



**Meeting Vita**

**Location:** Yakima County Courthouse  
 Commissioners Hearing Room, B33

**Time:** 2:00 p.m

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
 BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
 JULY 10, 2008**

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

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

3. **Additions and Deletions to Agenda** – 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. Mr. Bob Hazzard, Outlook, WA asked to come to the front to give his comment. Mr. Hazzard wanted to express his displeasure regarding the dairy situation in the Outlook and Sunnyside area, particularly, water quality issues at the Outlook Elementary School. He discussed lack of controls over dairies and their practices of allowing decomposing of dead cattle on their property, and the effects that are devaluating property values. He was upset that the dairy industries are ruining the quality and way of life in Yakima County. Bob Jones asked Mr. Hazzard to mail him pictures of such activities. Jim Dyjak gave Bob Jones pictures of blowing dust at the DeVries Dairy in Moxee that he had brought in for Keith Hurley, YRCAA Compliance Division Supervisor, at his request.

Larry Fendell verified Mr. Hazzard’s allegation of the composting of animals, and the water quality issue at the Outlook school should have been an alarm. Mr. Fendell expressed his concern that the Agency has turned into an educational organization rather than doing their job enforcing the Clean Air Act.

Ms. Shirley Hazzard stated her concerns over water quality issues and Yakima County wanting to be known as wine country, and how it would contradict their ability for clean water for their wine.

Gary Pruitt, Executive Director, offered to Mrs. Hazzard that the Department of Ecology has jurisdiction over water quality for the State. There was further discussion over dairy issues, and areas that the Clean Air Authority has control over.

Jim Dyjak discussed agricultural burning on weekends when they know the Clean Air Authority is closed, and other agricultural issues. Tom Gasseling advised what YRCAA has the ability to do, and asked staff if we were doing weekend patrols? Gary responded that we are not, and advised that staff will bring a report to the Board on complaints received, response level and action taken on the complaints.

### CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.1 By consent, approve Minutes of June 12, 2008 Board.
- 5.2 By consent, accept and file YRCAA Calendar of Meetings.
- 5.3 By consent accept and file YRCAA June, 2008 Activities.
- 5.4 By consent accept and approve surplus of old Chevrolet Cavalier Wagon.
- 5.5 By consent accept and approve Resolution 2008-10 Addenda and Revisions to Administrative Code Part B, Section 9, Personnel Policies.
- 5.6 By consent approve Staff to pursue Agency Name and Logo Change.

Bob Jones moved to approve Consent Agenda items 5.1 thru 5.6. Rand Elliott seconded. Consent Agenda items were approved.

### 6. Director's Report

Gary Pruitt, Executive Director, gave an update on Federal Funding, Greenhouse Gas Reporting and Wood Stove Curtailments. Staff advised Board that the Section 105 Base Grant was not increased and will remain at FY08 levels. The Department of Ecology is drafting the mandatory greenhouse gas reporting rule which should be effective by summer of 2009. The rule will require reporting of emissions from stationary sources if emissions exceed 10,000 tons and from mobile sources if emissions exceed 2,500 tons. The draft rule will be available for public comment prior to adoption.

Staff concluded that staff will be participating in a state-wide technical work group to determine protocols for implementing changes to RCW 70.94.473 which replaces language referring to the old PM 2.5 standard and provides for calling a Stage II curtailment without first calling a Stage I. This is in response to our input for areas like ours that need to call earlier burn bans to control PM2.5 levels.

Staff advised that as discussed in the Study Session, Agency will be moving to a new location, 331 No 1<sup>st</sup> Street, and fully operational at that site by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

### REGULAR AGENDA

#### ACTION ITEMS

- 7. **Addendum to Administrative Code Part B, Section 10, Resolution 2008-09**  
This was discussed in full during the Study Session prior to the Board Meeting. Gary Pruitt, Executive Director asked Board to approve Section 10.15 Cash Reserves, Addendum to Administrative Code Part B, Section 10, per Resolution 2008-09.

Bob Jones moved to approve Section 10.15, per Resolution 2008-09. Bill Lover, second. Section 10.15 was approved.

