

Minutes

Bi-State Region Air Quality Task Force

Thursday, June 30, 2022, 11:30 a.m.
Bi-State Regional Commission
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Members Present:

Larry Burns, Rock Island County
Ben Castro, Metrolink
Abbie Christopherson, Iowa Clean Cities
John Riches, Arconic

Gary Statz, Chair, City of Davenport

Others Present:

Brandon Melton, Bi-State Regional Commission
Jennifer Bizarri, Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Introductions and Consideration of June 30, 2021 Meeting Minutes. The meeting was chaired by Gary Statz, who called to approve the minutes. Larry Burns motioned to approve the minutes and John Riches seconded. The motion carried.
2. Update from Resource Agencies on Current Air Quality Status/Issues. There were no updates from resource agencies other than Iowa Clean Cities later in the agenda.
3. Local Status Report and Air Quality Issues. Melton reviewed the status report provided in the agenda packet. The report is attached to these minutes.
4. Discussion of Iowa and Illinois EV Infrastructure Activities. Melton shared that he has participated in the Advisory Committee for Illinois DOT's EV Infrastructure Planning process. The process is being led by Argonne National Lab. Melton shared that they are in the data collection and analysis phase and are gathering input from a variety of stakeholders including regional planning agencies. Abbie Christopherson shared information regarding the NEVI formula program which aims to install four DC Fast Charge chargers every 50 miles on interstate corridors, no more than 1 mile away from an exit. In Iowa, the corridors for electric vehicles are I-80, I-380, I-35, and I-235. The NEVI Formula Program will award \$51.4 million to Iowa over 5 years. The Iowa DOT is in development of the Iowa EV Deployment Plan. They have met with utilities, the Joint Office, relevant state agencies, and 80+ other stakeholders so far and intend to continue conversations. The Iowa DOT Public survey closed last Friday which received 1,500+ responses and 700+ public comments. Overall, 25% were against the Plan, 45% were neutral and 30% were supportive. The State plan is due August 1, but outreach will not stop because the Plan will be updated annually. More information on the NEVI Discretionary Program will be announced in November. Christopherson reported positive responses from Iowa Schools about the Clean School Bus Rebate Program. Des Moines City Council approved the purchase of an electric refuse truck. Iowa DOT is working on an announcement of Volkswagen Cycle 3 awards in the next couple of months.
5. Other Business. There was no other business.
6. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:45 a.m.