

# Minutes

## Bi-State Region Air Quality Task Force

Friday, April 8, 2011, 11:00 a.m.  
Bi-State Regional Commission  
Rock Island County Office Building  
Third Floor Room 320  
1504 Third Avenue  
Rock Island, Illinois

1. Introductions and Consideration of February 11, 2011 Meeting Minutes. The Air Quality Task Force meeting was called to order by Mr. Mook. Introductions of those in attendance were requested. Participating by conference call included Sam Shea, Iowa Department of Transportation (IADOT); Greg Jenkins, Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce and Industry; and Betsy Tracy, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Task Force members were asked if there were any comments or corrections to the previous meeting's minutes. Hearing none, there was a motion by Mr. Ridder to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and passed.
2. Update from Resource Agencies on Current Air Quality Status/Issues. Mr. Johnson informed the Task Force via e-mail that the EPA is still on schedule for the new ozone standard to be released July 31, 2011. The EPA is scheduled to review the PM10 and PM2.5 NAAQS standards this summer with a final rule due in the spring of 2012. The ozone season, for monitoring purposes, is from April 1-October 31 for Iowa and Illinois. Mr. Johnson noted that so far there have not been any exceedances. Ms. McCullough directed the Task Force to the blue status report included in their agenda packets. Ms. McCullough stated that the ozone standard is 75ppb, and Iowa QC and Illinois QC monitors are currently below the threshold. The PM2.5 standard is  $35\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ , and IA QC and IL QC monitors are below this, but the Muscatine monitor is above the standard at  $38\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ . Ms. McCullough informed the Task Force that Jim McGraw will be speaking at the June meeting about the recently released "Community Land Use Planning for Air Quality" document.
3. Presentation on QC in Motion. Ms. Passman informed the Task Force that QC in Motion Week is May 14-21, 2011 and this is the fifth year for the event. Ms. Passman noted that this event began in 2007 by QCTAG as "Bike to Work Week," and 2010 was the first year it became "QC in Motion." As QC in Motion, the original alternative transportation/air quality message is expanded to include promotion of a healthy active lifestyle. Partners include QC TAG, QC transit systems, Bi-State Regional Commission, the YMCA, parks and recreation departments, and the American Heart Association. There are events planned for every day of the week. Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> begins by getting families out to the parks, and Sunday encourages touring your neighborhood by bicycle with the "Tour de QC." The work week kicks off with a commuter breakfast on Monday and the release of the "State of Alternative Transportation in the Quad Cities" report. On Thursday, there is Loop d' Arte, which is a new event partnering the Loop with local arts organizations. Ms. Tracy said this sounded like a terrific event and wondered how it was funded. Ms. Passman replied that Trinity

Health Systems donated \$10,000 and that various partners are volunteering services and spreading the word.

4. Discussion on Progress of “Make Outdoor Air Quality Visible” Program. Ms. McCullough stated that Mr. McGraw will be attending the next AQTF meeting to discuss the “Community Land Use Planning for Air Quality” document. Ms. McCullough asked the Task Force what the next step should be. Are there targeted areas to focus on? Ms. McCullough noted that Bi-State has been doing a number of things to keep the air quality pledge moving along. Moline will have a booth at Earth Week and will have information about air quality. Ms. McCullough mentioned the two handouts: the first about examples of risk reduction and pollution prevention programs and the second about two successful air quality programs in St. Louis and Pueblo, Colorado. Ms. McCullough discussed some strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT analysis) related to air quality in our region. Ms. McCullough brought up that at the last meeting we discussed people who may be at risk with poor air quality; they include the elderly, children, people who work outdoors, and people with respiratory problems. Mr. Dougherty commented that we had great visuals, and visuals are a way to get people’s attention. Mr. Ridder stated that we need to make sure to look at agricultural industries and how are we going to get them involved. He added that we need to make sure to look at small and large farms. Ms. Tracy stated that ILEPA has regulated sources and we should invite them, as well as extend our air quality pledge to the general public. Mr. Ridder noted that each year the Chamber of Commerce picks a percentage of their members to interview, and maybe they could add air quality to their questions. Ms. McCullough replied that the Chamber sent out the air quality pledge either late last year or early this year.
5. Local Status Report on Air Quality Issues. Ms. McCullough made note of the ozone and PM2.5 status earlier. Ms. McCullough added that Bi-State did receive an ICAAP grant to help with the “Make Outdoor Air Quality Visible” program. Ms. McCullough attended the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure discussion. She noted that some wiring may need to be upgraded to accommodate charging the vehicles. Muscatine noted that the car dealerships may be slower to get the vehicles because they are a smaller market.
6. Other Business. Mr. Mook stated that he is nominating Ms. McCullough and Bi-State for the Governor’s Iowa Environmental Excellence Awards in the category of Air Quality.
7. Scheduling of Next Meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 17, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.
8. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 12:00 p.m.