

**Meeting Minutes**  
Air Quality Committee  
Meeting of March 19, 2015

A meeting of the Air Quality Committee was held on Thursday, March 19, 2015 in the offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council, 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Mayor JoAnn Seghini**, AQC Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. Mayor Seghini welcomed committee members and guests.

**AQC Members and Alternates Present:**

Mark Allen	Mayor, Washington Terrace
Kip Billings	WFRC
Carmen Freeman	Mayor, Herriman
Dave McNeill (For Bryce Bird)	Utah Division of Air Quality
John Petroff	Commissioner, Davis County
JoAnn Seghini, Chair	Mayor, Midvale
Matt Sibul	UTA
Kathy VanDame	Wasatch Clean Air Coalition

**AQC Representatives and Others Present:**

Wayne Bennion	WFRC
Mark Berger	UDAQ
Elden Bingham	UDOT
Michelle Bjorklund	WFRC
Steve Call	Federal Highway Administration
Travis Campbell	Representative Rob Bishop
Tess Davis	Breathe Utah
Patti Garver	UTA
Ned Hacker	WFRC
Susan Hardy	MAG
Sam Klemm	WFRC
GJ LaBonty	UTA
Linda Johnson	LWV-SL & Breathe Utah
Daniel Mendoza	GCSC, University of Utah
Rachel Otto	Breathe Utah
Caroline Saouma	University of Utah

## **Approval of Meeting Summary**

Mayor Carmen Freeman moved that the meeting minutes for January 15, 2015 be approved. The motion was seconded by John Petroff and the minutes were unanimously approved.

## **DAQ update**

Dave McNeill's presentation included information on the PM2.5 SIP and PM10 SIP. PM2.5 SIP has been submitted to the EPA and there are issues that are being worked on, namely how industry sources are handled. There are solutions to the PM10 SIP that will directly affect the PM2.5 SIP. These issues should be resolved by September of 2015 and will lead to an approval of a maintenance plan for the PM10 SIP.

## **WFRC Ozone Standard Comment Letter**

Kip Billings reported that the ozone standard comment letter has been submitted to the EPA. The deadline was March 17, 2015. The letter addressed concerns about the ozone standard. The DAQ and UDOT have also submitted letters to the EPA.

## **Breathe Utah Education Presentation**

Rachel Otto shared a PowerPoint presentation that Breathe Utah has created for schools and community outreach. The program, Air Aware, has reached over 5,000 students and instructs them on the basics of air quality: What it is, where it comes from, how it affects the body and what we can do about it. Mayor JoAnn Seghini suggested that the air quality education be presented to the COG's.

## **Legislative Report on Air Quality Issues**

Muriel Xochimitl reported on transportation funding from the legislative session and how it relates to air quality. The first provision discussed was fuel tax reform. Beginning January 1, 2016 the gas tax will be converted from 24.5 cents per gallon to a 12% tax. This essentially means that there will be an increase of 5 cents per gallon for gas tax. The second provision is a local option general sales tax for transportation of 0.25%. This local option would be imposed on the county level and is subject to voter approval. If approved by a majority of voters the tax would be collected in that county.

Rachel Otto reported that there were about 15 bills that were introduced on clean air during the legislative session. HB 226 passed and will allow the State to make rules that are different from the corresponding EPA regulations. Breathe Utah asked the Governor to veto HB 396 which is the solid fuel burning amendment.

## **Public Comment**

There were no public comments

### **Other Business**

Daniel Mendoza from the University of Utah reported briefly on the HESTIA Trax Project. Equipment has been mounted above the Trax lines to monitor emissions every five seconds. A public forum will take place in the first week in May to present the project. Daniel will give a presentation on the project in the May Air Quality Committee meeting.

**Next Meeting:** May 21, 2015 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.