Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Office of Air Tax Relief for Pollution Control Property Advisory Committee March 26, 2021 10:00 A.M. – 10:14 A.M.

Minutes

Opening Remarks

- a. Bob Adair called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.
- b. The following Tax Relief for Pollution Control Property Advisory Committee (Committee) members were present: Bob Adair, Charles Allred, Roland Bieber, Michael Ford, Lloyd Graham, Justin Hyland, Timothy Jones, Bill Longley, Greg Maxim, Michael Nasi, and Cyrus Reed. Quorum met.
- c. Bob Adair re-stated the public comment policy. No action was taken.
- d. No comments from Committee members or TCEQ staff.

Election of 2021 Advisory Committee Chair (annual election required by Committee bylaws)

Greg Maxim made a motion to nominate Bob Adair, and it was seconded by Michael Ford. No other nominations were made. The committee elected Bob Adair as the 2021 Chair.

Review and revise/approve the draft 2020 annual report of the Advisory Committee

Prior to the meeting, Bob Adair circulated a draft 2020 Annual Report of the Advisory Committee to the Committee members.

No comments from Committee members or TCEQ staff.

A motion to approve the draft report was made by Michael Ford and seconded by Timothy Jones. The motion passed unopposed. Bob Adair stated that he would finalize and send the report out in a few days.

Status of appointment to fill Committee vacancy

Nikki Clark, with the TCEQ, stated that the Commissioner's Agenda to consider recommendations on Committee member nominations will be April 14, 2021 and that all documents to be considered by the Commissioners are available to the public on the TCEQ website.

Other

a. Old business

No old business was discussed.

b. New business

Bob Adair asked if the TCEQ has plans for resuming in-person meetings. Guy Hoffman, with the TCEQ, stated that the agency is still teleworking and no announcement has been made yet for a return to in-person meetings.

Bob Adair stated that the next Committee meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2021 and inquired as to whether or not that might be too soon for an in-person meeting. Cyrus Reed suggested waiting until after June to resume in-person meetings. Bob Adair agreed to tentatively plan to hold the Committee's third quarter meeting in person and to retain the option for Committee members to participate via conference call.

c. Other comments from the public

There were no comments from the public.

Nikki Clark offered an update on legislation that would likely have an impact on the program. HB 4455 would add items that are land-based approaches to carbon sequestration; HB 4253 would require a list be adopted of property used wholly as pollution control property and anything not on that list would need to be reapplied for every five years; and HB 1395 would change terminology and remove "tangible personal property" from being subject to taxation.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Timothy Jones with a second from Greg Maxim.

The meeting adjourned at 10:14 A.M.