



Meeting Vita

Location: Yakima County Courthouse
 Commissioner's Hearing Room B33

Time: 2:00 p.m

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

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

PRESENT WERE:	
BOARD MEMBERS: Bob Jones, Small Cities Rep., Vice-Chair Bill Lover, Large City Rep Mike Leita, County Commissioner Rand Elliott, County Commissioner	STAFF: Gary Pruitt, YRCAA Director Patty Walker, Clerk of the Board Staff, Engineering Staff, Fiscal Manager
LEGAL COUNSEL: Gary Cuillier, Board Counsel	VISITORS: Jim & Linda Dyjak, Citizens arry Fendell, Citizen Steve George, WA Hops/Dairy Liaison Bob & Suzy West, Citizens
ABSENT: Tom Gasseling, Member-at-Large, Chair Allen Schmid, Alternate, Small Cities Rep Neil McClure, Alternate, Large City Rep Ron Gamache, Alternate, Co Commissioner	MEDIA: Mike Brown, YPAC

3. **Additions and Deletions to Agenda** – Board Vice-Chair asked if there were any additions or deletions to the Agenda. There were none.
4. **Public Comment**
 Vice-Chair, Bob Jones, asked if there were any public comments. There were none at that time. He then requested Bob Jones, former YRCAA employee, to come up for a presentation. Bob Jones read into the minutes a plaque acknowledging Bob West's service to the community as a staff member of the YRCAA. Copy attached.

Staff also presented Bob West with a hard-hat with the logo "Burn Barrel Bob", and signed by staff.

Mr. West thanked the Board and staff. He commented on the work staff does to improve health and quality of life for residents of Yakima County.

- 5.1 By consent, approve Minutes of April 12, 2007 Board Meeting.
- 5.2 By consent, accept and file YRCAA calendar.
- 5.3 By consent, accept and file April, 2007 Activities;
- 5.4 By consent approve May, 2007 Transmittals, in the amount of \$88,830.72
- 5.5 By consent, approve and file Local Assessment Status Report for 2006.
- 5.6 By consent, approve and file April Air Quality Data.
- 5.7 By consent, accept and file report on a "Wellness Grant" for YRCAA employees.

Mike Leita asked to have this moved to the Regular Agenda, and moved to accept Consent Agenda Items 5.1 to 5.4, and 5.6 to 5.7. Bill Lover, second. Consent Agenda Items were approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

6. **Fiscal Audit Report – Informational Only – No Action Required**

Eric Kelsey from Accounting Consulting Taxation Services, PLLC (ACTS) gave background on Financial statements they are providing for YRCAA. He described the process they are using to prepare financial statements.

Board questioned the time frame that the financial statements will be completed. Mr. Kelsey responded that they should be completed by the July, FY 2008 Budget, July 1, 2007. The financial statements cover the FY 2006 period. Board Members agreed that an audit/financial accounting should be completed when there is a change in leadership.

Staff feels this is a learning experience and should improve YRCAA's accounting system.

7. **Report on Western States Dairy Meeting**

Gary Pruitt provided Board with a summary of the Western States Dairy Meeting. He was privileged to set on the Regulatory Panel. Staff reported that both the dairy industry and EPA are taking a proactive approach to air quality issues.

Dairy exemptions have tied the hands of the regulatory community. However, they are working towards controls to help reduce emissions. Staff reported that YRCAA wants to meet with the Dairies and Association to continue to work with each other to stay on top of the issues.

Bob Jones recognized Jim Dyjak who questioned if only dairy stakeholders would be involved, or open to the public, as they are all stakeholders as well. Staff stated their appreciation for Mr. Dyjak's concerns and comments. We are responding to the public by reducing PM2.5. Steve George, WA Dairy Federation commented that he will relay Mr. Dyjak's request to Jay Gordon, WA State Dairy Federation, and will try to work with everyone.

5.5 **By consent approve and file Local Assessment Status Report for 2006.**

Staff reported that the communities on the Reservation have not paid their portion of the 2006 -2007 Local Assessment. Legal opinion from the State Attorney General's Office states that communities on the Reservation are not exempt from paying the Local Assessment assessed by the YRCAA. Staff has not pursued any action or correspondence with them. Staff requested Board direction. Mike Leita does not want to pursue legal action. But he feels the cities should pay their fair share as well. Bob Jones will discuss the issue at the Mayor's Monthly Meeting.

8. **Consider Approval of Expedited Permit Process, Resolution 2007-04.**

Hasan Tahat presented background for requesting approval of the Expedited Permit Process. Staff explained why such request are made by sources, how they would be implemented. Expedited Permits would be done after normal working hours at the overtime rate of time-and-one-half of the Engineer's salary that is processing the particular permit.

Board questioned how the rate would be calculated. Staff responded hourly basis. There was discussion on the permit process, if they must have written request to process their permit as Expedited, and report back to the Board after this has been done for a year on how it has worked and how many permits were expedited.

Mike Leita moved to approve Resolution 2007-04. Bill Lover, second. Resolution 2007-04 was approved.

9. **Receive Report on the Speciation Monitor.**

Hasan Tahat thanked the Board for their input and request to have a Speciation Monitor. Staff reported that we were selected to have one installed at Comprehensive Mental Health in Yakima. This monitor has the capability to differentiate between particulates. The new Monitor should be installed in the early part of July, 2007.

10. **Director's Report.**

FY 2007-2008 Budget

Gary Pruitt presented the Board with the upcoming schedule for the FY 2007-2008 Budget. Tentative dates for the Public Workshops in Sunnyside and Yakima were presented. The Interim Budget will be brought for Board approval to the June Board Meeting.

Staffing/Succession Planning

Staff reported that Jon Kurtz has been hired to be Charlie Stansel's replacement. Charlie and Jon are working closely together during the training period and process under Hasan Tahat's supervision.

Smoke School

Staff reported that the Spring Smoke School has ended. Total revenue is down by 30%. Staff reported that decreased revenue may be due to several companies cutting back on number of employees they are certifying, and competition. Staff will review the Fall Season and discuss the future of continuing the Smoke School at that time.

Legislative Update

Staff reported to Board that Substitute House Bill 1258, amending RCW 70.94.094, giving local air authorities the option of not using a county auditor for disbursement of funds. Staff will be bringing a proposal to Board for approval of YRCAA disbursing their funds and not using the County Auditor.

Staff reported that Substitute Senate Bill 6081, amending RCW 70.94.743, which would allow UGA's under 2,500 population to cease burning.

There was no other business.

Mike Leita moved to adjourn. Rand Elliott, second. Meeting adjourned at 2:55 P.M.

Bob Jones, Vice-Board Chair

Audio cd of this meeting is available at the YRCAA for review.
Minutes submitted to Board for approval June 14, 2007.

Patty Walker, Clerk of the Board