

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
(TCEQ) Office of Air
Tax Relief for Pollution Control Property Advisory
Committee September 25, 2017
10:00 A.M. - 10:32 A.M.

Minutes

Opening Remarks

1. Mr. Bob Adair called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.
2. All committee members except Mr. Bennett Sandlin, Mr. Michael Nasi, and Dr. Cyrus Reed attended the meeting.
3. Mr. Adair re-stated the public comment policy. No action was taken.
4. General comments from committee members and TCEQ staff were solicited. No comments were received.

TCEQ staff updates on adoption of electronic application filing system using the State of Texas Environmental Electronic Reporting System (STEERS)

Ms. Shelley Naik of TCEQ explained that the Tax Relief application process was now available in STEERS. All application processing related to the applicant, from the filing of and paying for the initial application through the issuance of the final determination, will be handled by STEERS. Written instructions for using STEERS are available on-line and a PowerPoint training presentation is under development.

Appraisal District notification will not be handled by STEERS. The Tax Relief program is sending a letter to each appraisal district asking if they want to receive paper notifications by mail or if they would prefer electronic mail.

A new paper application form, mirroring the electronic application has been developed. The TCEQ will continue to accept paper applications.

TCEQ staff update on Heat Recovery Steam Generators (HRSG) appeals

Mr. Don Redmond, TCEQ Legal, explained that the HRSG appeals had been split between the Austin and El Paso Courts of Appeal. The El Paso court heard the Tier III appeals. The court upheld the district court's finding in favor of the negative determinations. It is unknown if the applicants intend to appeal the decision.

The Tier IV appeals were heard by the Austin court, which ruled in favor of the appellants and reversed the district court's ruling. A motion for re-hearing has been filed and the court has not issued a final decision.

TCEQ staff update on 2017 Committee appointments

Ms. Naik stated that eight applications for the seven positions have been received. The next step is to provide the applications to the executive director. The recommended nominations will be made available to the public November 21, 2017, and the recommendations will be considered at the Commissioners' Agenda on December 13, 2017.

Other

1. ***Old Business***

There was no old business discussed.

2. ***New Business***

There was no new business discussed.

Other General Comments from the Public

None

Action Items

None

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 A.M.