TAKING ACTION TO IMPROVE AIR QUALITY IN MIDDLE GEORGIA

MIDDLE GEORGIA CLEAN AIR COALITION

Thursday, September 8, 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 August Minutes	Ed Barbee, Chair
4:05	August Financial Report	Sam Kitchens, Treasurer
4:10	Clark Group Report: EV Updates • EV Updates • Grant Opportunities • I-75 Corridor Updates	Ray Clark
4:25	Regional Economic Development Update	Greg Boike
4:30	EV Car Show – September 24	Greg Boike
4:35	GLIMPSE Update	Greg Boike
4:40	Set Next Meeting Dates/Times	Greg Boike
4:45	Discussion	MGCAC Members
5:00	Adjournment	Ed Barbee, Chair

Proposed Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Thursday, October 13, 2022, at 3:30 p.m.
Middle Georgia Regional Commission

Thursday, November 17, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.
Middle Georgia Regional Commission

MEETING MINUTES
MIDDLE GEORGIA CLEAN AIR COALITION
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, August 11, 2022, 4:00 pm
Middle Georgia Regional Commission

Executive Board Members Present:

Mayor Ed Barbee, City of Gray*
Commissioner Sam Kitchens, Jones County*
Mayor John Harley, City of Centerville*
Councilman Clifford Holmes, City of Warner Robins*
Councilman Wade Yoder, Peach County*
Former Chairman Ned Sanders, Houston County *

Other Local Officials, Staff, and Stakeholders Present:

Henry Ficklin, Macon-Bibb County*
Elizabeth Ruark - Field Representative for Representative Austin Scott
Mike Greenwald, Macon-Bibb Planning and Zoning
Bryan Jones, Robins Air Force Base
Tamara Smith-Hayes, Georgia EPD
Michael Collins, Total Computer Solutions
Ben Kessler, ChargePoint

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

Support Staff Present

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

Welcome/Call to Order

Chairman Ed Barbee called the August 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.

Approval of Minutes

There were no corrections to the minutes of the June 9, 2022, meeting; they were unanimously approved on a motion by Sam Kitchens and a second Ned Sanders.

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Financial Report

Sam Kitchens provided the Financial Report beginning July 1, 2022, through July 31, 2022. Revenues included bank interest and member contributions totaling $434.16 and expenditures in the amount of $14,185.37; the ending balance as of July 31, 2022, was $130,352.87.

The Financial Report was unanimously approved on a motion by Ned Sanders and a second by John Harley.

The Clark Group

- Inflation Reduction Act

Ray Clark reported that included in the Inflation Reduction Act Bill would be funds for cities and states to tackle the climate crisis and help reduce emissions.

- EV's

The Inflation Reduction Act Bill would also extend tax credits for the purchase of new and used electric vehicles.

- Smart Growth

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.

- Delegation Trip to Washington

Ray Clark reported on the trip to Washington on June 22 and met with representatives from Senator Ossoff's and Senator Warnock's office to discuss Federal Rail Administration to discuss rail appropriations.

- Meeting with Chairman Perdue, Houston County

Ray Clark met with Chairman Perdue from Houston County

I-75 Legislative Summit

Laura Mathis reported on the I-75 Legislative Summit that met on June 3, 2022 to discuss the state rail plan and the smart growth study along the corridor from Stockbridge to Macon.

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I-75 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.

Discussion

Ned Sanders discussed latest news and progress reported on pertaining to electric vehicles, solar power and technology independence.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the August MGCAC meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.

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It was announced that the next meeting of the Middle Georgia Clean Air Coalition will be held on September 8, 2022, at the Middle Georgia Regional Commission.

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Middle Georgia Clean Air Coalition

Financial Report
As of August 31, 2022

Beginning Balance -July 31, 2022			$ 130,352.87
Revenues			
Bank Interest	$ 1.05		
Member Contributions	433.00		
Total Revenues			$ 434.05
Subtotal			130,786.92
Expenditures			
Ray Clark	12,250.00		
Total Expenditures			12,250.00
Ending Balance - August 31, 2022			$ 118,536.92

DRIVE ELECTRIC GEORGIA

National Drive Electric Week (NDEW)

Electric Vehicle Car Shows

NDEW is a nationwide celebration to raise awareness of the many benefits of all-electric and plug-in hybrid cars, trucks, motorcycles, and more. Register as either an EV Owner to bring your vehicle and share your passion for EVs or as an attendee to get all your EV questions answered. See many makes and models in one place. Check out the event location closest to you.

Please register for any of the below events at: https://driveelectricweek.org/attend.

At Manheim Metro Atlanta
Saturday, September 24th
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
2244 Metropolitan Pkwy SW
Atlanta, GA 30315



MGRC Middle Georgia Regional Commission

At Mercer University in Macon
Saturday, September 24th
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
1501 Mercer University Dr.
Macon, GA 31204

MERCER UNIVERSITY

At Peachtree Corners
Saturday, September 24th
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
5180 Town Center Blvd
Peachtree Corners, GA 30092

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