

Minutes

Bi-State Region Air Quality Task Force

Wednesday, June 30, 2021, 11:00 a.m.
Bi-State Regional Commission
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

1. Introductions and Consideration of December 17, 2020 Meeting Minutes. The meeting was chaired by Gary Statz, who called to approve the minutes with a correction that the meeting ended at 11:30 a.m. Larry Burns motioned to approve the minutes, and Gary Statz seconded. The motion carried.
2. Update from Resource Agencies on Current Air Quality Status/Issues. Matthew Johnson of the Iowa DNR reported that EPA had finalized their review of particulate matter NAAQS in early 2021 and determined to retain the standards as is; however, they have been directed to reconsider with the new EPA administration in place. There was no timeline when a final determination will be made.
3. Local Status Report and Air Quality Issues. Brandon Melton reviewed the status report provided in the agenda packet. There were updates to both Illinois and Iowa Design Values. The report is attached to these minutes.
4. Presentation on Eastern Iowa EV Readiness Plan. Sarah Gardner, AICP from City of Iowa City Climate Action Outreach, gave a presentation on this project nearing completion. Gardner outlined the study area and goals including increasing EV use and charger availability and equitable access, which in turn would reduce emissions, improve air quality, and generate economic benefits. Gardner provided statistics on existing passenger EV market nationally and in Iowa. She highlighted that an optimal number of publically available charge points is 400/million people to spur EV adoption. There are currently 25 charge points in the Quad Cities, which works out to 65 charge points/million. Gardner reviewed current EV laws and ordinances noting that Davenport has adopted provisions specific to EV charging infrastructure. Gardner reviewed stakeholder input in development of the plan strategies and implementation. Strategies include investing in EV, expanding access to EV charging infrastructure, adoption of and access to EVs, increasing education and awareness of EVs and EV charging, coordinating regionally to implement actions and strategies, and leading by example.
5. Other Business. There was no other business.
6. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:50 a.m.