



# CITY OF NORMAN, OK ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Municipal Building, Executive Conference Room, 201 West Gray, Norman,  
OK 73069

Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 5:30 PM

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## MINUTES

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### ROLL CALL

#### PRESENT

Board member Dane Heins, Chair  
Board member Debra Cretsinger  
Board member Inger Guiffrida (5:36)  
Board member Bob Nairn  
Board member Nathalie Rocher, Vice Chair  
Board member Sara Bondy

#### ABSENT

Board member Lainey Phillips

### INTRODUCE NEW MEMBERS, GUESTS AND STAFF

Katrina Boteler, Stormwater Compliance Inspector  
Michele Loudenback, Environmental & Sustainability Manager  
Jerry Gates, Environmental Services Assistant Manager  
Rachel Croft, Staff Engineer

### MINUTES

## 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 19, 2023 MEETING.

Motion made by Board member Cretsinger, Seconded by Board member Rocher.  
Voting Yea: Board member Heins, Board member Nairn, Board member Bondy

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stormwater is now under the Environmental Services Division and is now referred to as the Division of Resilience and Sustainability or the "DoERS". They are going to focus on "One Water"

Water Vote is June 13th.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 2. Discussion of the Mayors Climate Protection Agreement

Still needing information for item 5 (Sustainable Building Practices) and item 7 (Water and Wastewater Plant Efficiencies). It was mentioned that item 4 and 5 are similar and that they could adjust some of the items from 4 into item 5. Croft will double check the intro on item 3 and update it. It was decided that everyone is to double check their intros and update them accordingly to reflect their findings. It was agreed that everyone is to have all their information to Loudenback by June 1st. It will be added to the document and emailed out to everyone by June 2nd. This will give everyone the opportunity to go through each item, make notes, see what they think and come more prepared at next month's meeting for more discussion. It was asked if "Ready for 100" was going to happen and it will not. Ready for 100 is reaching a zero fossil fuel use by 2035. Also discussed putting the Wetlands under item 9.

### 3. Discussion of the following completed activities:

Earth Day - went well and heard from others that it was a good event. Cretsinger felt that ECAB failed by not having a table at the event and that next year they need to set up a table.

E-Waste - was a bit smaller this time around. Loudenback is looking into getting a container at the HHW Facility that will be self-service and picked up quarterly.

### 4. Discussion of Spraying Programs

There is a group in town that is interested in the spraying program and wanted to discuss it with the board but ended up not showing up. The group is Safe Lawns. Cretsinger thought that ECAB should have some ecofriendly alternatives to take to groups such as the Parks Department that they could use that would be effective if they were open to it. Loudenback stated that the LEAF property could be used as the "demo" for the alternatives to lawn care. Heins asked how they move forward with the

"demo". They will need the land (LEAF), with a plan, press release (DoERS) and signage (DoERS). They will get with Prairie Wind Nursery in regards to the cornmeal/Texas Green sand. Inger will take the lead.

### **MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS**

DEQ has a Brownfield Grant program and they are excited to help us out with cleaning up the LEAF site and restoring it.

Will have activities in June for pollinator week. One of which is a Moth Walk. They will not have an activity everyday this year.

National Love your lake week is at the end of July. Water's Worth it is also coming up.

### **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Time: 6:23

*Dane Heins*