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

Executive Board Members Present:

Mayor Ed Barbee, City of Gray*
Commissioner Sam Kitchens, Jones County*
Mayor John Harley, City of Centerville*
Former Chairman Ned Sanders, Houston County *

Other Local Officials, Staff, and Stakeholders Present:

Henry Ficklin, Macon-Bibb County*
Mike Greenwald, Macon-Bibb Planning and Zoning
Michael Collins, Total Computer Solutions
Shavonda Hill, Field Representative for Congressman Sanford Bishop
Elizabeth Ruark, Field Representative for Representative Austin Scott
Brenda Williams, Field Representative for Senator Raphael Warnock
Cassandra Cox, Georgia Power
Anita Moreno, Flint Energies
Tamara Smith-Hayes, Georgia EPD
Bryan Jones, Robins Air Force Base
***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 Ed Barbee called the September meeting of the Middle Georgia Clean Air Coalition to order at 4:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. A quorum was not present, and the committee was unable to conduct official business.

The Clark Group

- EV's

The Inflation Reduction Act Bill would extend tax credits for the purchase of new and used electric vehicles. The Clean Energy transition that will have an impact on businesses and homeowners as technologies change to accelerate global clean energy.

- Grant Opportunities

Ray Clark reported on grant opportunities that would be available to communities for accessible charging infrastructure.

- 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.

EV Car Show

Greg Boike announced the National Drive Electric Week in partnership with Mercer University, a nationwide celebration to raise awareness of the many benefits of all electric vehicles, September 24th. More information can be found at www.driveelectricweek.org.

GLIMPSE Update

Greg Boike reported that he met with EPA today to discuss supporting a modeling tool being developed by EPA that will assist states with energy and environmental planning through the year 2050.

Set Next Meeting Dates/Times

Greg Boike asked the Chairman if they wanted to move the next MGAC meeting back to start at 3:30 in order to ensure the meeting is done before the MGRC Annual meeting.

The November MGCAC meeting will be moved to November 17 to coincide with the MGRC meeting on the same day.

Discussion

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, the September MGCAC meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.

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It was announced that the next meeting of the Middle Georgia Clean Air Coalition will be held on October 13, 2022, at the Middle Georgia Regional Commission.