

Middle Georgia Clean Air Coalition

December 8, 2022

Standard Order of Business

Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Approval of Minutes

- Distributed Prior to Meeting

- Need Motion to Approve & 2nd
  - November Minutes

Financial Report Approval

- See insert at right

- Need Motion to Approve & Second

Middle Georgia Clean Air Coalition

Financial Report
As of November 30, 2022

Beginning Balance -October 31, 2022			$ 165,994.62
	Revenues		
	Bank Interest	$ 1.37	
	Member Contributions	49,769.50	
Total Revenues			$ 49,770.87
Subtotal			215,765.49
	Expenditures		
	Ray Clark	15,048.00	
Total Expenditures			15,048.00
Ending Balance - November 30, 2022			$ 200,717.49

Ned Sanders Scholarship Presentation

Green Team Report

Ray Clark & Greg Boike

Goals for 2022

Goal #1: Improve Readiness for Electric Vehicle Transitions

- Create a brand for this initiative (Example: "Charge Forward Middle Georgia")
- Partner with Georgia Power & EMCs to cross-promote incentives for installation of chargers
- Further develop and refine an EV deployment strategy for Middle Georgia
- Apply for federal transportation grant funding to install EV charging infrastructure, and leverage the MGCAC Clean Air Incentives Grants to help match funding for federal grants
  - GDOT may not be proactive in applying new $$$ in this regard.
    - May need to explore ways to encourage GDOT to use $$ more effectively.
- Provide technical resources for local governments and school systems interested in converting fleets and machinery to EVs and other clean alternative fuels
  - Add a focus identifying financial resources

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Goal #2: Expand Middle Georgia Solar Programs

- Pursue SolSmart recognition for Middle Georgia region
- Assist cities and counties with enactment of Model Solar Ordinance, and partner to provide training opportunities on best practices for solar permitting and inspections
- Develop and implement education campaign on the benefits and economics of solar
  - Focus more on education for workforce and K-12
- Identify next signature project opportunity for large-scale solar development, and apply for funding through the Rural Energy Pilot Program ($10M allocation of USDA funding)
- Implement new Solar Energy Procurement Agreements (SEPAs) to install solar panels on rooftops and canopies for schools and local government facilities
  - Add a focus on industries. Seek agreements to install on new warehouses, facilities, etc.
- Develop annual targets for new solar installed capacity within the region
- Explore research partnerships to deploy additional energy storage technologies

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Goal #3: Undertake Projects for Green, Efficient, and Healthy Buildings

- Provide technical assistance for energy savings audits on public buildings and encourage retrofits of outdated lighting and building mechanical systems that drain energy
- Discuss and promote opportunities for HVAC system improvements that will improve energy efficiency and help in the mitigation of COVID-19
- Explore research partnerships with Fort Valley State University and Mercer University, and work with EPA to fund research activities
- We've done a lot here. Let's capture the stories and continue the good work.

Goals for 2022

Goal #4: Support Transit & Smart Growth Planning to Improve Air Quality

- Continue financial partnership with the I-75 Central Corridor Coalition (I-75 CCC) as a model for Smart Growth potential in Georgia
- Utilize data from the EPA GLIMPSE model to highlight the benefits of new mass transit systems and smart growth development patterns within the I-75 Central Corridor
- Support efforts of the I-75 CCC to develop passenger rail from Hartsfield to Robins AFB

Goals for 2022

NEW GOAL: Tell the Story of 20 Years of the MGCAC

- Highlight what we've done as a coalition.
- Put metrics on NOx reduction, cost savings, energy savings
- Get a report that can be shared to highlight strategies/successes
- Identify new "good news stories" once per month → share these with the press.
- Work with Middle Georgia Innovation Project//Living in Middle Georgia

General Discussion

MGCAC Members

Adjournment

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 4:00 PM

Middle Georgia Regional Commission