

**The Minutes of the
Air Improvement Resources Executive/Advisory Committee Meeting
Alamo Area Council of Governments
8626 Tesoro Drive, Suite 100, San Antonio, Texas
Wednesday, April 27, 2002, 9:00**

Executive Members Present

Commissioner Jay Millikin, Comal Co.
Mayor Raymond Ramirez, Floresville
Walter Ague for CoSA City Councilwoman
Bonnie Conner
Councilman Gene Uptain, GBCCC
Judge Marvin Quinney, Wilson Co.
Judge James Sagebiel, Guadalupe Co.
Kathy Contreras, City of Seguin

Advisory Members Present

Rebecca Gray, American Lung Association
Commissioner John Kight, Kendall Co.
Chris Treutler, USAA

Bill England, Neighborhood Association
Ken Bercaw, New Braunfels Ch of Com
Mathew Warren, CoSA City Council

Guests Present

Joanne Walsh, MPO
Jeanne Geiger, MPO
David Bernal, MPO
Mike Magee, TNRCC
Ricky Gomez, MPO
Scott Erickson, MPO
Jeremy Cooper, Amazing Grace Garage
John Bendele, TxDOT
Renee Green, Bexar Co.
Susan Stuver, COSA
Stanley A. Dabney II, Alamo Cement Co.
Theresa Haan, Randolph Air Force Base
Aleisha Knochenhauer, Randolph AFB
Kate Williams, TNRCC

Staff Present

Al Notzon, Exec. Dir.
Dean Danos, Deputy Dir.
Peter Bella
Steven Smeltzer
Chris Langston
John Quebe
Dorothy Birch
Berti Vaughan

I. Roll Call

Roll call was conducted by Dean Danos. Subsequently, Commissioner Millikin called the meeting to order.

II. Minutes

Commissioner Millikin asked the committee to review the minutes. Commissioner Kight moved to approve the minutes. Walter Ague seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as submitted.

III. Ozone and Particulate Matter Report

Analysis of 78 parts per billion reading. Calaveras Lake ozone monitor, 2/14/02

Peter Bella presented the committee with a report listing particulate matter readings. He pointed specifically to CAMS 59 at Calaveras Lake and CAMS 301 in Selma showing the twelve-hour and monthly averages as being well below the federally specified thresholds. He went on to explain the location of the monitors on a map provided by TNRCC which addressed wind direction and NOx resulting in a high reading. Mr. Bella pointed to the ozone concentrations of NOx being recorded on CAMs 59 around 4 p.m.

and recorded at 78 parts per billion. He explained that a flow reversal entered from the NNE reversing back towards the North. He summarized that using the wind directions provided by the monitors, the air traveled from/through the area west of Houston and east of the Dallas area. It was not clear that the source of precursors was from a major metropolitan area.

IV. Air Public Education Report

A. Air Quality Media Meetings

Dorothy Birch reported that a meeting had been secured with the Express-News thanks to Councilwoman Conner and her office. Several Air Quality Media Meetings had been scheduled for the middle of May and she would be asking for members to look at their schedules for available times to meet with the media.

B. Ozone Season Kickoff Event Wrap-Up

Ms. Birch reported on the Ozone Season Kick-Off Event held on Saturday April 6, 2002 at the CPS south side service center. She explained that the rain and cold weather did dampen the turn out nevertheless the activities went well. She reported that that 50 cars went through the free emissions Smart Sign check ups, over a dozen cars visited the mechanics at the event for free consultations, and CPS collected over 120 pieces of yard equipment for the mow-down smog program. Ms. Birch pointed out that the event received free coverage on the Express News and several TV stations nightly news programs and that awards and prizes were presented to students who wrote winning essays on Air Quality and Car Care Contests.

C. Remote Sensing Events Wrap-Up

Ms. Birch reported on the remote sensing events scheduled from April 6th to April 12 at various locations. She mentioned that over 400 cars went through the free emission check ups. The said kudos were deserved by the New Braunfels location who had over 300 cars go through the free emission check ups in one day. Ms. Birch explained that the New Braunfels location did a very good job of marketing the event.

D. Recent and Upcoming Events

Ms. Birch reported on an appearance with CPS on KHCE TV Channel 23 that will air on May 4 as a full half hour program on Air Quality and the Ozone Season and Mow Down Smog Program. She said that she had participated in the Earth Day Celebration at Woodlawn Lake and had given out a large amount information on Air Quality, Recycling and Homeowner Energy Efficiency. She mentioned recent appearances by Mr. Notzon on Spanish language television UNIVISION and two radio interviews on KCOR and KXTN members of the Hispanic Broadcasting Corporation. Two community affairs interviews with the COX corporation on Saturday mornings in late April and May. She reminded the committee on the Bike and Hike events being hosted by the MPO in late May

