MEETING MINUTES
MIDDLE GEORGIA CLEAN AIR COALITION
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, April 14, 2022, 4:00 pm
Middle Georgia Regional Commission

Executive Board Members Present:

Chairman Greg Tapley, Monroe County*****
Mayor John Harley, City of Centerville*
Commissioner Sam Kitchens, Jones County*
Mayor Eric Wilson, City of Forsyth*
Councilman Rusty Adams, City of Byron*

Other Local Officials, Staff, and Stakeholders Present:

Henry Ficklin, Macon-Bibb County*
Jacob Cox, Houston County*
Sheknita Davis - Field Representative for Senator Raphael Warnock
Josh Hughes, PSG Energy
Charise Stephens, Macon-Bibb County
Bryan Jones, Robins AFB
Kelly Sheckler, Region 4 EPA
Tamara Smith-Hayes, Georgia EPD

***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 April 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 March 10, 2022, meeting; they were unanimously approved on a motion by John Harley and a second Sam Kitchens.

Financial Report

Greg Boike provided the Financial Report beginning March 1, 2022, through March 31, 2022. Revenues included bank interest and member contributions totaling $293.59 and expenditures in the amount of $12,405.00; the ending balance as of March 31, 2022, was $182,239.21.

The Financial Report was unanimously approved on a motion by Eric Wilson and a second by John Harley.

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.

- EV's

Ray Clark reported on the New York Auto Show educating consumers about the electric future of Electric Vehicles.

- Smart Growth Initiative

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.

Green Team Meeting Update: USDA REPP

Greg Boike reported on some of the USDA funding allocations for the region based on rural criteria qualifications. Ray Clark thanked Renewvia Energy for assistance in providing quotes.

- Twiggs County Project – this project will not move forward.
- Peach County Project – this project will not move forward.
- Culloden Project – this project will move forward.
- Crawford County Project – this project will forward.
- Georgia Tech Project – developing hydrogen-powered battery storage capabilities at solar sites – this project will move forward.

Discussion

Greg Boike reported that the current term of officers ends in June, he will send out an email asking for nominations to be discussed at the May meeting.

Josh Hughes with PSG Energy also introduced himself to the membership and discussed the services that his company can offer, including LED retrofits.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the April 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 May 12, 2022, at the Middle Georgia Regional Commission.