MEETING MINUTES
MIDDLE GEORGIA CLEAN AIR COALITION
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, May 12, 2022, 4:00 pm
Middle Georgia Regional Commission

Executive Board Members Present:

Chairman Greg Tapley, Monroe County*****
Mayor Ed Barbee, City of Gray*
Commissioner Sam Kitchens, Jones County*
Councilman Rusty Adams, City of Byron*
Former Chairman Ned Sanders, Houston County *

Other Local Officials, Staff, and Stakeholders Present:

Mike Greenwald, Macon-Bibb Planning and Zoning
Michael Collins, Total Computer Solutions
Shavonda Hill, Field Representative for Congressman Sanford Bishop
Tiffany Davis, Jones County
Melvin Harris, OPC
Bill Mulkey, City of Warner Robins*
Tommy Bruhn, EA Engineering
Leah Vinansky, Chargepoint
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
Kim Stanton, MGRC Executive Assistant

Welcome/Call to Order

Chairman Greg Tapley called the May 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 April 14, 2022, meeting; they were unanimously approved on a motion by Sam Kitchens and a second Ned Sanders.

Financial Report

Greg Boike provided the Financial Report beginning April 1, 2022, through April 30, 2022. Revenues included bank interest and member contributions totaling $293.50 and expenditures in the amount of $12,801.34; the ending balance as of April 30, 2022, was $169,731.37.

The Financial Report was unanimously approved on a motion by Ned Sanders and a second by Ed Barbee.

FY 2023 Proposed Budget Review

Greg Boike presented the proposed FY 2023 budget. Included in the budget is additional funds for clean air incentives to highlight ongoing activities of the MGCAC.

No action is required at this time and will be presented for final approval at the June meeting.

Nomination of MGCAC Officers

Chairman Greg Tapley asked for nominations for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.

Chairman Greg Tapley nominated a slate of officers that will be effective July 1, 2022.

Ed Barbee as Chair
Clifford Holmes as Vice Chair
Sam Kitchens as Secretary-Treasurer

The slate of officers was approved on a motion by Ned Sanders and a second by Ed Barbee.

Clark Group Update

- 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.

- Trip to Washington, DC

Ray Clark reported on the upcoming trip to Washington, DC on June 22 to meet with Senator Ossoff and the Federal Rail Administration to discuss rail appropriations.

Update on USDA REPP Program

Greg Boike reported that the MGCAC has submitted an application to USDA for the Rural Energy Pilot Program Grant.

Discussion

Greg Boike introduced a new state representative on the call from Charge Point, Leah Vinansky.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the May 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 June 9, 2022, at the Middle Georgia Regional Commission.