

**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
April 26, 2023.**

The meeting of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission was called to order at 1:05 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; Jacob Stokes, AQ Scientist, Mark Hutson, Environmental Programs Division Head, John Volkerding, AQ Technical Manager; Jacob Henry, AQ Technician; Andrew Switzer, Sr. AQ Compliance Specialist; Meredith Breeden, AQ Compliance Specialist; Crystal Kelly, Air Enforcement Specialist; Nathalie Eddy, Deputy Director for Policy, Ethan Hinkley, Air Quality Compliance Manager at Red Cedar; Jerad Kozey, Tribal Health Data Specialist; Virgil Frazier, Sr. Environmental Compliance Specialist; Kyle Hunderman, Sr. Environmental Compliance Specialist; and Rachel Auker, Tribal Liaison CDHPE

Call in Participants: Julie Best, Simcoe Environmental Specialist; Samantha Gomez, Staff Engineer at Lobos; Leslie Jacoby, La Plata County; Vanessa Fields, Regulatory Manager; Eric Peters, New Mexico Environmental Department; Clara Cardoza, Hilcorp; Mark Garcia, Town of Ignacio; Sam Maynes, Tribal Attorney; Nolan Redmond, Catamount; Mark Jones, ENV; Kerry Egan, Energy Transfer; Mike Hanson, Catamount; and Arleen Smith, Walsheng

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

New Business

Review and Approve April 26, 2023, Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner Dan Jefferson made a motion to approve the April 26, 2023, agenda. Commissioner Strong Elk seconded. The motion passed (4) for, (0) against.

Review and Approve November 9, 2022, Meeting Minutes (Action Item)

Commissioner Dan Jefferson made a motion to approve the November 9, 2022, meeting minutes. Commissioner Rolfe Spiegel seconded. The motion passed (4) for, (0) against.

Air Quality Updates

Title V Program Updates

- Permitting, emissions inventory, and minor source updates were presented by Mr. Jacob Stokes, Air Quality Scientist.
- Title V Compliance updates were presented by Mr. Andrew Switzer, Sr. AQ Compliance Specialist.
- Title V Enforcement updates were presented by Ms. Crystal Kelly, Air Enforcement Specialist.
- Monitoring updates were presented by Mr. Jacob Henry, AQ Technician, and Mr. John Volkerding, AQ Technical Manager.

Minor Source Program Updates

- Minor Source Program updates were presented by Mr. Danny Powers, Air Quality Program Manager.

Reservation Air Code Revision Updates

- Reservation Air Code Revision updates were presented by Mr. Matt Wampler, Air Quality Technical Manager.

Review and Approve Reservation Air Code Revisions (Action Item)

Commissioner Ember Michel made a motion to move forward with the proposed rulemaking by the Air Quality Program. Commissioner Rolfe Spiegel seconded. The motion passed (4) for, (0) against.

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 21-1266

Open Discussion/Questions and Public Comment

Commissioner Spiegel had a question inquiring about whether the Tribe issues MSR Permits. Mr. Danny Powers, AQ Program Manager, explained that while the AQP is waiting to get delegation from the EPA for the Minor Source Program, EPA will retain the PSD Program which falls under MSR. Mr. Powers stated that there may be a need for Air Code Revisions in the future once the AQP has received official delegation from the EPA.

Schedule Next Meeting

The Colorado Air Quality Control Commission and Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission joint meeting will be on October 25, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. 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 2:51 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 April 26, 2023.



Michael Kirsch, Recording Secretary

12/5/2023
Date



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

12/4/2023
Date