TAKING ACTION TO IMPROVE AIR QUALITY IN MIDDLE GEORGIA

MIDDLE GEORGIA CLEAN AIR COALITION

Thursday, March 10, 2022

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Middle Georgia Regional Commission

175 Emery Highway, Suite C | Macon, GA 31217

We will act now to reduce NOx and Ozone in the Middle Georgia Community to ensure that we protect the region's public health, maintain a robust economic growth, and show leadership in environmental sustainability.

4:00	Call to Order and Approval of Feb. Minutes	Greg Tapley, Chair
4:05	February Financial Report	Greg Boike
4:10	Clark Group Report ▪ Energy Independence	Ray Clark
4:20	Green Team Update: USDA REPP ▪ Twiggs, Peach, & Culloden Projects ▪ Weatherization and Capacity Building	Greg Boike & Ray Clark
4:30	I-75 Corridor Update ▪ Updates from March Meeting ▪ I-75 Appropriations ▪ Letters of Support Signatures ▪ Amtrak Meetings w/ Atlanta Mayor & A.T.L.	Ray Clark
4:40	Discussion	MGCAC Members
5:00	Adjournment	Greg Tapley, Chair

Next Meeting – Thursday, April 14, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.
Middle Georgia Regional Commission

MEETING MINUTES
MIDDLE GEORGIA CLEAN AIR COALITION
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, February 10, 2022, 4:00 pm
Middle Georgia Regional Commission

Executive Board Members Present:

Mayor Ed Barbee, City of Gray*
Mayor John Harley, City of Centerville*
Mayor Eric Wilson, City of Forsyth*
Councilman Clifford Holmes, City of Warner Robins*
Former Chairman Ned Sanders, Houston County *

Other Local Officials, Staff, and Stakeholders Present:

Henry Ficklin, Macon-Bibb County*
Councilman Julius Stroud, City of Forsyth
Cassandra Cox, Georgia Power
Rogie Roberson, Flint Energies
Alyse Wolf - Field Representative for Senator Jon Ossoff
Sheknita Davis - Field Representative for Senator Raphael Warnock
Michelle Delaney - Field Representative for Representative Austin Scott
Bill Mulkey, City of Warner Robins
Mike Greenwald, Macon-Bibb Planning and Zoning
Tiffany Davis, Jones County*
Duke Thigpen, Robins AFB
Bryan Jones, Robins AFB
Kelly Sheckler, EPA Region 4
Michael Collins, Total Computer Solutions
Tommy Bruhn, EA Engineering

***Denotes Voting Member or Local Government Staff Proxy for Voting Member**

Support Staff Present

Ray Clark, The Clark Group
Greg Boike, MGRC Director of Public Administration
Laura Mathis, MGRC Executive Director
Kim Stanton, MGC Executive Assistant

Welcome/Call to Order

Vice-Chair Ed Barbee called the February meeting of the Middle Georgia Clean Air Coalition to order at 4:00 pm and welcomed everyone to the conference call meeting. It was determined that a quorum was present, and the committee was able to conduct business.

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Approval of Minutes

There were no corrections to the minutes of the January 13, 2022, meeting; they were unanimously approved on a motion by Clifford Holmes and a second Ned Sanders.

Financial Report

Greg Boike provided the Financial Report beginning January 1, 2022, through January 31, 2022. Revenues included bank interest and member contributions totaling $46,748.15 and expenditures in the amount of $13,153.54; the ending balance as of January 31, 2022, was $230,139.32. The Financial Reports were unanimously approved on a motion by Henry Ficklin and a second by John Harley.

Approval of FY 2023 Dues Rate

The approval to keep the rate of 25 cents per capita to calculate dues was approved on a motion by John Harley and a second by Eric Wilson.

Green Team Meeting Update

Ray Clark reported on the Rural Energy Polit Program (REPP) which offers assistance to Rural Energy Community Partnerships to develop renewable energy to meet the nation's energy needs.

After further discussion, the coalition agreed to move forward pursuing the grant opportunity. The grant opportunity was approved on a motion by Eric Wilson and a second by Ned Sanders.

I-75 Corridor Update

Ray Clark reported on the ongoing projects with the I-75 Central Corridor Coalition to promote smart growth and rail access between Hartsfield and Robins AFB. Clayton County will also join the I-75 Central Corridor Coalition.

Ray Clark and Terry Coleman met with GDOT representatives to discuss the progress that the I-75 Central Corridor Coalition is making.

Greg Boike reported on some upcoming funding opportunities through the Infrastructure Investment Jobs Act (IIJA). More information about the legislation can be found online at: https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/11/06/fact-sheet-the-bipartisan-infrastructure-deal/.

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General Discussion

Ned Sanders discussed latest news on the infrastructure bill and progress pertaining to electric vehicles and solar power, including a total of $2.5 Billion allocated for various clean air projects. This aligns with a goal to reduce emissions by 50 percent by the year 2030.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the February MGCAC meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

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It was announced that the next meeting of the Middle Georgia Clean Air Coalition will be held on March 10, 2022, at the Middle Georgia Regional Commission.

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Financial Report
As of February 28, 2022

Beginning Balance - January 31, 2022 (Corrected)		$ 206,766.07
Revenues		
Bank Interest dropped from .5% to .01%	$ 1.55	
Member Contributions	292.00	
Total Revenues		$ 293.55
Subtotal		207,059.62
Expenditures		
Ray Clark	$ 12,709.00	
Total Expenditures		12,709.00
Ending Balance - February 28, 2022		$ 194,350.62