

MINUTES

February 07, 2007

H-GAC, Conference Room C
3555 Timmons Lane, 2nd Floor
Houston, TX 77027

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Fiesinger, Ed (Brazoria County); Herbert, John J. (Liberty County- Phone) ; Kilpatrick, Steve (Brazoria County- Phone); Kuryla, Matt (Harris County- Phone); Kush, John (Harris County); Naquin, Mary Jane (Harris County); Santos, Betin (Harris County); Lewis, Eddie (Harris County)

PROXY VOTES

Proxies given to the Chair (Ed Fiesinger) prior to the meeting were Bartosh, Patrick (Harris County); Peak, Mark (Harris County); and Rash, Jeanette (Harris County)

NON-BOARD MEMBERS AND H-GAC STAFF PRESENT

DeCandis, Andrew (H-GAC); Lee, Stephanie (H-GAC); Lubertino, Graciela (H-GAC); Johnson, Deanna (H-GAC); Smith, Christine (H-GAC); Spencer, Crystal (H-GAC); and Whitworth, Shelley (H-GAC)

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Ed Fiesinger officially began the AERCO board meeting with naming attendees and proxy votes. Mr. Fiesinger welcomed all attendees. Each attendee introduced themselves.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF November 01, 2006 MINUTES

AERCO board meeting minutes for November 01, 2006 was motioned, seconded, and approved with revisions.

DISCUSSION ITEM

CLEAN SCHOOL BUS UPDATE – Stephanie Lee

Ms. Stephanie Lee began her presentation by discussing the Clean School Bus Houston program. She announced a funding workshop to be held for school districts interested in the program at H-GAC, February, 22, 2007 at 9:30 A.M. to spread the word and inform of funding options for the program. Brief questions followed the presentation.

CLEAN VEHICLES UPDATE – Jason Salinas

Ms. Shelly Whitworth announced that the Clean Vehicle program currently has out a call for projects. She stated that TxDOT and AERCO formally made an amendment to one of the local planning and funding agreements in order to move funding over from TxDOT's Bolivar Ferry project to the Clean Vehicle program allowing AERCO to meet the VMEP requirements. Ms. Whitworth explained that new technology is still under development for the project but will not be implemented by the SIP deadline.

TCEQ Report – Steve Sun, TCEQ

Mr. Steve Sun discussed the details of last year's emissions trading. He stated that TCEQ made rule changes to agenda 101, mostly to revise some of the references to Chapter 117. The changes have already been approved for proposal and the new version will be adopted some time in July. The latest NOx trading is almost at \$100,000 per ton. Questions and comments followed the presentation.

COOPERATIVE PURCHASING – Shelley Whitworth

Ms. Shelly Whitworth defined cooperative purchasing as a department unique to AERCO that allows governmental entities to purchase equipment and vehicles of all different types at government rates through bids and contracts, from other governmental entities in and out of state. School districts will be able to get the necessary equipment through the department to clean up school buses at a discounted rate.

SEP PROGRAM REPORTING REQUIREMENTS – Stephanie Lee

(Please refer to handouts.) Ms. Stephanie Lee announced a new SEP spending requirements from TCEQ. SEPs must now be tracked on a new quarterly reporting form, detailing activities and spending. The committee reviewed and discussed some details of the report. Questions and comments followed the presentation.

ACTION ITEM

DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT

(Please refer to handouts.) Revisions have been made to the report and the new one is now available online.

FUNDING FOR HUMBLE ISD CLEAN SCHOOL BUS PROJECTS – Stephanie Lee

Ms. Stephanie Lee announced that the Clean Vehicles program has received Humble ISD's inventory and are analyzing replacements which will be made using SEP funds. Brief questions and comments followed the presentation.

ADOPT GUIDELINES FOR CLEAN SCHOOL BUS FUNDING AND CONTRACTING FOR AERCO (Staff recommendations)

(Please refer to handout.) Ms. Stephanie Lee reviewed a draft of the application to participate in the Clean School Bus program. A few alterations were made to the application. The proposed resolution regarding the Clean School Bus program was passed and approved. Mr. Ed Fiesinger will sign it after the appropriate alterations are made. Brief comments and questions followed the presentation.

SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIROMENTAL PROJECT FUNDS – Shelly Whitworth/ Stephanie Lee (TCEQ Quarterly Reports)

Ms. Shelly Whitworth presented the possibility of meeting more often for the approval of quarterly reports. Mr. Matt Kuryla presented the motion that the board delegate the rights to approve the transfer of monies to school districts and to approve quarterly reports to "executive management". Mr. Steve Kilpatrick seconded. Ms. Mary Jane requested to amend the motion re-stating it as "the president and one other board member." Pending further consideration, the amended motion may be adjusted at the next meeting. Discussion followed the presentation.

ADMINISTRATION OF SEP FUNDS FOR H-GAC 13 COUNTY AREA

The Board decided against SEP funding for the proposed 13 county area and will continue to cover the 8 county non-attainment area.

OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM FOR DISCUSSION AT NEXT MEETING

- Clean School Bus update
- TCEQ Report
- Discuss Annual Report

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ms. Graciela Lubertino informed everyone of the third pediatric environmental health symposium sponsored by the Baylor College of Medicine entitled Environmental Health is a VERB! Building Healthy Children. The symposium will be held Friday, March 16, 2007, in Houston, at the

Denton A. Cooley Auditorium, the Texas Heart Institute, St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, 6770 Bertner Avenue.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 19, 2007 at 2:00 p.m., H-GAC Conference Room B.

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