

**Air Quality Advisory Council  
Minutes – November 3, 2009**

**Members / Alternates Present:** Beth Berlin, Jason Boeckel, Bill Flannery, John Garberson, Patricia Hogan, Bert Chessin,

**Staff Present:** Mamie Colburn

**Public Present:** Mark Loeffelbein

- 1. John Garberson called the meeting to order.**
- 2. Excused Absences Recognized.** Dan Cottrell, Garon Smith
- 3. Agenda was approved.**
- 4. October minutes were approved with one typo corrected.**
- 5. No public comment on non agenda items.**
- 6. Article Presentation.** Jason Boeckel.
- 7. Woodstove Change outs. Angela Farr, DNRC.** Angela gave this presentation to the Air Pollution Control Board during the August hearing where she was asked to also present this to the Council. The presentation reviewed the reduction of PM that could be expected from changing current old woodstoves to newer stoves. Changing out older stoves can greatly drop individual emissions from a device. Angela reviewed the emissions of industrial boilers across the state and noted that their emissions are similar to the emissions limits set for outside the Air Stagnation Zone.  
  
The council discussed incentivizing wood stove change outs and the current tax credits available for new stoves. A woodstove subcommittee was formed. Their first task will be to help create a postcard to go out to county residents that: explains the woodstove change out tax credits currently available, gives tips for burning cleanly, and mentions financial benefits of using less wood when you get a more efficient stove.
- 8. New AQAC members.** It's "election" time again for the Council. Mamie will send out the request for volunteers to previous outlets and will be sure to include St. Pats, Community Hospital, the main Health Dept Webpage, and the Missoulian.
- 8. Staff Report.** The Department will be at the City Council meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and County Commissioners meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup> to ask these groups to ratify the adopted changes to the Air Pollution Control Program. The department is also starting to work on an EPA clean diesel grant to reduce idling from Montana Rail Link trains in the downtown area.
- 9. Public comment.** None
- 10. Announcements.** None.
- 11. Meeting was adjourned.** Next meeting is December 2, 2009.