MEETING MINUTES
MIDDLE GEORGIA CLEAN AIR COALITION
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, December 8, 2022, 4:00 pm
Middle Georgia Regional Commission

Executive Board Members Present:

Mayor Ed Barbee, City of Gray*
Mayor John Harley, City of Centerville*
Former Chairman Ned Sanders, Houston County *
Chairman Greg Tapley, Monroe County**
Commissioner Sam Kitchens, Jones County*
Dr. Henry Ficklin, Macon-Bibb County*

Other Local Officials, Staff, and Stakeholders Present:

Kayla Walker, student from Fort Valley State University
Leila Kelly, student from Mercer University
Oreta Samples, Fort Valley State University
Phillip McCreanor, Mercer University
Brenda Williams, Field Representative for Senator Raphel Warnock
Lenora Benjamin, EPA Region 4
Kelly Sheckler, EPA Region 4
Joel Huey, EPA Region 4
Tamara Smith-Hayes, Georgia EPD
Tiffany Davis, Jones County
Dan Rhoades, 21st Century Partnership
Michael Collins, Total Computer Solutions
Mary Linn, Electrification Coalition

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

Support Staff Present

Greg Boike, MGRC Director of Public Administration
Kim Stanton, MGRC Executive Assistant

Welcome/Call to Order

Chairman Ed Barbee called the December 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 November 17, 2022, meeting; they were unanimously approved on a motion by Sam Kitchens and a second Greg Tapley.

Financial Report

Sam Kitchens provided the Financial Report beginning November 1, 2022, through November 30, 2022. Revenues included bank interest and member contributions totaling $49,770.87 and expenditures in the amount of $15,048.0; the ending balance as of November 30, 2022, was $200,717.49.

The Financial Report was unanimously approved on a motion by Greg Tapley and a second by John Harley.

Presentation of 2022 Ned Sanders Scholarships

Ned Sanders introduced the two recipients of the Ned Sanders scholarship that would receive a $1,000 check. Mr. Sanders recognized the efforts by the MGCAC for their support of engineering and environmental education. Mr. Sanders introduced Leila Kelly from Mercer University and Kayla Walker from Fort Valley State University. Leila Kelly and Kayla Walker thanked everyone for being a recipient of the scholarship and reported on several projects that she is currently working on for clean air.

MGCAC Green Team Report

- Review of 2022 MGCAC Goals

Greg Boike and Ray Clark facilitated a discussion regarding accomplishments from 2022 and potential goals for the upcoming 2023 year.

- Discussion of Potential Activities

MGCAC members talked about some signature projects with infrastructure funds from GDOT.

- Priorities for 2023

MGCAC members prioritized areas of focus for the development of a 2023 action plan.

After further discussion, the coalition agreed to continue the goals of 2022 but to develop a curriculum for 2023 goals. The statement of goals was approved on a motion by Greg Tapley and a second by Sam Kitchens.

Discussion

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, the December 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 January 12, 2023, at the Middle Georgia Regional Commission.