

**Minutes
Of the
Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State
of Colorado Environmental Commission
J&R Administrative Building-EPD Large Conference Room
71 Mike Frost Way
Ignacio, Colorado
November 9, 2022**

The meeting of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission was called to order at 2:10 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Rolfe Spiegel, Chairman; Dan Jefferson, Nathan Strong Elk, Ember Michel, and Rebecca Austin.

Others Present: Danny Powers, AQ Program Manager; Matt Wampler, AQ Technical Manager; John Volkerding, AQ Technical Manager; Jacob Henry, AQ Technician; David Heermance, Sr. AQ Compliance Specialist; Andrew Switzer, Sr. AQ Compliance Specialist; Meredith Breeden, AQ Compliance Specialist; Crystal Kelly, Air Enforcement Specialist; Sam Maynes, Tribal Attorney; Divine Windy Boy, SU Drum; Ethan Hinkley, Air Quality Compliance Manager; Jeremy Neustifter, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment; and Oakley Hayes, Environmental Specialist.

Call in Participants: Kelly Jake, Environmental Programs Coordinator, Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah; Leslie Jacoby, La Plata County; Roger Armstrong, Twin Stars; and Jeremy Tucker, Twin Stars.

There was a round of introductions from all who were present.

New Business

Appointment of new Commission Chair

Tribal-appointed Commissioner Nathan Strong Elk made a motion to nominate Tribal-Appointed Dan Jefferson as the new Environmental Commission Chairman. Former State-appointed Chairman Rolfe Spiegel seconded. The motion passed (4) for (0) against.

Under the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA), the Chairman must alternate annually between a Tribal-appointed and State-appointed Commissioner.

For the record, the Chairman elect serves from November 9, 2022 to November 9, 2023, and the meeting minutes will reflect the election. A resolution was adopted and signed by Commissioner Spiegel.

Review and Approve November 9, 2022 Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner Strong Elk made a motion to approve the November 9, 2022 agenda with revisions to the order of topics. Commissioner Spiegel seconded. The motion passed (4) for, (0) against.

Review and Approve October 22, 2019 Meeting Minutes (Action Item)

Commissioner Ember Michel made a motion to approve the October 22, 2019 meeting minutes. Commissioner Spiegel seconded. Commissioner Strong Elk abstained. The motion passed (3) for, (1) abstain.

Long Term Plan Update (Action Item)

Commissioner Strong Elk made a motion to approve the revisions to the Long Term Plan. Commissioner Michel seconded. The motion passed (4), (0) against.

Reservation Air Code/Resolution No. 2022-03 (Action Item)

Commissioner Strong Elk made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-03 regarding direct final rulemaking for revisions to the Reservation Air Code. Commissioner Rebecca Austin seconded. The motion passed (5), (0) against.

Air Quality Updates

A brief introduction was made by new AQP staff, Ms. Meredith Breeden, AQ Compliance Specialist, Mr. Jacob Henry, AQ Technician, and Mr. John Volkerding, AQ Technical Manager.

Title V and Minor Source Program Updates

- Permitting, emissions inventory, and minor source updates were presented by Mr. Matt Wampler, AQ Technical Manager.
- Compliance and enforcement updates were presented by Mr. David Heermance, Sr. AQ Compliance Specialist.
- Monitoring updates were presented by Mr. Jacob Henry, AQ Technician, and Mr. John Volkerding, AQ Technical Manager.

Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) Updates

Mr. Jeremy Neustifter, CDPHE, presented on the State of Colorado's historical air quality trends, air quality improvement efforts, greenhouse gas reduction efforts, and environmental justice actions to the Commission. The information included highlights on:

1. House Bill 19-1261
2. State Bill 19-236
3. House Bill 21-1266

Open Discussion/Questions and Public Comment

Commissioner Spiegel had a question on where rules are published. Mr. Danny Powers, AQ Program Manager, explained that notices are published in local newspapers, including the Southern Ute Drum, the Durango Herald, and Tribe's AQP webpage.

Schedule Next Meeting

The Colorado Air Quality Control Commission and Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission joint meeting will be on April 26, 2023. The finalized meeting date will be advertised and posted on the Commission webpage at www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/env-commission/.

Chairman Jefferson adjourned the meeting.

The meeting of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes approved by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission on November 9, 2022.



Recording Secretary

4/26/23
Date



Dan Jefferson, Southern Ute Indian Tribe/
Tribal-Appointed Environmental Commission Chairman

4/26/2023
Date