

**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 24, 2024.**

The meeting of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission was called to order at 1:03 p.m.

Commissioners Present:

Chairman; Dan Jefferson, Nathan Strong Elk, Dr. Peter McCormick, Ember Michel, Rolfe Spiegel, and Dr. Rebecca Austin.

Others Present:

Danny Powers, Division Head; Matt Wampler, AQ Program Manager; Jacob Stokes, AQ Scientist I; Andrew Switzer, AQ Program Manager; Sharon LeBeau, Air Quality Scientist I; Michael Kirsch, AQ Scientist II; Rowan Kinney, AQ Scientist II; Reyes Shendo, Air Quality Specialist; Mark Lamoreaux, AQ Scientist I; Mitch Morris, EHS Specialist; Rachel Bryan Auker, CDPHE Tribal Liaison; Ethan Hinkley, Environmental Specialist; Patrick Cummins, AQCC; Leslie Jakoby, LPC; Sam Maynes, SUIT Legal Department.

Call in Participants:

William Hacker, Grant Writer; Randolph Lydic, HSE Manager; Samantha Gomez; Brennah Wilson, SUIT Legal Department; Julie Best, EHS; Philana Thompson, Regulatory Compliance Specialist; Jeremy Tucker, Business Development; Jeremy Neustifter, CDPHE; Leah Martland; Jojo La, Air Quality Control; Nathalie Eddy, CDPHE; Roger Armstrong; Monica Smith; Ben Hmiel, CDPHE; Mark Hutson, EPD Director; Mike Hanson; Ken Distler, EHS Engineer; Hunter Dorn, Environmental Analyst; Emily Sanders; Clara Cardoza

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

New Business

Appointment of a New State-Appointed Commission Chair (Action Item)

Commissioner Dan Jefferson Entertained a motion to elect a Commission Chair. Commissioner Spiegel nominated Commissioner McCormick. Commissioner Michel second his nomination. The motion passed (6) for, (0) against.

Review and Approve April 24, 2024, Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner McCormick entertained a motion to approve the April 24, 2024, agenda. Commissioner Michel made the motion. Commissioner Jefferson second the motion. The motion passed (6) for, (0) against.

Review and Approve November 29, 2023, Meeting Minutes (Action Item)

Commissioner McCormick entertained a motion to approve the November 29, 2023 meeting minutes. Commissioner Austin made the motion. Commissioner Spiegel second the motion. The motion passed (6) for, (0) against.

Review and Approve Reservation Air Code Revisions (Action Item)

Danny Powers, AQD Division Head requested the commission to approve the revisions of the Reservation Air Code to remove the Title V emergency affirmative defense provisions of 40 CFR §70.6 (g) from Article I and Article II: Part 1 of the RAC. Commissioner McCormick entertained a motion to approve the revisions. Commissioner Austin made the motion. Commissioner Spiegel second the motion. The motion passed (6) for, (0) against.

Air Quality Updates

- New Staff and roles presented by Danny Powers, Mark Lamoreaux, Rowan Kinney, and Reyes Shendo
- EPA's Updated Methane Rules given by Michael Kirsch, AQ Scientist
- Climate Pollution Reduction Grant updates given by Michael Kirsch
- Title V Permitting updates given by Matt Wampler, Program Manager
- Title V Compliance updates given by Sharon LeBeau, AQ Scientist
- Title V Enforcement updates given by Danny Powers
- Minor Source Program updates given by Michael Kirsch
- Ambient Monitoring Program updates given by Andrew Switzer, Program Manager
- 2023 Emissions Inventory updates given by Michael Kirsch

Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) Updates

- Leah Martin with the Air Quality Control presented NSPS updates.
- Dr. Benjamin Hmiel with Air Pollution Control Division presented on Methane Monitoring Programs.
- Patrick Cummins with the Air Quality Commission, presented on the State Commission updates.

Open Discussion/Questions and Public Comment

No discussion or comments.

Schedule Next Meeting

The Colorado Air Quality Control Commission and Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission joint meeting will be on November 20, 2024, 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 McCormick adjourned the meeting.

The meeting of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission adjourned at 2:52 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 24, 2024.



Angelina Miller, Recording Secretary

12/2/2024
Date



Dr. Peter McCormick
State-Appointed Environmental Commission Chairman

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Date

