

**Air Quality Advisory Council  
Draft Minutes – October 6, 2009**

Members / Alternates Present: Bill Flannery, John Garberson, Jason Boeckel, Jan Hoem, Patricia Hogan

Staff Present: Benjamin Schmidt

Public Present: John Van der Walker

- 1. John Garberson called the meeting to order.**
- 2. Excused Absences Recognized.** Tova Sardot, Bert Chessin
- 3. Agenda was approved.**
- 4. September minutes were approved.**
- 5. Public comment on non agenda items.** John Vander Walker asked what the status of the rule changes were relative to solid fuel burning devices. Staff explained where the rules were in the adoption process, passed the Air Board and now en route to the City Council and County Commissioners, and that existing outdoor wood boilers would be grandfathered in.
- 6. Journal Article.** Jan Hoem shared three articles with the group. *Driving on Biomass* from the Science magazine, Volume 324, 22 May 2009; *Driving Biofuels from Field to Fuel Tank* from the magazine Cell 138, July 2009; and an article titled *Climates Smoky Spectre* on the climatic affects of black soot in the air and on polar ice.
- 7. Particulate Matter from Woodstoves in the Air Stagnation Zone.** The Air Pollution Control Board has tasked the Council to look for ways to reduce emissions from the woodstoves exist in the Missoula Air Stagnation Zone. After a brief discussion, a brainstorming session broke our and the following ideas were mentioned.
  - ◆ Develop PSA's about pellet stove tax incentives to encourage woodstove change out.
  - ◆ Modify existing woodstoves to make them cleaner.
  - ◆ Reduce use of stoves under inversion conditions.
  - ◆ Educate people to use good dry fuels.
  - ◆ Incentivize the use of good/dry fuels through taxes or some other mechanism
  - ◆ Ask the neighborhood councils to get involved.
    - Emphasize health benefits to reduce emissions.
    - Community forum could take improved air quality on as a project.
    - Encourage other groups such as Parks and Rec to get involved.
  - ◆ Set sunset date for existing woodstoves in the Air Stagnation Zone.
  - ◆ Peer pressure – make a contest of some type like Bike/Bus/Walk Week.
  - ◆ Have a city to city contest to see who can achieve the cleanest winter air.

- ◆ Have an air quality contest with in Missoula County to see who can keep their air the cleanest.

This brainstorming session will continue next meeting. Angela Farr from the DNRC will be invited to show the presentation she gave to the Air Pollution Control Board at the last Board Hearing. It is hoped that Angela's presentation will spark further discussion and ideas on how to reduce emissions from the older dirtier woodstoves that remain in the Air Stagnation Zone.

**8. Staff Report.** The Air Quality Advisory Council recruitment advertisement goes out in November.

**9. No further public comment.**

**10. No announcements. Meeting was adjourned.**

**Next meeting is November 3, 2009.**