

Pollution Prevention Advisory Committee
Building F, Room 2210
February 16, 2012
Minutes

Members Present

Rachel Perry, Chair
Richard Abramowitz
Christine Banks
Jeremy DuMond
Jack Holmes
John Howard, J.D.
Robert Larsen, Ph.D.
Lynne Nava

TCEQ Staff Present

Ted Hazen, Manager, PPE
Brian Christian, Director, SBEA
Mary Kelley, PPE
Stephanie Cunningham, PPE
Jennifer Kramer, Agency
Communications

9:00 Welcome

Rachel Perry, Chairperson, PPAC

The minutes from the November 17, 2011 meeting were approved and seconded
The agenda for today's meeting were approved and seconded
Brian Christian gave an update on broad issues that are concerns for the TCEQ such as drought, and how that may mean a societal change on water usage, also oil and gas concerns.

9:15 *Jack Holmes, Southwest Shipyard* gave a presentation on the air emissions from barge cleaning / stripping operations and opportunities for significant reductions such as:

- a) Significant VOC emission reductions
- b) Positive impact on air pollutant watch list

Opportunities for waste reduction from Barge cleaning operations:

- a) Desire to sell products rather than dispose of as waste
- b) Barriers to achieving this

10:15 *Jennifer Kramer* gave a presentation on the general public contacts for the website project.

10:30 *Maia Corbitt, State of Texas Alliance for Recycling*, gave a talk on the TxSWANA/Star Steering Committee Recycling Rate study. Some concerns were brought up about how to protect the information that will be gathered and how much will it cost. The group has been looking at models of how other states have managed their data collection. They are also looking at how it will be funded, possibly federal grants or even state grant funds.

11:00 *Stephanie Cunningham* gave an update/overview on Computer Recycling and the Recycled Newsprint Program.

11:15 There was discussion of future meeting dates, topics, and times.

Dr. Larsen suggested a talk from the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District on managing drought at the next meeting. Also suggested was an update on the new Television Rules that should be adopted on March 28, plus any outreach and marketing that SBEA is planning.

11:30 There was motion that the meeting was adjourned and there was a second.