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Advisory Council Minutes

May 24, 2007

Regional Health District

Environmental Health Conference Room

Members Present:

Ray Kelleher
Peter Williams
Chad Kinney
John Hjaltalin
John Livingston
Jana McDonald

Staff Present:

Bill Dameworth
Ron Edgar
Mary McDermott

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m.

1. Approval of the April 26, 2007 and March 22, 2007 Minutes:

Ray Kelleher moved to approve the April 26, 2007 minutes and John Livingston seconded it. Minutes approved.

John Hjaltalin moved to approve the March 22, 2007 minutes and Ray Kelleher seconded it. Minutes approved.

2. Outdoor Wood Fired Boilers Update – Bill Dameworth:

Bill updated the Council on the wood fired boiler situation. Spokane Clean Air has found that the Forest Service is advocating them as clean energy for schools. They also think of it as a good way to get rid of slash instead of just burning it in a large pile. Spokane Clean Air is trying to educate people and is working with the DOE to come up with a warning letter to all the manufactures who distribute these devices. If this does not work, then Spokane Clean Air would work on getting a restraining order against them. Most of the manufactures are out of state so a NOV would not work. A local manufacturer here has agreed to modify its product so that it doesn't burn wood but propane or oil. It is only illegal to sell them in Washington, it is not illegal for people to buy, operate or install them, but Spokane Clean Air does have the opacity standard it can use. Chad Kinney asked if once the device has been installed, can it be removed due to the emissions? Bill replied Spokane Clean Air could make them operate within the opacity standards. Ron added that these devices have blowers on them and when they are burning hot they aren't too bad, but once the water reaches a certain temperature, the blowers shut off and it sits there and smolders. Bill added that he prefers to try and work things out with people so that Spokane Clean Air doesn't have to do the heavy handed enforcement business.

3. Winter Outreach Summary – Bill Dameworth:

Bill stated that Spokane Clean Air continues to do outreach programs to educate the public. We are partnering with other agencies for the wood stove change out, low income and rebate certificate programs. We will also be doing some surveys to get an idea on how many wood stoves are in the

smoke control zone. The burn ban legislation has been signed by the governor and we will have two years where Spokane Clean Air can establish the wood stove curtailment trigger value for the smoke control zone in Spokane County. Ron added that it is required in the state rules that Spokane Clean Air have a low income exemption program for those people who have no other alternative source of heat or are low income. Bill added that there is also the Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) program for reducing the number of single occupancy vehicles on the roads to help control ozone.

Peter Williams asked about the Board and Supervisory Staff's retreat and specifically education funding. Bill replied that discussions were held on the education program and Margee's time being split between helping businesses with pollution prevention and education. We also talked about what each of the supervisor's staff members were working on and the Board expressed some of their concerns of where they would like go down the road. One of the things we are doing is writing up the Board's By-Laws. The retreat overall was a very good one and there will probably be one in the fall.

John Livingston asked if with the new wood stove curtailment trigger, is the outreach going to be stepped up? Bill replied that the first time a curtailment is called; we will send inspectors out and have them give warnings for the first incident so that people can comply. Ron added that once a burn ban is called, people are allowed three hours for their wood burning devices to burn out.

4. Web Page Update – Ron Edgar:

Ron stated that as part of the name change, we are having a new web site designed with the new logo. We are making changes so that the site is more user friendly for the public and sources. The State's telemetry system for air quality is not working as well as they hoped it would and we haven't gotten the automatic connection back to our web page so we have to manually update it a couple times a day. The new domain name is www.spokanecleanair.org. The name change is effective June 3, 2007 and staff is busy changing over documents, etc. to show the new name. Jana added that it would be a good idea to make the decals for the vehicles magnetic because then when you purchase new vehicles, you can just put the same magnetic decal from one car to another and it would incur less expense. Everything with the SCAPCA logo, etc. on it will still be legal and binding. Bill added that the Board is happy with the name change.

5. Other Items of Interest:

Chad Kinney announced that he will be leaving EWU; he has accepted a faculty position at Colorado State University, in Pueblo. He will continue being on the Advisory Council until he leaves.

John Livingston moved to adjourn the Advisory Council meeting and Jana McDonald seconded it. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:53 a.m.

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER

WILLIAM DAMEWORTH, DIRECTOR