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Meeting Vita

Location: Yakima City Hall
 City Council Chambers

Time: 2:00 p.m

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 BOARD MEETING MINUTES
 AUGUST 9, 2007**

1. **Tom Gasseling, Chair**, called the Meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. **Clerk of Board – Roll Call** Bob Jones was absent. There was a quorum.

PRESENT WERE:	
BOARD MEMBERS: Tom Gasseling, Member-at-Large, Chair Mike Leita, County Commissioner Rand Elliott, County Commissioner Bill Lover, Large City Rep Allen Schmid, Alternate, Small Cities Rep	STAFF: Gary Pruitt, YRCAA Director Patty Walker, Clerk of the Board Staff, Engineering Staff, Fiscal Manager Staff, Public Information Officer
LEGAL COUNSEL: ABSENT: Bob Jones, Small Cities Rep., Vice-Chair Neil McClure, Alternate, Large City Rep Ron Gamache, Alternate, Co Commissioner Gary Cuillier, Board Counsel	VISITORS: Jim Dyjak, Citizen Larry Fendell, Citizen MEDIA: Mike Brown, YPAC

3. **Additions and Deletions to Agenda** – Board Chair asked if there were any additions or deletions to the Agenda. There were none.
4. **Public Comment**
 Chair, Tom Gasseling, asked if there were any public comments. There were none.
- 5.1 By consent, approve Minutes of July 12, 2007 Board Meeting.
- 5.2 By consent, accept and file YRCAA calendar.
- 5.3 By consent, accept and file July, 2007 Activities;
- 5.4 By consent approve August, 2007 Transmittals, in the amount of \$104,654.98
- 5.5 By consent, approve and file Local Assessment Status Report for 2007.
- 5.6 By consent, approve and file July Air Quality Data.
- 5.7 Surplus of Pontiac Sunbird.

Rand Elliott moved to approve Consent Agenda items 5.1 thru 5.7. Allen Schmid, seconded.
 Consent Agenda items were approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

6. **FY 2007-2008 Budget**
 Tom Gasseling, Board Chair opened the Public Hearing of the FY 2007-2008 Budget. He asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none. Board Chair closed the Public Hearing of the FY 2007-2008 Budget.

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Gary Pruitt, Executive Director, asked Board to approve Resolution 2007-09, Billing Rate Schedule for YRCAA staff, and Resolution 2007-10, FY 2007-2008 Budget. Chair, Tom Gasseling asked if there were any comments from the Board. There were none. Allen Schmid moved to approve Resolution 2007-09 and Resolution 2007-10, with correction of date in paragraph 4 by Staff. Mike Leita, seconded. Resolution 2007-09 and Resolution 2007-10 for FY 2007-2008 Budget were approved.

7. Woodstove Rebate Program Report

Dave Caprile, Public Information Officer, reported to Board that the Woodstove Rebate Program ended June 30, 2007. The program for this year was concentrated in the core population areas of Selah, Yakima and Union Gap. A total of 56 stoves were removed and destroyed. Eight of the stoves that were removed and destroyed were not replaced. Over the past eight years that this program has been in place a total of 636 uncertified wood stoves have been taken out of circulation with an average of 90% fewer emissions than the units they replaced.

There was discussion on how the program. Staff advised of contributions by partners, and reported there were more propane units sold this year due to additional rebates by the National Propane Gas Association and local propane dealers. Dealers have requested starting the program in March rather than May as in the past.

Board and Staff agree that this is a program where everyone is a winner by providing clean healthy air for all of us. Gary Pruitt, took the opportunity to thank the partners and others who have helped with this program.

8. Status Report on PM2.5 Reduction Plan

Hasan Tahat reported on the PM2.5 Reduction Plan to avoid being in non-attainment for PM2.5. Staff discussed a meeting between YRCAA and Ecology. Future plans to reduce emissions with continued programs to have woodstoves removed and replaced with cleaner heating units. Staff advised Board of a grant proposal to help with this program, and hope to get between \$150k to \$200k. There was discussion on HB2261 and the Study Group that is working on recommendations to reduce wood smoke in our area and the State.

Staff reported that they are working on the Emission Inventory. Using the base year data of 1996, and comparison over the years to current levels.

There was discussion on the prospect of getting monies to change out wood stoves and how the program would work. YRCAA portion of matching funds would be in-kind services. No cash will be required. Staff has begun planning sessions with partners for the program.

Ecology has requested help from YRCAA and its Board to encourage approval by the Appropriations Committee for State funds to help in projects to reduce emissions. Mike Leita, suggested that Board and Staff have a meeting with local Legislators to request their help.

9. Director's Report

Wood Smoke Work Group - YRCAA continues to have staff participate in this Work Group that will make recommendations to the Governor. This Work Group is working diligently to be prepared with their recommendations on rule changing for calling burn bans, State funds to affect emission reductions and funding to be allocated by need rather than population.

Agency Vehicle Purchased – Staff has purchased a newer low mileage vehicle. The 1991 Pontiac Sunbird is scheduled for auction in late September.

Grant Opportunity – Staff submitted grant request for \$200,000 to conduct wood stove change-outs. Staff is sure that we will be awarded a grant. Awards are to be announced August 15, 2007.

Fiscal Audit – Staff reported audit is almost complete. Final reports will be given at the September Board Meeting. There are no surprises.

Meeting with County Treasurer – Staff and County Treasurer are meeting Wednesday, August 15th at which time we will discuss YRCAA issuing warrants and no longer using the Auditor's services for issuing warrants. YRCAA will probably begin issuing our own vouchers in October, 2007.

Staffing – Staff informed Board that Donna Ruud will be retiring in September, 2007. She will be missed as she has been a valuable asset to the Agency.

10. Other Business

There was no other business.

Rand Elliott moved to adjourn. Allen Schmid, second. Meeting adjourned at 2:35 P.M.

Tom Gasseling, Chair

Audio cd of this meeting is available at the YRCAA for review.
Minutes submitted to Board for approval September 13 , 2007.

Patty Walker, Clerk of the Board