues with both options in reviews of the apps.

- f. HCCAC logo discussion and website updates. The Air Quality Program Manager contacted the designer who created the logo to request the original files in hopes to improve resolution of the file. Designer said he would send the file as soon as he was able to and thought part of the issue might be the file format being used. The logo designer could not access the original file but gave the Coalition permission to revise the logo as needed. Madelyn McKenzie, the Graphics Intern for the Communications Department, was able to upgrade the resolution and create two transparent versions of the logo. She also added the monitoring information to the Clean Air Education page with a drop down to the new monitoring page.

- g. Reports

- i. DFW Clean cities Meetings

- 1. On April 2nd DFW Clean Cities held a kickoff meeting for the EV Infrastructure project. Phase I selection of sites is completed and now beginning Phase II deployment. Erath County was funded \$65,600 from local Regional Transportation Council funds. Original plan was for 100 ports and 25 sites, but project is now 234 ports with 56 sites. The next step will be selecting charging station vendors. The only assessment required is that the equipment maintains 97% uptime and proper maintenance for the five-year life of the grant. Vendors are to be selected by July 2026 and there is a November 2026 target for start of construction. Construction has an 18-month target. After the five-year life span of the grant, awardees can re-negotiate with the vendor, change vendors, replace chargers or remove the chargers. The program allows for recovery of return on investment. The subrecipient can collect a percentage of reimbursement for the optional revenue sharing. After return on investment is achieved, program income is allowable to an extent. Anything over that amount is expected to go into alternative fuels support for the life of the grant.
 - 2. DFW Clean Cities Technical Advisory Committee meeting The DFW Clean Cities Technical Advisory Committee meeting was held on April 27th at the DFW Airport Headquarters. Committee member James Wood coordinated the meeting at the headquarters and arranged an airport tour for the committee members following the meeting. DFW Clean Cities has received

their funding contract for 2026-2027. The January Meeting Summary was approved, and the 2026-2027 Project Management Plan was discussed. There was a discussion of topics for stakeholder outreach and engagement included in the plan. Following discussion of the Project Management Plan, there was a review of current and upcoming projects and initiatives including the North Texas Zero Emission Vehicle Call for Projects and the Texas EV Infrastructure Plan Study Area Recommendations. The deadline to apply for the Call for Projects is May 15th but there will be subsequent application deadlines every third Friday of the month until funds are exhausted. About \$55,000,000 remains after the first round of applications. The grant is for battery electric and hydrogen fuel cell class 6 and 7 vocational vehicles. The Texas EV Infrastructure Plan Study Area recommendations used criteria to assess appropriate density and identify “secondary highways”. NCTCOG’s recommendations included 38 DC Fast Charging study areas and 8 Megawatt charging study areas for heavy-duty vehicle charging. TxDOT is expected to open grant applications for Phase II of the Texas EV Infrastructure plan in May 2026 to include rural county seats and MPO’s study areas. Grant materials are posted on the TxDOT webpage:

<https://www.txdot.gov/projects/projects-studies/statewide/texas-electric-vehicle-planning-03-22-22.html>.

Announcements were made about the Zero Emission Vehicle workshop, the DFW Clean Cities Annual Survey, and social media statistics. \$1.4 million from the North Texas Zero Emissions Vehicles Project was allocated for workforce development which will be used for development of a regional ZEV workforce development plan, with implementation expected Fall 2026-Winter 2027, and hosting ZEV training deadline for proposals May 1st. The GUMBO curriculum was developed by the Louisiana Clean Cities which trains workers to maintain and repair EV chargers. The DFW Clean Cities GUMBO kickoff meeting is expected in June 2026. Discussions will include colleges, employers, and other stakeholders. EV registration data and trends show that as of April 2026, Texas EV registrations are at 475,146 which is a 30% increase from April 2025. Now 1.8% of registered vehicles in Texas are EVs. There are also 8,242 level 2 chargers and 4,812 DC fast charge chargers in Texas. The meeting ended with a review of current funding opportunities and preparations to transition to the airport tour. The airport tour was “behind the fence” at the airport and included the charging stations for the electric COBUSs that the airport uses for flights that do not go directly to the terminal gate to load and unload

passengers. This is done mostly with the low-cost carriers to keep costs low. The tour also included seeing the construction sites of the new Terminal F and expansion of Terminal C and ended with a photo opportunity of incoming planes at the North end of the airport. Planes approached for landing about every 45 seconds.