### DIVISION/PROGRAM REPORTS

Gary Pruitt, Executive Director, began the Division and Program Reports:

### 8. Accept Public Information Report

Gary Pruitt gave Dave Caprile's report as Mr. Caprile is out of the office today.

Staff reported that the 2008 Wood Stove Change Out program is complete. There were a total of 63 non-certified wood stoves recycled and replaced by: 46 wood stoves, 6 wood inserts, 10 pellet stoves and 1-electric furnace. There were no gas devices installed under this program. Total

grant expenditures were \$173,767, with a remaining amount of \$1,232 that was not used and returned to the fund.

The Spring 2008 Wood Stove Rebate Program ended June 30<sup>th</sup>, which resulted in 49 uncertified wood stoves removed and recycled. Six wood stoves were not replaced, but the owners availed themselves of \$100 merchandise coupons, 10 were replaced with certified wood stoves, six with pellet stoves, three with propane and 24 were upgraded to natural gas.

YRCAA has received \$330,000 for the FY 2009 Wood Stove Change Out Program. YRCAA has a waiting list of approximately 70 potential program participants. Staff met with stakeholders and local partners on June 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss and solidify the upcoming program.

Staff advised of two video programs which are currently being televised on YCTV, cable channel 22 which were produced by the North West Clean Air Agency and entitled, "Mold in Your Home – Causes, Prevention and Cleanup", and "Attacking Asthma at Home". Jim Dyjak asked if the videos could be put on Public Broadcasting for those in the area that have satellites versus cable. Staff responded that we will check into it.

**9. Accept Report on Engineering and Planning Division**

Hasan Tahat, Division Supervisor, reported to Board that as reported earlier and in keeping with our PM2.5 Reduction Strategic Plan staff applied for \$600,000 for the Wood Stove Change Out Program, and received \$330,000. Staff continued that there will be a mobile monitor to be placed in the lower Yakima County near Benton County. Both counties will be able to utilize data from the monitor.

Staff continued by advising Board of their intention to increase Agricultural Burn Permit Fees at the August Board Meeting. Staff has been researching the Clean Air Act and notes that the fee has not kept pace with inflation rate as stipulated in RCW 70.94.650(2). Staff is calling the Agricultural Burn Task Force together to discuss the agricultural burn permit fee and issues related to agricultural burning. Staff will bring necessary data and information to the August Board Meeting.

Staff ended their portion by reporting that two New Source Review permits were issued in June and five new sources were registered and one Title V source is in the renewal process.

**10. Accept Fiscal Reports and Approve Vouchers**

Lyne Monroe, Fiscal Program Manager, asked Board to approve July transmittals and payroll vouchers and advised that the July Budget Verification Account (BVA) will look different than the one presented today. Staff reported that the 2009 Supplemental Income Assessments were mailed on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Staff asked if there were any questions.

Bill Lover moved to approve. Bob Jones seconded. Motion was approved.

**11. Accept Compliance and Air Monitoring Division Report**

Keith Hurley, Acting Compliance and Air Monitoring Division Supervisor, provided Board with monthly air quality data and that there were no exceedences. Compliance is responding to illegal burning and excessive fugitive dust complaints and completing minor source inspections. Tom Gasseling suggested staff prioritize their work load in responding to citizen complaints.

Staff responded that staff is limited and that complaints are prioritized according to the level of response needed for a particular complaint according to the Compliance Assurance Manual. There was discussion on how different cities respond to complaints, and changing work schedules to accommodate access to staff on weekends. Staff will consider recommendations and discuss options with the Director.

Staff concluded by advising that as of July 2<sup>nd</sup>, PACTIV Corporation permanently stopped production at their Yakima Plant.

**12. Other Business**

Tom Gasseling asked if there was any other business. There was none.

**13. Adjournment**

Tom Gasseling called for adjournment. Bob Jones moved to adjourn. Rand Elliott seconded. Board adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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Tom Gasseling, Chair

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

*Minutes submitted to Board for approval August 14, 2008.*

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Patty Walker, Clerk of the Board