

AQAC MINUTES
October 6, 2015

Members/alternates present: Beth Berlin, Bill Flanery, John Ottman, Guy Hanson, Jan Hoem, Sue Spanke

Members/alternates absent: Garon Smith, Kathy Tonnessen, Ryan Leach, Bert Chessin, John Garberson, Ronni Flannery, Tom Roberts, Dave Atkins

Staff: Ben Schmidt

Public: None

1. **Jan Hoem called the meeting to order**
2. **Excused absences recognized** – Kathy Tonnessen, Ronni Flannery, Garon Smith, Tom Roberts, Dave Atkins, and John Garberson were excused.
3. **Agenda approved.**
4. **August minutes approved.**

5. **Public comment on non-agenda items**
None.

6. Article presentation

Jan Hoem brought two articles: “Safety Brief: Bakken Crude Oil – Rail Response Considerations” from the International Association of Fire Chiefs and “Here’s why so many oil trains have derailed this year,” an Associated Press article by Joan Lowy.

The Safety Brief discusses the issues associated with crude oil tank cars and provides guidelines for dealing safely with crude oil fires and crashes involving crude oil. The brief emphasizes the importance of pre-incident planning as a mechanism for making effective and informed decisions in advance of an emergency.

The AP article discusses where derailments have taken place, what the government is doing to prevent derailments, why there are so many derailments, the causes of derailments, and what railroads can do to prevent accidents.

A general discussion followed on the relative safety of pipelines and rail cars for moving petroleum products around. The Yellowstone pipeline crosses the river 7 times in Missoula County, and river crossings have their own safety and environmental concerns.

7. Missoula emergency preparedness for rail incidents.

Missoula Rural Fire District (MRFD) Captain Mike Bowman was scheduled to speak to the group about the regional hazmat team and MRFD’s preparedness for rail emergencies. Unfortunately, Captain Bowman was called out to respond to a fire and was unable to attend the meeting.

8. Staff Report

Ben Schmidt gave the staff report. Wildfire season saw some severe smoke episodes in Missoula. We had a solid week without any breaks from the smoke, and it resulted in hazardous conditions for cumulative exposure during the Griz game.

Sarah worked with DEQ to resubmit a 110(l) analysis to the EPA - once they're happy with it, we will be able to move forward with formally submitting the PM10 Redesignation Request and the SIP update to EPA.

The CO LMP is basically done, and will likely be going out to AQAC for review prior to the November meeting (possible action item for adoption/approval in December).

Sarah and Ben caught 25 stoves in a real estate transaction sweep. They've issued multiple NOV's and are working with realtors to improve compliance.

Ben has been doing industry stuff.

9. Public comment

None.

10. Select AQAC representative for next Air Board meeting update

No one was selected to attend the meeting because the main agenda item had to be skipped.

11. Announcements, other business

None.

12. Adjourn