



Meeting Vita

Location: Yakima County Courthouse
 Commissioner's Hearing Room B33

Time: 2:00 p.m

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 BOARD MEETING MINUTES
 APRIL 12, 2007**

1. **Tom Gasseling, Board Chair**, called the Meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.
2. **Clerk of Board – Roll Call** – *Rand Elliott was absent. There was a quorum.*

PRESENT WERE:	
BOARD MEMBERS: Tom Gasseling, Member-at-Large, Chair Bob Jones, Small Cities Rep., Vice-Chair Bill Lover, Large City Rep Mike Leita, County Commissioner LEGAL COUNSEL: Gary Cuillier, Board Counsel ABSENT: Rand Elliott, County Commissioner Allen Schmid, Alternate, Small Cities Rep Neil McClure, Alternate, Large City Rep Ron Gamache, Alternate, Co Commissioner	STAFF: Gary Pruitt, YRCAA Director Patty Walker, Clerk of the Board Staff, Engineering Staff, Fiscal Manager Staff, Public Information Officer VISITORS: Jim Dyjak, Citizen Linda Dyjak, Citizen Larry Fendell, Citizen Don Harris, Citizen Leslie Benoit, American Lung Association 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 at that time.
- 5.1 By consent, approve Minutes of March 8, 2007 Board Meeting.
- 5.2 By consent, accept and file YRCAA calendar.
- 5.3 By consent, accept and file March, 2007 Activities;
- 5.4 By consent approve April, 2007 Transmittals, in the amount of \$69,612.33.
- 5.5 By consent, approve and file January and February Air Quality Data.
- 5.6 By consent, consider approval of out-of-state travel for APCO to attend a special Western States Dairy Air Quality Symposium in Los Vegas, NV.

Bob Jones moved to accept Consent Agenda Items 5.1 to 5.6. Bill Lover, second. Consent Agenda Items were approved. Tom Gasseling, requested Staff fax transmittal to Board Members prior to Board Meeting. Staff will fax either the day before or the morning of the Board Meeting per Board request.

REGULAR AGENDA

6. **Board approve \$2,500 for the American Lung Association Asthma Walk 2007**

Dave Caprile, reported that YRCAA has been invited to partner with the American Lung Association to participate with the Asthma Walk 2007 to be held October 13, 2007 at Sarge Hubbard Park. He requested Board to approve \$2,500 for the American Lung Association.

Leslie Benoit, American Lung Association gave a brief presentation on the occurrences of lung and cardiac related cases in Yakima County. She expressed appreciation for the help of the Yakima Regional Clean Air Authority during the winter months by calling burn bans to help control the impact of woodsmoke on those that are vulnerable.

Leslie Benoit listed several companies that are sponsoring the Asthma Walk 2007, which would include YRCAA and requested continued support for this program. Funds for this will come from the Air Quality Improvement Account.

Bob Jones moved to approve \$2,500 for the Asthma Walk 2007. Bill Lover, second. Motion approved.

7. **Board approve \$1,000 for staff to have a booth at the Cinco de Mayo Celebration in Sunnyside.**

Dave Caprile discussed the need to reach out to the Spanish speaking community. He added that this is an opportunity for reach to a large number of the Hispanic community. Staff referenced materials included in the Board packet that will be available at the booth. The Cinco de Mayo Celebration will be held May 4th and 5th in Sunnyside, WA.

Staff continued that this is an excellent opportunity for outreach to inform and educate on Clean Air Rules. Staff requested Board to approve \$1,000 for a booth at this celebration. Funds for this will come from the Air Quality Improvement Account.

Bob Jones moved to approve \$1,000 for the Cinco de Mayo Celebration in Sunnyside. Mike Leita, second. Motion was approved.

8. **Receive Director's Report.**

Fiscal Audit – Director reported that Staff contacted the County and received information needed for ACTS (the accounting firm contracted for the audit). Staff is in the process of gathering documents ACTS requested. ACTS should have a preliminary report to the Board at the May Board Meeting, and a final report at the June Board Meeting.

Staffing Succession - Director reported to Board that Charlie Stansel is cutting back and will soon retire. Bob West retired as of March 30, 2007. Staff has hired two people to succeed Charlie and Bob. Bob stayed an additional week to help train his replacement with the monitoring equipment. Charlie will train his replacement before retiring completely. Charlie works a couple of days a week at this time. He will work more days in succession until his replacement is comfortable in the position.

Staff is being cross-trained for back-up for each position.

Continuous Improvement – Director reported that the first round of performance appraisals/continuous improvement program has been completed. He commented that staff understands the concept and are developing a plan to be more efficient and effective.

Consolidation of Admin Codes - Director reported that staff is working on different areas of the Administration Code Part B. Staff is making progress. There are ten-codes. Staff will bring a section, or sections, to Board for approval and adoption.

9. **Other Business**

Tom Gasseling asked Don Harris to address the Board as he was not available during the Public Comment Period and had requested to address the Board. Mr. Harris spoke about the condition of Slavin and West Slavin Roads. Extremely dusty, health and safety issues involved with heavy traffic on this road.

Mr. Harris questioned why road was not being paved in the near future. Mr. Harris discussed the increased traffic by agriculturalist and a trucking company in the vicinity. Board discussed issue with Mr. Harris.

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There was discussion on dust abatement for the road. Mr. Harris requested Yakima County to water the road once a week to control dust emissions. Mike Leita responded he would check into it for Mr. Harris.

Bob Jones moved to adjourn. Bill Lover, second. Meeting adjourned at 2:48 P.M.

Tom Gasseling, Board Chair

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

Minutes submitted to Board for approval May 10, 2007.

Patty Walker, Clerk of the Board