



ALBUQUERQUE-BERNALILLO COUNTY AIR QUALITY CONTROL BOARD



MINUTES – April 8, 2009

Regular Meeting

Vincent E. Griego Chambers, Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Government Center
400 Marquette NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102

AQCB MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. James Brinkman (County)
Mr. Jens Deichmann, Chair-Elect, (County)
Mr. Augustine Grace III, (City)
Dr. Margaret Menache, Vice Chair-Elect,
(County)
Mr. Art Sharpe (City)
Mr. Jack Sullivan, (City)
Dr. Dona Upson, (City)

AQCB MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Louis Pacias, BCPC Liaison (non-voting)

STAFF PRESENT

Ms. Janice Amend, AQCB Liaison, AQD
Mr. Neal Butt, Env. Health Scientist, AQD
Mr. Glen Dennis, Mgr. Vehicle Pollution
Mgt. Div. (VPMD)
Mr. Bill Grantham, Board Attorney

Ms. Donna Griffin, Assistant City Attorney
Ms. Adelia Kearny, Deputy City Attorney
Mr. John Liberatore, Env. Health Supervisor
Mr. Fabian Macias, Env. Health Mgr. AQD
Ms. Margaret Nieto, Control Strategies
Supervisor, AQD
Mr. Roger Polisar, Env. Field Operation
Officer
Mr. Damon Reyes, Env. Health Supervisor
Mr. Dario Rocha, Env. Health Supervisor
Mr. Isreal Tavarez, Env. Engineering Manager

VISITORS PRESENT

Ms. Kelsey Curran, Sandia National Labs
Ms. Patty Grice, Mountain View NA
Mr. Mike Minturn, Former AQCB Member
Ms. Marla Painter, Mountain View NA
Ms. Kitty Richards, Bernalillo County
Mr. George Schroeder, Bernalillo County

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:43 p.m. on April 8, 2009 with seven Board members present. Board Chair-Pro-Tem Jens Deichmann presided.

Item # 1 Approval of the Agenda.

A motion was made to approve agenda by Member Sharpe, seconded by Member Grace. Motion was carried by a vote of 7-0.

Item #2 Approval of the February 11, 2009 Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Member Menache, seconded by Member Brinkman and the Motion was carried by a vote of 7-0.

Item #3 Approval of March 30, 2009 Orientation Meeting Minutes (Chair)

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Member Menache, seconded by Member Sullivan and the Motion was carried by a vote of 7-0.

ACTION ITEMS

Item #4 Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2009-2010.

Chair nominations:

- Nomination of Mr. Jens Deichmann was moved by Member Sharpe, seconded by Member Grace.
- Nomination of Dr. Margaret Menache was moved by Member Brinkman, seconded by Member Upson.

The vote on Mr. Deichmann's nomination resulted in the following:

For: 5 (Sharpe, Grace, Deichmann, Upson, Sullivan) Against: 2 (Brinkman, Menache)

The vote on Dr. Menache's nomination resulted in the following:

For: 2 (Brinkman, Menache); Against: 5 (Sharpe, Grace, Deichmann, Upson, Sullivan)

Mr. Jens Deichmann was elected to the position of Chair of the AQCB.

Vice-Chair nomination

- Nomination of Dr. Margaret Menache was moved by Member Sullivan, seconded by Member Brinkman.

The vote on Dr. Menache's nomination resulted in the following:

For: 7, Against: 0.

Dr. Margaret Menache was elected unanimously to the position of Vice-Chair of the AQCB.

Item #5 Election of Board members as non-voting advisory member and alternate to Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) Transportation Program Task Group (TPTG) and Transportation Coordinating Committee (TCC).

Chairman Deichmann made a Motion to elect Member Upson to the position of non-voting advisory member for the MRCOG's TPTG and TCC, and Member Sullivan as the alternate member for 2009. The Motion was seconded by Member Sharpe, and was carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Item #6 Selection of Board member to serve as Liaison to the Governor's Task Force on Environmental Justice.

Chairman Deichmann made a Motion to elect Member Brinkman to the position to serve as Liaison to the Governor's Task Force on Environmental Justice, and was carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Item #7 Presentation to outgoing Board Members Mr. Mike Minturn and Dr. Matthew Campen.

Chairman Deichmann presented Mr. Mike Minturn with a gift in appreciation for his three years of service to the AQCB, which included one year of service in the position of Chair. Dr. Matthew Campen was not in attendance at this meeting.

Item #8 Discussion on format and content to be provided in Division reports.

