

**LRAPA CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
(CAC) Meeting Minutes  
VIA ZOOM/In Person**



**September 27, 2022**

**Attending:** Jim Daniels, Chair; Kelly Wood, Vice Chair; Paul Metzler, Eric Burdette, (VIA ZOOM - Mysti Frost, Evelina Davidova-Kamis, Shane Ruddell., Jeffrey Carman, Peter Dragovich)

**Absent:** Terry Richardson, Chris Cline

**Staff:** Steve Dietrich, Travis Knudsen, Debby Wineinger (VIA ZOOM – Max Hueftle)

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**I. Call to Order/Agenda Review**

**Chair Jim Daniels** called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

**II. Public Participation-None**

**III. Board Meeting Overview**

**Chair Jim Daniels overview on the meeting.**

- Work sessions to start quarterly in 2023, they will be held during normal Board meeting times and days. Topics to be determined.
- A virtual meeting was held with LRAPA staff and LRAPA partners. Discussion on what services LRAPA provided and explained partner dues and how they play into the State allocation.
- Oakridge-Westfir redesignation from nonattainment to attainment for the National Ambient Air Quality Standards has been approved. It went into effect on September 21, 2022.
- **Travis Knudsen** said the new LRAPA Website was online. **Travis Knudsen** reviewed it with the group and highlighted some of the most common areas that the public visits and added features. The hope for the new website would be more user friendly and an easy resource for permittees and the general public. He encouraged everyone to look it over, make suggestions, and point out any bugs that need to be addressed.

#### IV. 2022 Permitted Source Survey – continued discussion

- **Jim Daniels** – The LRAPA Board wants to keep the same questions for the survey in order to see the trends. Also wants to get the survey out to the permittees as soon as possible, and then will discuss doing the same for the general public.
- **Travis Knudsen** – The survey is setup and ready to go out, but minor changes could still be made. LRAPA Document Coordinators will supply the permittee's emails.
- **Debby Wineinger** – reminded everyone that a designated person from the CAC will have to be selected to retrieve the results from Survey Monkey and prepare the reports.

#### Suggested edits Jim Daniels will submit to the Board:

- **Question 4 – Add the word **regulatory**.**  
Compared to other **regulatory** fees, are our prices more reasonable, less reasonable, or about the same?

#### Add questions:

- How can LRAPA improve its processes?
- What are your thoughts on the new Website? (*Travis said this question would be very beneficial for him*)

#### Round Table:

**Shane Ruddell** – Appreciates the calendar invites and reminders for the meetings.

**Peter Dragovich** – Household went through COVID about 2 weeks ago, very mild and all fully recovered, hoping for no long term effects.

**Jeff Carman** - There hasn't been any movement on his replacement. He will be sticking around for a while for the foreseeable future. Will keep the committee apprised of any updates.

**Paul Metzler** - There's been a rash in the last couple of months of catalytic converters being stolen off vehicles. He didn't think that would have any air pollution effects, because he didn't think any vehicles will run without the catalytic converters. It doesn't really have any measurable effect on air pollution in Lane County. **Kelly Wood** said there was something that passed and it's illegal to purchase used catalytic converters. **Steve Dietrich** said up in Washington County, they found something like 20,000 at home in the garage. That's what prompted that kind of legislation.

**Eric Burdette** – Asked what the feedback from the public regarding the wildfire smoke has been. **Travis Knudsen** said his phone has been ringing like crazy. When people see smoke, they check our website to see what the air quality is, but with the new website, people can't always find where it is listed, so they call looking for that. Oakridge has been substantially impacted and will have more air quality impacted days this year than they ever have had in the past, even in 2020 and 2021. They will continue to see more smoke from the Cedar Creek Fire, until some heavy seasonal wet rains come to put the fire out, so they will continue to be impacted. **Steve Dietrich** added that this is on the heels of getting into attainment. LRAPA is having to turn around and do some exceptional event demonstrations for EPA to get the data discounted so we have a standing chance of maintaining attainment in the maintenance mode.

**Travis Knudsen** – Said there have been some internal discussions that CAC minutes are published without much CAC review of the minutes. This might be a discussion for the next CAC meeting, but LRAPA would like to set up a new routine or workflow to at least give the CAC an opportunity to see/review the minutes before they are published. However, that maybe just be an email to review and send edits back to LRAPA.

Added note from **Debby Wineinger**: The CAC minutes are currently sent to the CAC Chair for review, not the entire group of committee members. Keep in mind the minutes need to be included in the Board packet as a report. CAC meetings are the last Tuesday of the month, and Board meetings are the second Thursday in the month. The packets need to be sent out no later than the Friday before the Board meeting. Some months there will be a short window of time to review and have ready for the Board packet.

## **v. Adjournment**

**Chair Jim Daniels** adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

*(Minutes recorded by Debby Wineinger)*