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

Executive Board Members Present:

Chairman Greg Tapley, Monroe County*****
Mayor Ed Barbee, City of Gray*
Mayor John Harley, City of Centerville*
Commissioner Sam Kitchens, Jones County*
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*
Shavonda Hill, Field Representative for Congressman Sanford Bishop
Sheknita Davis - Field Representative for Senator Raphael Warnock
Michelle Delaney - Field Representative for Representative Austin Scott
Tamara Smith-Hayes, Georgia EPD
Bill Mulkey, City of Warner Robins
Mike Greenwald, Macon-Bibb Planning and Zoning
Bryan Jones, Robins AFB
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

Chairman Greg Tapley called the March 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 February 10, 2022, meeting; they were unanimously approved on a motion by Clifford Holmes and a second Ed Barbee.

Financial Report

Greg Boike provided the Financial Report beginning February 1, 2022, through February 28, 2022. Revenues included bank interest and member contributions totaling $293.55 and expenditures in the amount of $12,709.00; the ending balance as of February 28, 2022, was $194,350.62. The Financial Reports were unanimously approved on a motion by Ned Sanders and a second by Eric Wilson. The ending balance reflects a corrected balance since the January meeting.

Clark Group Update

- Energy Independence

Ray Clark reported on some energy updates and alternatives that effect crude and petroleum product imports and the US production forecast due to the current Russia events.

Green Team Meeting Update: USDA REPP

Ray Clark reported on the proposed USDA REPP projects in Twiggs County, City of Culloden, and Peach County and a grant opportunity which would offer assistance to Rural Energy Community Partnerships to develop renewable energy to meet the nation's energy needs.

Greg Boike reported that in hopes of leveraging the appropriate funding from each group, he is proposing that the MGRC submit one grant application for the region

After further discussion, the coalition agreed to request that MGRC to be the fiscal agent for the MGCAC grant. The grant opportunity was approved on a motion by Eric Wilson and a second by Clifford Holmes.

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 reported that Senator Ossoff's office has been working toward rail appropriations.

The MGCAC has two letters asking the middle Georgia elected officials to sign to send to the Governor supporting passenger rail on behalf of the MGCAC and I-75 Corridor Coalition.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the March 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 April 14, 2022, at the Middle Georgia Regional Commission.