

Compliance Advisory Panel (CAP) Minutes

July 9, 2019
10:00 a.m.

CAVU Aerospace
1801 Military Rd.
Stuttgart, AR

CAP Members Present

Don Curran
Kathy Duncan
Jay Saxton
Doug Kinslow
Rodney Leggitt
Patsy Weidanz
Ava Roberts

Others Present

Audree Miller, ADEQ
Tommy Edgmon, ADEQ
Kevin White, ADEQ
Cherie O'Mary, ARC
Trisha Treece, ADEQ

Acknowledgement of Notification of Media

Kathy Duncan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance. Audree Miller confirmed the media notification.

Discussion and Agenda

Patsy Weidanz read the minutes from the last meeting. Don Curran made the motion to approve the minutes. Rodney Leggitt seconded and the minutes were approved as read.

Kevin White introduced himself as the Chief Environmental Officer. He said it was good to be back with us. Andrea Hopkins is working part time for ADEQ from Portland, Oregon. Kevin will let us know who our new liaison will be ASAP. There is a lot changing at ADEQ. Several departments are merging with ADEQ such as Oil and Gas and the Geological Survey.

The meeting was temporally adjourned to have a tour of the CAVU Aerospace facilities.

We returned to the meeting at 11:51 p.m. Trisha Treece gave a presentation of the Volkswagen Settlement. Volkswagen cars appeared to be meeting the emission standards but they were not. Volkswagen has to buy back your car or fix the car. The total settlement was \$2 billion of which Arkansas will receive \$14.6 million. The money will mainly be spent on electric car technology. One of the goals is to build a corridor with charging station so an electric car can go coast to coast with 200 miles on a charge.

In Arkansas we will use the money on Level 2 charging stations (like hotels or places where a lot of employees are employed). Arkansas will also spend \$1 million on faster charging stations placed along the interstate. Arkansas is also looking into other fossil fuel alternatives, not just electric. One idea is looking at a pilot program for school buses, transit buses, etc.

Audree gave an update for the Association of Arkansas Counties (AAC); meeting it will be August 21 - 23.

Tommy Edgman updated the board on the ARC Conference. He thinks the Board should attend this conference and have a booth. The conference is September 30, October 1 and 2 in Eureka Springs. It was decided that the Board would have their next meeting the afternoon of September 30, and attend the ARC conference in Eureka Springs.

With the immediate resignation of our Chairman George Wheatley we needed to elect a new chairman. Patsy Weidanz nominated Jay Saxton and Kathy Duncan seconded. All in favor, Jay Saxton will be our new chairman.

Our next meeting will be the afternoon of September 30, in Eureka Springs.

Don Curran wanted to compliment Trisha Treece on her Volkswagen presentation.

Having no more business the meeting was adjourned.

Patsy Weidanz