MEETING MINUTES
MIDDLE GEORGIA CLEAN AIR COALITION
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, June 9, 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*
Mayor John Harley, City of Centerville*
Councilman Clifford Holmes, City of Warner Robins*
Councilman Rusty Adams, City of Byron*
Former Chairman Ned Sanders, Houston County *

Other Local Officials, Staff, and Stakeholders Present:

Henry Ficklin, Macon-Bibb County*
Rogie Roberson, Flint Energies
Elizabeth Ruark - Field Representative for Representative Austin Scott
Former Mayor Robert A.B. Reichert, Macon-Bibb County
Dan Rhoades, 21st Century Partnership
Tiffany Davis, Jones County
Bill Mulkey, City of Warner Robins
Leah Vinansky, Chargepoint
Bryan Jones, Robins AFB

***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

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 May 12, 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 May 1, 2022, through May31, 2022. Revenues included bank interest and member contributions totaling $293.40 and expenditures in the amount of $12,250.00; the ending balance as of May 31, 2022, was $157,774.77.

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

Introduction of New Officers

Chairman Greg Tapley welcomed the Middle Georgia Clean Air Coalition new officers.

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

Recognition of Chairman Tapley

The MGCAC Green Team presented Greg Tapley a certificate of appreciation for his support and commitment in working with the MGCAC from 2018 – 2022 to improve the air quality of Middle Georgia.

Greg Tapley then passed the gavel over to Ed Barbee as the new Chairman. Greg Tapley thanked the committee for the opportunity to serve. Chairman Ed Barbee gave his vision on how he wants the Clean Air Coalition to evolve with collaboration from state and local involvement, including from industry partners.

FY 2023 Budget Adoption

Sam Kitchens and 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.

The FY 2023 budget was approved on a motion by John Harley and a second by Eric Wilson.

Smart Growth Updates

Robert Reichert reported on the ongoing projects with the I-75 Central Corridor Coalition to promote smart growth and rail access between Hartsfield and Robins AFB.

Update on EPA Clean School Bus

Dale Aspy with EPA gave an update on EPA's new Clean School Bus Program that will provide $5 billion over the next five years (FY 2022-2026) to replace existing school buses with zero-emission and low-emission models. More information can be found at https://www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus.

Discussion

Due to the lack of a MGRC Council meeting in July, Ed Barbee made a motion to cancel the MGCAC meeting scheduled July 14, 2021. The motion was seconded by Clifford Holmes and passed unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the June 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 August 11, 2022, at the Middle Georgia Regional Commission.