



Advisory Council Minutes
February 25, 2010
Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency

Members Present:

Peter G. Williams, Public Health
Ray Kelleher, Business Community
Bernard (Bud) Leber, Industry
Chester Johns, Jr., Agriculture
Adriane Borgias, Environmental
Jana McDonald, Air Pollution Control
Doug Pottratz, Citizen

Staff Present:

Bill Dameworth, Director
Ron Edgar, Chief of Technical Services
Matt Holmquist, Compliance Administrator
Debbie Riley, Secretary II

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m.

1. Approval of the January 28, 2010 Minutes

Bud Leber moved to approve the January 28, 2010 minutes and Ray Kelleher seconded it. Minutes approved.

2. Year - End Monitoring Report – Ron Edgar

Ron gave an overview of the Monitoring Report for the year of 2009. One of the changes that has taken place is we are now using a new EPA-approved method for calculating the AQI. In the past, the AQI was based on a 24-hour "rolling average" with each new hour added as the oldest hour is dropped. To more accurately reflect "current" air quality, we are now using a calculation that provides more weight to 4-hour and 12-hour data. This means a more current snapshot of air quality. Ron is also working on a new page that will be on our website that includes a map showing all the monitoring sites located in Spokane County. If you click on one of the monitoring sites it will show the current data for that site; there is a current webpage that is called Statewide Monitoring Data. Ron presented charts showing the 2009 year end data which included PM₁₀, and PM_{2.5} dust storms vs. non-wind events, ozone trends and the proposed ozone standard.

3. Registration Fees – Matt Holmquist

Matt gave an overview of Spokane Clean Air's Registration program. There are about 630 registered sources in Spokane County. Each year the sources report their throughput. We

base their fees on the emissions associated with their throughput. Matt presented a chart with the current fees. We look at cost as direct and indirect cost. Currently our revenue is covering the direct cost. Our agency is at about 70 % full cost recovery at the present time. Beginning the new fiscal year July 1, 2010, our agency is looking for input from the Advisory Council on the different options. The following are the options: Option A- No Change, Option B- Additional Toxics Fee, Option C- Full Cost Recovery and Option D- Full Cost Recovery with toxics. There was some discussion between the council members and staff. Jana McDonald suggested seeing an emission invoice to get a better understanding of how the fees are charged. Adriane Borgias thinks it's important that if the program costs are going to be recovered our agency needs to have some incentives. Adriane's comment that she wants on record is, she thinks it's important to look at a fee structure that encourages clean air how ever that works, and the present structure does not include an incentive. Bill Dameworth asked for suggestions from the council members. Bud Leber would like to see a break down to understand what the costs are in regards to the Registration Program Cost & Revenue chart that was presented. Matt Holmquist asked the council members if the general consensus from the council members would be not to raise the fees at all this year. There was general agreement although Ray Kelleher felt that business should pay the full cost of permitting and not have part of the cost subsidized by local government through the local assessments. Peter Williams would like to have more discussion and see the staff have some presentations that address how fess are calculated and what the incentives are to address the advisory member's interest. Peter's recommendation is to leave the fees as they are now due to economic times. Doug Pottratz asked if the board had set a deadline when they directed our staff to look at full- cost recovery two years ago. Ron Edgar replied yes, just about budget time. Bill recommended that they continue to discuss the fees and funding at the next meeting.

4. Round -Robin – Council Members Tell Us Their Air Quality Issues and Concerns

Peter suggested that the Advisory Council and staff hold item # 4 until the next meeting due to lack of time.

Chet Jahns moved to adjourn the Advisory Council meeting and Ray Kelleher seconded it. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER

WILLIAM DAMEWORTH, DIRECTOR