- ii. TCEQ Rebate Grant Webinar TCEQ held a webinar on April 16th for the Rebates Grant scheduled to open soon. The Rebates Grant targets on and off-road diesel vehicles and equipment. There is \$116,000,000 available for the grant with \$30 million set aside for small businesses and \$20 million for new purchases without the need to destroy old equipment. Vehicles must be 8,500 pounds GVWR or greater and the new vehicles must offer a 25% reduction in NOx. The engine model year for the new vehicle must be no more than three years older than the calendar year. New purchases must be less than or equal to 0.02 grams per brake-horsepower hour or electric. Vehicle fuel options include CNG, LNG, propane, hydrogen, or electricity. The grant application can include refueling infrastructure or expansion of refueling infrastructure. The grant offers up to 80% of incremental cost or the value on the appropriate table, whichever is less. The grant is first-come, first-serve and must be submitted electronically. Limits per application are \$4 million /application/ 30 days or \$2 million / new purchase application/ 30 days. There is a limit of 10 activities per one application. The grant is paid by reimbursement and there is a 5-year usage commitment with a requirement to maintain records for four years after the contract. The webinar ended with an overview of the new SUNSS online application that TCEQ is now requiring for grant application submittals. The grant is due to open at the end of April.
- iii. Ozone Season Air Quality Update. In the ozone season update, there have been five moderate reading days and no exceedance days at the monitor for the 2026 ozone season and the current uncertified design value is at 67 parts per billion through the end of April. The Air Quality Index graph was updated early for another presentation. The graphs are included in the monitoring page update on the website.

3.) Public Comment

4.) Regional Updates

- a. TCEQ ERIG and Rebate Grants are now open. The Emission Reduction Incentive Grant (ERIG) program opened April 29th with funds available to replace or repower eligible non-road or stationary equipment powered by engines, turbines, or other internal combustion devices rated at 25 hp or greater with cleaner technologies. \$62.8 million is available to be awarded on a competitive basis. More information about the ERIG program is available at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/terp/erig>. The Rebates Grant Program

also opened on April 29th with \$116 million awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Grant amounts are up to 80% of eligible costs for replacement, repower, new purchase, or lease of eligible on-road and non-road diesel equipment and qualifying on-vehicle electrification projects and up to \$600,000 for alternative fuel infrastructure to support grant-funded vehicles or equipment. More information about the Rebates Grant program is available at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/terp/rebate>.

- b. Round 2 Applications: Class 6 and 7 Vehicle Funding through the North Texas Zero Emissions Vehicles Call for Projects-
<https://www.nctcog.org/trans/quality/air/funding-and-resources/chdv>. \$58.6 million in rebate funding available for replacement of Class 6 and 7 vehicles with ZEV. Program is for “vocational vehicles” including box trucks, step vans, refuse haulers, street sweepers, utility trucks, transit buses, etc. Public and private entities can apply.
- c. EMPOWER Workplace Charging Project Revitalization -
<https://www.workplacecharging.com/> Empower is helping advance the adoption of workplace charging across the country in helping make decisions, install chargers, and get recognized for their leadership in providing charging access to the employees.
- d. 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>. \$30 million now available for repower and replacement of heavy-duty diesel vehicles with all-electric versions. Government entities can secure full funding up to 100% for eligible projects and private entities can obtain up to 75% funding.
- e. Free Ethanol Emergency Response webinars will be available from the Renewable Fuels Association and TRANSCAER. Attendees will receive in-depth information on proper training techniques that emergency responders and HAZMAT personnel need to effectively respond to an ethanol-related emergency. Certificates of completion will be awarded to attendees at the end of the webinar. Dates are May 12th and August 20th from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and each session is identical. Register at [Register Here](#).
- f. Funding Opportunities at www.nctcog.org/aqfunding

5.) Other Discussion. Website visitors were 218 over the last 90 days and 0 over the last 30 days. The website was updated to add the Monitoring Page. The map of monitor locations could not be added due to GoDaddy security concerns blocking it, but a button to the NCTCOG page with the map was added. The donation button will be added after all approvals. DFWCC sent a list of sites to be recommended for the NEVI plan in the 12-county region. Three sites were identified in Hood County: Cresson at 377 and 171, Tolar at 377 and 56, and Granbury at 144 and 2425.

6.) Adjourn until June 3rd.

Summary Approved:

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Date: 06-03-2026