Chairman Deichmann requested that the Board consider the areas of interest in which they would like the AQD staff to report to the Board. Some interest was shown in the areas of VPMD reports, fugitive dust enforcement reports, legislative weekly updates, notification of public meetings, and community monitoring programs.

Chairman Deichmann asked for public comment regarding areas of interest that the public would like reported.

Patty Grice stated that she would like more transparency with permit violations, such as, number of violations, and monetary amount of penalties. She would also like information on the number of permits that AQD is processing.

I. Tavarez, Environmental Engineering Manager, could see no problem with providing hard copies of *Administrative Enforcement Actions Completed* that has been provided to the Board, and the amount of different permits AQD staff were working on at any give time; however, current violations that are being negotiated will not be provided due to their sensitive nature.

Marla Painter would like to see a high wind events alert system, particularly on the weekends, and the Mountain View Monitoring Station data utilized by the EPA.

I. Tavarez responded that high wind alerts are emailed to contractors during the week and notified the Friday before the weekend, and a health alert is faxed to community centers. AQD shares the cost to post health alerts on high definition electronic digital boards that Clear Channel operates to notify drivers. Also, AQD and Bernalillo County have been working together to improve the area surrounding the Mountain View Monitoring Station, so that it will comply with EPA requirements for submitting data.

George Schroeder added that Bernalillo County has committed \$30,000 to improve the area around the Mountain View Monitoring Station.

REPORTS

Item #9 EPA Environmental Justice Small Grants Program grant award to the Mountain View Neighborhood Association – Patty Grice, President, Mountain View Neighborhood Association.

Patty Grice reported that the Mountain View Neighborhood Association was awarded a \$20,000 grant from the EPA in which they will be identifying types of waste and how to dispose of it, researching two to three states that includes New Mexico for their community outreach and education programs, addressing illegal dumping issues, conducting a neighborhood clean up, gaining knowledge regarding air quality permitting, and conducting air quality community outreach and education.

Member Sharpe congratulated Mountain View Neighborhood Association on their grant award.

Item # 10 Air Quality Concerns Specific to the unincorporated area of Bernalillo County –George Schroeder, Environmental Health Manager and Kitty Richards, Environmental Health Program Manager, Bernalillo County Office of Environmental Health.

George Schroeder reported that poverty compounds the South Valley’s problems, and that air quality has contributed to these problems. Kitty Richards reported on the recent history with the Air Board and the issues of environmental justice.

Member Grace suggested that the Board should propose a resolution encouraging the Bernalillo County Commission to reevaluate Bernalillo County’s Mountain View Sector Plan as a way to effectively address the disparities described by Ms. Richards, as the zoning laws are where the authority is established for land use. Chairman Deichmann suggested that Mr. Grantham could perhaps assist in drafting this document.

Item #11 Monthly Air Quality website update – Fabian Macias, AQD.

Mr. Fabian Macias, Environmental Health Manager, presented a new format for illustrating the air monitoring PM10 data, how monitors are located, the health effects of PM10 for each of the monitoring stations represented on a pop-up Google map. Mr. Macias anticipated this web page can be available to the public in approximately 30 days.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marla Painter stated that she would like a report regarding open burning on Kirtland Air Force Base.

I. Tavaréz offered that Mr. Stonesifer could present an overview of Kirtland AFB open burning permits at a future meeting. Chairman Deichmann agreed that would be a good idea.

Patty Grice would like to see the AQCB conduct more outreach and education regarding its role.

Chairman Deichmann shared that he and Mr. Minturn conducted a listening session with the Mountain View neighborhood citizens, and he would like to have more meetings in the future. He would also like have a field trip to the Westside AQD, at which the public would be welcome to join.

I. Tavaréz briefed the Board on a meeting he attended of the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Government Commission (ABCGC) on April 7, 2009, at which a memo was requested from the Air Board covering two points: 1. suggestions on how a linkage can be established between air quality and land use planning and zoning, and 2. an assessment by the AQCB on establishing a regional air authority. A response is needed by the next ABCGC meeting in June, 2009.

Chairman Deichmann stated that he would like more clarification on exactly what the ABCGC has in mind for the memo. He also requested that Mr. Tavaréz send an email to the Board Members regarding this matter.

ADJOURNMENT Chairman Deichmann adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING: The next board meeting will be on May 13, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in the Vincent E. Griego Chambers, Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Government Center.

SUBMITTED:

READ AND APPROVED:

Isreal Tavarez 5/13/09

Jens Deichmann 5/13/09

Mr. Isreal Tavarez,
Board Secretary / Environmental Engineering Manager Air Quality Division
Environmental Health Department

Mr. Jens Deichmann
Board Chair
Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Air Quality Control Board