

Minutes

Bi-State Region Air Quality Task Force

Friday, December 12, 2014, 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 December 12, 2014 Meeting Minutes. Ms. Williams chaired the meeting. Introductions were made around the table. Mr. Shea with Iowa DOT and Mr. Johnson of Iowa DNR participated via conference call. Mr. Doty motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Statz seconded the motion which carried.
2. Update from Resource Agencies on Current Air Quality Status/Issues. Mr. Johnson reported that EPA announced a proposed revision to the NAAQS for ozone lowering the threshold from 75 ppb to between 65 and 75 ppb. This revision will be posted to the federal registrar and made open for public comment. A finalization of the revision is expected by October 1, 2015. The PM 2.5 SIP approval for Muscatine was published. Iowa DNR was in the process of reviewing modeling for SO₂ in Muscatine. EPA had finalized PM 2.5 designations in Iowa and all areas were determined to be in attainment or unclassified.
3. Community Projects in the Bi-State Region. Mr. Grimes provided a presentation on recent and future projects related to trails in the City of Bettendorf. He noted a number of separated trails projects which were part of an ongoing complete streets effort by the City of Bettendorf. He also reviewed the Trail Corridor Plan written for the city which assessed a number of corridors for pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

Mr. Kammler provided a presentation on recent and future projects related to trails in the City of East Moline. He noted that they are actively seeking out more funding for trail and safe routes to schools projects. He mentioned a number of projects, including bike lanes along Kennedy Drive, a safe routes to school project for Ridgewood and Glenview Schools, and the Great River Trail and Breezy Hollow Trail.

Ms. Korpi reported on the DERA funding Muscatine received to retrofit diesel vehicles with emission reduction technologies. She reported that the city was able to purchase two busses and retrofit a number of city waste vehicles with the funding received.

Mr. Fangman provided a presentation on the Blue Zones efforts in Muscatine. He explained that the Blue Zones program is based on a book written describing the work of Dan Buettner, which identifies places where people live measurable longer, happier lives with lower rates of chronic disease and higher quality of life. Among the efforts undertaken by Muscatine, they adopted a complete streets policy. Community leaders participated in walking audit workshop to determine walkability and livability with expert, Dan Burden. Another

significant activity reported was the reconstruction of Cedar Street, which included a separated trail and a round-about intersection.

4. Local Status Report on Air Quality Issues. Mr. Melton reviewed the status report for Bi-State Regional Commission activities.
5. Other Business. None.
6. Scheduling of Next Meeting. The next meeting was scheduled for Friday, March 13, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.
7. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned by consensus around 12:00 p.m.