

MEMO TO: SEMO RPC Air Quality Meeting Attendees
FROM: Dave Grimes
SUBJECT: Meeting Summary
DATE: July 29, 2009

The Air Quality Committee of the Southeast Missouri Regional Planning Commission held a meeting on July 29, 2009 at the American Legion Hall in Perryville. Twenty-nine people were in attendance including representatives from local governments, education institutions, economic development organizations, and the private sector. The following is a summary of that meeting.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Albert Fults at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Fults then asked for brief introductions around the room. Following that he asked if Ms. Bhesania or Ms. Kemp from U.S.EPA or Mr. Payne from Missouri DNR had any comments. All three simply stated that they were here to stay in touch and appreciated the opportunity to participate in the process of developing the Clean Air Action Plan.

Mr. Fults then asked for a staff review of the program to date. David Grimes of the Regional Planning Commission staff pointed out that he had provided an "OZONE/Air Quality Time Line" and an "Air Quality Summary As of July 29, 2009" for members to review. He reminded members of multiple meetings attended, reports prepared and testimony given. He showed a copy of the "MACC Presentation" which had been provided to the Missouri Air Conservation Commission at their December meeting and when he completed his remarks presented a copy of the "MACC Presentation" to EPA representatives. His concluding remark was that when the MACC voted to adopt the DNR staff recommendation regarding Nonattainment Area Designations the Regional Planning Commission and the Ad Hoc Ozone Committee had basically gotten everything they wanted.

Chauncy Buchheit and Ken Hagg then briefly discussed what had been involved in the MACC testimony they gave, and provided another perspective on the background.

Mr. Grimes gave a report on the meeting of the Business/Technology Subcommittee and the work completed on the Clean Air Action Plan so far. He explained that the first meeting of the Business/Technology Subcommittee had been held and at the close of that meeting he had been tasked with preparing a draft. He pointed out that the first draft of the Clean Air Action Plan was included in the package of information provided to all members. He prefaced his remarks on the draft CAAP by saying that "this is a rough, preliminary, first pass, very rough, very preliminary" document. He encouraged everyone to review and feel free to make suggestions. He observed that there were several places in the draft as it stands now where yellow highlighted areas call for "MoreMoreMore" and specifically requests suggestions.

On recommendation from Schuyler Johnson, August 21st was established as the "deadline" to submit revisions or suggestions regarding the CAAP.

As a follow up, Grimes reported on a Press Release that was distributed to announce a "clean region" half way through the "ozone season." He and Mr. Buchheit noted that when

opportunities arose to appear on radio or television local representatives would be invited. Mayor Gahan and Commissioners Fults and Leuckel agreed to work with Mr. Buchheit to arrange a television interview with Ste. Genevieve Channel 7.

By consensus it was agreed that the next Business/Technology Subcommittee meeting would be set through an “email poll” as had been done for the previous meeting.

Mr. Grimes also noted that it was time for the Government Relations Subcommittee to start meeting. He explained that the draft policies, programs and other specific things that would eventually need to be adopted by local governments if the CAAP plan was to be effective had all been drafted in the “ivory tower” so far. He urged participation by this subcommittee so that these action items could be developed in conjunction with local governments. Including volunteers from this meeting, the roster of the Government Relations Subcommittee stands at:

Mike Alesandrini
Albert Fults
Debbie Gahan
Linda Greaser
Barbara Lohr
Mitch Robinson
Larry Tucker
Kathy Waltz

Mr. Grimes was directed to undertake an “email poll” to find an agreeable meeting date.

Kathy Waltz noted that the American Clean Energy And Security Act of 2009 (the Waxman-Markey Bill) legislation recently passed by the House of Representatives could well have components applicable to the Air Quality Committee’s mission.

Ms. Bhesania from U.S. EPA also suggested that the Diesel Emission Reduction Act funding would be usable in Air Quality efforts.

The next meeting was set for September 18, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.