

MINUTES

November 07, 2007

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Fiesinger, Ed (Brazoria County); Hebert, John J. (Liberty County by Phone); Kilpatrick, Steve (Brazoria County by Phone); Kuryla, Matt (Harris County by Phone); John Kush (Harris County); and Lewis, Edward (Harris County by Phone)

PROXY VOTES

Proxies given to the Chair (Ed Fiesinger) prior to the meeting were Bartosh, C. Patrick (Harris County); Naquin, Mary Jane (Harris County); and Rash, Janette (Harris County)

NON-BOARD MEMBERS AND H-GAC STAFF PRESENT

DeCandis, Andrew (H-GAC); Ingversen, Hans (H-GAC); Smith, Christine (H-GAC); Spencer, Crystal (H-GAC); Sun, Steve (TCEQ by Phone); and Whitworth, Shelley (H-GAC)

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MAY 08, 2007 MINUTES

AERCO board meeting minutes for August 08, 2007 were approved.

DISCUSSION ITEM

CLEAN SCHOOL BUS UPDATE – Christine Smith, H-GAC

Ms. Christine Smith began her discussion with letting the committee know that a survey was distributed to school districts within the eight-county region. The purpose of the survey is to collect fleet data on fuel types, heavy or light duty characteristics, and services they would like for us to provide. Also, the Clean Cities/Clean Vehicles will benefit from the collected data. No questions and comments followed the update.

TCEQ QUARTERLY REPORT (CLEAN SCHOOL BUS) – Christine Smith, H-GAC

Ms. Christine Smith informed the committee that the TCEQ Quarterly Report information is in the process of being compiled and submitted. The TCEQ Quarterly Report did not go out due to staff rearrangement. Brief questions and comments regarding the disbursement of SEP funds followed the discussion.

TCEQ REPORT – Steve Sun, TCEQ

Mr. Steve Sun began his discussion by informing the committee that TCEQ has appointed a third commissioner. The EPA's Region 6 did not see any problems with the final approval with our Emission Credit Program. Mr. Sun will try to get an update when EPA plans to publish the final approval. Brief questions and comments followed the discussion.

CLEAN VEHICLES/ATC UPDATE – Hans Ingversen, H-GAC

Mr. Hans Ingversen began his update by stating that ~\$3,500,000.00 in CMAQ funds were spent from June-October. SEP fund expenditures from June to October were \$272,000.00. In total, 77 engines were retrofit or replaced, including approximately eleven. No questions and comments followed the discussion.

ACTION ITEM

NEWS FROM PEARLAND ISD – Christine Smith, H-GAC

Ms. Christine Smith began with the decision to move ahead with Pearland ISD because the VOC issue that raised concerns as to the effectiveness was resolved. In actuality, there should be a decrease in VOC's.

BROSHURE UPDATE – Hans Ingversen, H-GAC

Mr. Hans Ingversen began by informing the committee that minor changes were made to the draft brochure; the brochure is more reflective of what AERCO is doing. The committee agreed that Mr. Ed Fiesinger will approve the final brochure update. No questions and comments followed the action item.

OTHER BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Press Event on December 10, 2007 – Cooperate Clean School Bus Challenge
- Counties are welcome to contract through us to receive AirCheck Texas Local Government funds for the Clean School Buss Program fund match.

ITEM FOR DISCUSSION AT NEXT MEETING

- Verification of TCEQ Quarterly Report mailing.
- School Bus Update.
- Clean Vehicle Update.
- Pearland ISD funds and new funds we may receive.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments available.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 06, 2007 at 2:00 P.M.

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