



Meeting Vita

Location: Yakima County Courthouse
 Commissioner's Hearing Room B33

Time: 2:00 p.m

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 BOARD MEETING MINUTES
 JANUARY 10, 2007**

1. **Tom Gasseling, Board Chair**, called the Meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. **Clerk of Board – Roll Call** – *Bob Jones 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, Interim YRCAA Director Patty Walker, Clerk of the Board Staff, Engineering Staff, Fiscal Manager Staff, Public Info Officer
LEGAL COUNSEL: Gary Cuillier, Board Counsel	VISITORS: Larry Fendell, Citizen Jim Dyjak, Citizen Linda Dyjak
ABSENT: Bob Jones, Small Cities Rep., Vice-Chair Neil McClure, Alternate, Large City Rep Jesse Palacios, Alternate, Co Commissioner	MEDIA: Bonnie Lozanno, YPAC Dave Lester, Yakima Herald Republic

3. **Additions and Deletions to Agenda** – Item 5.2 was removed from Consent Agenda and moved to Regular Agenda.
4. **Public Comment**
 Chair Tom Gasseling asked if there were any public comments. There were none. Chair proceeded by asking Ron Gamache to come forward and read into minutes a “Proclamation of Appreciation” for his time as Board Member from 2001 to 2007. (Copy attached)
- 5.1 By consent, approve Minutes of December 10, 2006 Board Meeting.
- 5.2 By consent, accept and file YRCAA calendar. (moved to Regular Agenda)
- 5.3 By consent, accept and file December, 2006 Activities;
- 5.4 By consent approve January, 2007 Transmittal, in the amount of \$65,399.40.
- 5.5 By consent, approve and file December Air Quality Data.
- 5.6 By consent, approve Director as Designated Agent, per Resolution 2007-01.
- 5.7 By consent, accept and file report on recruitment for Alternate, Member-at-Large.
 Mike Leita moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Bill Lover, second. Consent Agenda was approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 5.2 **By consent, accept and file YRCAA calendar.**
 Rand Elliott moved to have YRCAA Board Meetings changed from the second Wednesday of each month to the second Thursday of each month. Allen Schmidt, second. Board approved to move the meeting to the second Thursday of each month. Tom Gasseling asked Board Clerk to make changes to the Calendar to reflect this change.

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6. City of Toppenish; Decision to not pay 2007 Local Assessment.

Gary Pruitt reported to Board of the City of Toppenish decision to not pay their portion of the Local Assessment. Staff continued with programs YRCAA still conducts for residents of Toppenish, and that this is a State Law and not part of the Federal rule for Reservations, and is not a jurisdictional issue. Board discussed jurisdiction issues and determined that they could not concur with Director requesting the City of Toppenish pay their portion of the Local Assessment.

Tom Gasseling thanked YRCAA for their help to the hop growers and mint distillers and paperwork from EPA. Staff requested direction from Board. Mike Leita moved that Staff send the letter without Board concurrence. Bill Lover, second. Board approved motion.

7. Status of Public Information / Outreach Program.

Gary Pruitt advised that from time to time Staff will bring program information. Director introduced Dave Caprile as Public Information Officer. Dave Caprile presented a power point introducing the Public Information Program at YRCAA. He gave an overview of things accomplished with the program and future opportunities to give stake holders information and items that are needed to be "Get the Word Out" to the public.

Board was appreciative of the work being done by YRCAA and how it affects industry.

8. Receive Program Update Report from YRCAA Director.

Gary Pruitt reported to Board regarding continued work on Administrative Code that Lawrence Odell brought before the Board in May, 2006. Some items to be presented to Board in the future will be Human Resource Policies, Permitting Policy and Procedures, an expedited Permit Process, Public Education and a single point of contact, a Fiscal Policy and Procedure. Federal Reference Monitor has been installed at Comprehensive Mental Health. Staff is working with DOE regarding a speciation sampler in conjunction with the new PM standards. Staff continues to focus on Public Information and Education, and less on enforcement to bring people into compliance. Look for monies and partners, i.e., grants that will enable low-income people in the Non-attainment area to purchase cleaner burning devices.

Tom Gasseling asked about the Smoke Generator in Kansas, if it has been sold? Gary responded they had accepted the Sales Agreement, we are waiting for their signature and check before releasing the title to them. Tom then asked about the audit. Gary reported that we are working on preparation of spreadsheets for the accounting firm rather than having them create them. Staff hopes to have the audit completed within a couple of months.

Board has noted a marked improvement of staff providing information to public, and being proactive rather than confrontational.

9. Other Business

Tom Gasseling welcomed Rand Elliott, as County Representative to the Board and thanked Ron Gamache for his contributions to the Board. Rand Elliott moved to adjourn. Bill Lover, second. Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:58 p.m.

Tom Gasseling, Board Chair

Audio tape of this meeting is available at the YRCAA for review.

Minutes submitted to Board for approval February 8, 2007.

Patty Walker, Clerk of the Board