

MEMO TO: Environmental Quality Committee and Interested Parties
FROM: Jeremy Tanz/Kara Johnston
SUBJECT: Meeting Summary October 14, 2022, Meeting
DATE: October 14, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Bauman, at 11:00 a.m. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and introductions.

Crystal Jones of Perry County EDA spoke about updates on MDGS AKA “MB Power”. They are a company that is converting waste into energy. Ms. Jones is working with them to get a financing package together that will include funding through the state of Missouri and any incentives they can find to help. There have also been preliminary conversations with MoDNR about permitting. They have not decided on a location, however, they would like to stay within Perry County. This project is still approximately 2 years down the road.

Josh Wilkerson with MoDNR spoke next about the Missouri Pesticide Collection. Mr. Wilkerson said this started back in 2012. It insures proper removal of pesticides, herbicides and any related items. In the past 5 years there have been several local collections, 2018 Perryville had one, 2019 Ste Genevieve had one and most recently 2022 Farmington had one. The DNR is hoping for 4 or 5 events yearly throughout Missouri. CJ Plastmeier would be the contact for this if you have a need. It is a free of charge event to farmers and residents. Between 2018 and 2022 each collection averaged 17,000 pounds at a cost of \$1.85 per pound.

Cameron Weeks via zoom spoke about the Missouri Air Conservation Committee. Mr. Weeks said there is not much going on right now. There is a SIP revision for Springfield to update analysis and make a new agreement. Next meeting will take place on October 27 at 9:00 A.M.

Following this Brad Ledbetter spoke about Grant Opportunities currently open and those coming open soon. He gave an update on ARPA funding. There were 1,002 statewide applications. \$410 Million available funding split between drinking and wastewater. There were \$2.4 Billion worth of projects submitted. October 12th the engineering reports were due and mid-November they will notify successful applicants. Infrastructure funding was next on the agenda. \$50 Billion over the next 5 years nationwide. These funds are in addition to SRF program funds. This includes lead service line replacement. Call Financial Assistant Center (FAC) at 573-751-1192 or dnr.arpa@dnr.mo.gov with any specific ARPA questions.

Next MoDNR gave a regional office update. Mr. Ledbetter has been promoted to Regional Director. He has been with DNR for 29 years with a history of mostly working with wastewater/water pollution. Mr. Wilkerson has now become the Water Pollution Supervisor. Many other changes and shifts have happened at the office. It was also noted that most of the permitting is done at the central office now as opposed to the various locations.

Jeremy Tanz gave an update on the status of ozone monitoring readings. There have been no state exceedings since August 1st. September the highest reading was 52 with an average of 41. October there have been a few moderate zone readings. Mr. Tanz also mentioned that Ozone levels may be being reviewed as it pertains to acceptable levels.

Mr. Tanz reported on solid waste, Mr. Thompson left at the end of August. We have hired a new planner, Alexandra Rios. She comes to us with a degree in Urban Planning. Ms. Rios jumped right in and is creating a new Ozone Plan. Mr. Tanz stated that reimbursement requests are coming in for open FY23 grants. Mr. Horrell from Holcim spoke a bit about their Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste collection event. He reported that 14 tons of scrap was diverted from landfills. Breaking that down to 7.6 tons of electrical scrap,

4.7 tons non-hazardous scrap (such as paint) and 1.7 tons of hazardous waste (such as pool chemicals and pesticides). They had 290 total vehicles. This is done at the Ste Genevieve County Recycling Center.

Mr. Tanz touched on the Paint Stewardship Program it has been pushed back by the Senate due to too many bills on the floor.

In other business:

The current open EPA DERA program is only for Tribal and Ancillary Entities.

Ms. Baumann brought up that the Waters of the US was heard @ Supreme Court. No word on ruling as of now.

Ms. Jones informed the group that the Perryville Airport will be getting an electric plane charging station. She also spoke about the update to SE Tire Recycling. They received their permit to do mobile tire recycling. Meaning, he will come to you cut up your tires and haul them off. He is still looking for a site to have a large operation with onsite permits.

The date of the next Environmental Quality Committee meeting, to be set for March 10, 2023.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.