

## **Compliance Advisory Panel (CAP) Meeting Minutes**

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June 25, 2024  
10:30 a.m.

Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment  
5301 North Shore Drive, North Little Rock, AR  
72118

### **CAP Members Present**

Shane Knight, Chair (Zoom)  
Rodney Leggitt (Zoom)  
Lucy Cross, E&E

### **Others Present**

Tommy Edgman, E&E  
Dalton Barnum, E&E  
Vanessa Kohrs, E&E  
Colbie Jones, E&E  
Erika Droke, E&E (Zoom)  
Susan Speake, E&E (Zoom)

### **Call to Order**

Shane Knight, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Vanessa Kohrs conducted a roll call of members present at the meeting. Rusty Jansen, Martha Treece, and Doug Kinslow were not present, indicating the lack of a quorum. It was noted that no official business could be conducted without a present quorum.

### **Updates**

Due to the lack of a quorum, the meeting minutes from the March 26, 2024 meeting (1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Meeting) were unable to be approved. Draft copies of the minutes were still made available to the board members for their review prior to the June meeting.

### **Office of Air Quality Updates**

The Office of Air Quality (OAQ) Environmental Operations Manager Erika Droke provided an update on OAQ's regulatory updates and the progress of their grants. Droke discussed OAQ's responses to various EPA changes regarding rulemaking and state plans corresponding to those changes (monitoring carbon dioxide, methane, particulate matter, etc.), and how some of these changes may not be feasible for Arkansas' plants to stay in attainment status. Droke then mentioned that the Energy & Environment Innovation plan is moving along, and the comprehensive plan portion is now underway, which will include research, outreach, and community engagement.

### **Office of Land Resources Updates**

The Office of Land Resources (OLR) Deputy Associate Director Susan Speake provided an updated on day-to-day operations in OLR, as well as grant updates. Speake first mentioned that OLR now has a new Associate Director, Bryan Leamons, who has previously served in both OLR and the Office of Water Quality (OWQ) branches of DEQ. Speake then discussed the EPA's Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grant that had been awarded to OLR. OLR

applied for the moneys under data collection and management, to possibly consolidate recyclable collection efforts (what's collected, how it's collected, how it's recorded, etc.) statewide. This will help update DEQ's Solid Waste Management Plan, which will assist waste districts in the collection of recyclables. Speake also discussed the E-Waste Competitive Grant, that provides funding to manage electronic waste statewide for de-manufacturing and processing. Lastly, Speake brought up the Used Tire Programs being reimbursed by DEQ funding.

### **Discussion and Fiscal Overview**

Knight provided an overview of the CAP board's budget and expenditures for the fiscal year. Knight asked for questions or concerns, to which none were proposed.

### **Vacant Positions**

Lucy Cross discussed open positions, and stated that there were no updates. Cross said that any recommendations that members may have need to be submitted to her.

### **New Business**

There were no votes on any meeting items. Kohrs then confirmed the meeting dates for Q3 and Q4 CAP Board meetings (August 20<sup>th</sup> and November 19<sup>th</sup>) and requested that members inform her if they had suggestions for field trips/site visits.

There were no public comments.

Knight adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.