



**CENTRAL TEXAS AIR INFORMATION AND RESEARCH  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Thursday, July 28, 2016  
10:00 AM

Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG)  
2180 North Main Street  
Belton, TX 76513

**Voting Members Present**

Andrea Gardner—City of Copperas Cove  
Marsha Hardy—San Saba County  
Bob Harrell—Coryell County  
Kenny Henderson—City of Temple  
Robert Kennedy—Fort Hood

Joseph Molis—City of Harker Heights  
William Petersen—Panda Temple Power  
Angellia Points—City of Belton  
Chris Whittaker—Milam County

**Others Present**

Mary Ann Cook – TCEQ  
Melanie Rousseau – TCEQ  
Ian McCaffrey – TCEQ

Cheryl Maxwell - CTCOG  
Jason Deckman - CTCOG  
John Weber – KTMPO  
Jennifer Lawyer - CTCOG

**I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 am. Attendees introduced themselves.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There was no public comment.

**III. OVERVIEW OF AIR QUALITY/OZONE IN THE CTCOG REGION:**

Jennifer gave a brief overview of ozone, how it is formed, the difference between ground-level ozone, and the ozone found in the atmosphere. She related that the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) has set the limit for ozone at 70 ppb,

and that the CTCOG region had two monitoring stations—one at Skylark Airfield in Killeen and one at West Temple Park.

The region's Design Value for 2013-2015 is 69. The State will use this number in October 2016 to recommend the region be preliminarily designated as "in attainment." The designation will not be finalized by the EPA until October 2017. It is expected that the monitoring data for 2014-2016 will be included in the EPA's review.

If the region ever has a design value over 70, the region would be considered non-attainment, and measures would be required to bring the region into attainment status. For example, the region may have to undertake these types of programs: inspection/maintenance for vehicles, use of alternative fuels, and transportation projects would have to demonstrate that they will not affect air quality.

#### **IV. OVERVIEW OF RIDER 7 PROGRAM AND AIR QUALITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

Jennifer gave a brief summary explaining the Rider 7 Program and the purpose of the Air Quality Advisory Committee.

The Rider 7 Program (formerly Rider 8) distributed grant funds to several areas within the state that were designated as near-nonattainment for ozone levels. The grant funds will be used to carry out studies and activities to help ensure that the CTCOG region does not fall into the nonattainment category.

The purpose of the CTAIR Advisory Committee is to foster community participation in local ozone reduction efforts, review technical work, serve as a source of information and ideas, and offer suggestions, advice, etc. on how to go about utilizing the grant funds in order that the program and its projects benefit our area environment, economy, and community.

**V. ACTION ITEM: RATIFY VOTING MEMBERS APPOINTED BY CTCOG CITIES AND COUNTIES, FORT HOOD, AND HILL COUNTRY TRANSIT DISTRICT:**

Bob Harrell made a motion to ratify the voting members of the advisory committee as appointed by CTCOG cities, counties, Fort Hood, and Hill Country Transit District. Joseph Molis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

These voting members are: Bob Harrell—Coryell County, Chris Whittaker—Milam County, Marsha Hardy—San Saba County, Angellia Points—City of Belton, Joseph Molis—City of Harker Heights, David Olson—City of Killeen, Kenny Henderson—City of Temple, Robert Kennedy—Fort Hood, and Robert Ator—Public Transit.

**VI. ACTION ITEM: REVIEW AND ADOPT BYLAWS:**

Bob Harrell made a motion to approve the CTAIR Advisory Committee Bylaws. Kenny Henderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**VII. ACTION ITEM: NOMINATION AND APPROVAL OF OTHER VOTING MEMBERS AND EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:**

Jennifer stated that the remaining vacancies needed to be selected and approved by majority vote of the Advisory Committee. These vacancies included representatives from the following: Private Industry/Business, Public Health, Economic Development/Chamber of Commerce, Public School District, Major Power Generating Company, Public Environmental Organization, and a Citizen Representative.

William Petersen from Panda Temple Power stated that he was willing to serve on the Advisory Committee.

Bob Harrell made a motion to approve William Petersen as the representative of a Major Power Generating Company. Marsha Hardy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Other suggestions/nominations included: Luminant of Milam County, public health directors (Cathy Brem from Bell County), larger school districts, local colleges, Kara

Escajeda from Nolanville as a Citizen Representative, voting members' staff or colleagues as possible ex-officio members, a representative for agriculture such as Zoe Rascoe from Blackland.

Jennifer announced that the TCEQ has agreed to act as an ex-officio member. Melanie Rousseau stated the TCEQ would appoint someone as soon as they received clearance from the Rider 7 Grant Coordinator.

Ian McCaffrey suggested the Advisory Committee consider someone from the TCEQ regional office out of Waco such as Polly Porter with the Small Business Local Government Assistance Program or Jason Neumann the Air Section Manager.

#### **VIII. ACTION ITEM: NOMINATION AND APPROVAL OF OFFICERS:**

Bob Harrell made a motion to nominate Joseph Molis as Chair. Robert Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Bob Harrell made a motion to nominate Andrea Gardner as First Vice Chair. Marsha Hardy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Bob Harrell made a motion to nominate Chris Whittaker as Second Vice Chair. Kenny Henderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **IX. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING TECHNICAL STUDIES AND EDUCATION/OUTREACH:**

Jennifer announced that CTCOG contracted with Ramboll-Environ to do the technical studies required by the TCEQ and provided the committee with a brief summary of each one.

Jennifer introduced the educational and outreach programs and a proposed budget the staff for the Advisory Committee to consider. She mentioned staff would be developing a survey to gauge the public's knowledge of ground level ozone before and after outreach.

The TCEQ announced that the Ozone Advance Program has a quarterly call where all members can call in and share ideas.

The Advisory Committee decided to concentrate on funding bike racks and travelling trunks as the two main outreach components.

John Weber stated that there is an interactive map on the KTMPO website that shows bike racks, sidewalks, trails, etc., and individuals can mark places where they would like to see a bike rack placed.

Jennifer announced that Ramboll-Environ developed letters regarding current air quality programs/projects that are to be sent to local power plants, cities, counties, airports, and school districts. She asked the Advisory Committee's assistance in getting the local officials to respond.

Jennifer announced CTAIR was developing a mascot to help with the educational programs.

#### **X. MEMBER COMMENTS:**

There were no comments. The Advisory Committee decided to meet quarterly with the next meeting being the third or fourth week in October. Staff would send out a Doodle Poll to set the date.

#### **XI. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned.

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Joseph Molis, CTAIR Chair

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Cheryl Maxwell, CTCOG Planning Director