E. Summer Projects

Ms. Birch reported that the air quality notification system had been in place as of April 1 and that there had been no health alerts as of yet. She distributed enrollment forms for Air Quality notification sign up. She reminded them that air quality health alert flags would once again go on sale. She was making every effort to sell the 27 remaining flags through a mail out solicitation. Ms. Birch also reported that she was looking into the development of an Air Quality 101 short information booklet. This booklet would be designed and used in conjunction with presentations as a reference tool. In still another project, she was working with the Car Pro and Tech Net representatives on the development of a Car Care booklet to help people take care of their cars therefore, taking care of the air. In addition she mentioned that since the Car Care Essay Contest had gone so well the program would be replicated throughout the MSA. As added

incentive, a scholarship was being offered to the high school students who wrote the best essays. In conclusion, she was continuing work in conjunction with the Drive Clean Across Texas marketing program.

Renee Green recommended that before Ms. Birch develop a brochure on the car care that she check with the Department of Public Safety. She explained that they had put together a brochure on car care in anticipation of the required emissions testing being mandated. Walter Aque asked if the City of San Antonio had bought any flags. Susan Stuver said they had and could make one available to him.

Rebecca Gray commented very positively on the activities planned for Hike and Bike week and encouraged everyone to participate. Commissioner Kight expressed his approval on Ms. Birch's plan to include students in the entire MSA in the Car Care essay contest with the added incentive of scholarships.

Commissioner Millikin reiterated on the need to continue the public education program efforts to inform the public on the importance of Air Quality.

Mr. Notzon took the opportunity to introduce Jo Ann Walsh as the new Director for the Metropolitan Planning Organization to the Committee. He thanked and commended her for her guidance and assistance during the transportation planning processes.

V. The Early Action Compact Draft timeline and Policy Considerations

Mr. Bella asked that the committee review the paperwork which contained the timeline tables for the Early Action Compact Agreement. He explained there were two essential deliverables to the EPA; an attainment model for the year 2007 (photochemical model) and a maintenance analysis through 2012. In other words, attainment needed to be shown by 2007 through the photochemical model, and a demonstration was required that showed such attainment levels would be maintained through 2012. Other essential items in the agreement are a series of voluntary control measures that are currently in the O3Flex Plan, a number of public meetings at each stage and involvement processes/meetings, approval of EAC by EPA, guidelines and verification of work being done. He pointed out the EAC objectives as being; cleaner air faster, delay or elimination of the potential non attainment designation, no additional requirements for a new source review, no demonstration of transportation conformity, no interruption on funding for projects and the community in control of own destiny.

Discussion was held on the timeline. Renee Greene explained what she presented before commissioner's court to obtain support for the EAC. She assured the court that their endorsement of the EAC did not commit them to do emissions testing by a specific date and that the agreement needed to be signed by the local government late this summer. This timeline allowed that the EAC could be given to the TNRCC in consideration of the Dec. 31 2002 deadline. Discussion was held on the similarities of the O3Flex Plan and the EAC. Mr. Bella reminded the committee that the plans were written for different reasons. Ms. Greene felt that presenting one plan at a time was advisable so as not to cause confusion. Walter Aque assured everyone the city officials were very cognizant of both plans however, the compact would get their priority. He asked TNRCC Representative about the timeline on the signatures. The TNRCC representative, Kate Williams explained that the plan was to have the final version compact signed by the TNCC, the EPA, and the local government entities by December 31st. 2002.

VI. Citizens to be Heard

Commissioner Millikin apologized for leaving out this item earlier in the agenda and asked if there were any citizens to be heard on any item of consequence or concern germane to the meeting. There were none.

VII. Development of the 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS Implementation Policy

Mr. Bella asked the committee to review the comments and letter on the implementation policy recommendations submitted by the Technical Committee to EPA. Mr. Notzon pointed out a comment on paragraph three that needed to be changed from a legal standpoint. The statement read that "we have never been in non attainment". He recommended the change to read "we have never been declared non attainment". Commissioner Kight made the motion to accept the recommendations as submitted by the technical committee with the change cited by Mr. Notzon. Mayor Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion unanimously approved the action.

VIII. Elections of AIR Committee Officers

Judge Sagebiel made the motion to continue with the current chair and vice chairman, Judge Quinney seconded the motion. The motion unanimously approved Judge Heath as chairman and Commissioner Millikin as vice-chairman of the Air Improvement Resources Executive/Advisory Committees. Mr. Notzon suggested the addition of a second/other vice chairman for consideration at the next meeting. He felt another officer representing the urban city or county area was useful. Commissioner Millikin agreed and asked that Judge Heath be available to consider action at the next meeting.

XV. June Meeting Date

It was recommended that June 12th and 19th be considered as the possible meeting dates. Commissioner Millikin asked that staff individually poll the elected officials on their availability and get back to the chair with the information.

X. Adjournment

With no further business to conduct, Commissioner Millikin adjourned the meeting.