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Meeting Vita

Location: Yakima County Courthouse
 Commissioners Hearing Room, B33

Time: 2:00 p.m

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

PRESENT WERE:	
BOARD MEMBERS: Bob Jones, Small Cities Rep., Vice-Chair Rand Elliott, County Commissioner Bill Lover, Large City Representative Dick Camp, County Representative LEGAL COUNSEL: Gary Cuillier, Board Counsel ABSENT: Tom Gasseling, Member-at-Large, Chair Mike Leita, Alternate County Commissioner Allen Schmid, Alternate, Small Cities Rep Neil McClure, Alternate, Large City Rep Ron Gamache, Alternate, Co Commissioner	STAFF: Gary W. Pruitt, YRCAA Director Patty Walker, Clerk of the Board Staff, Engineering Staff, Fiscal Manager Staff, Acting Compliance/Monitoring Division VISITORS: Larry Fendell, Citizen Jim Dyjak, Citizen James Munroe, Dept. Natural Resources Jerry Craig, EPA/FARR MEDIA: None Present

3. **Additions and Deletions to Agenda** – Bob Jones, Vice-Chair asked if there were any additions or deletions to the Agenda. Director Gary W. Pruitt asked to have the Fiscal Program Report moved to the top of the Division Reports. The Board agreed to the change.
4. **Public Comment** – Bob Jones asked if there were any public comments. Jim Dyjak commented that after much thought on the protocol for 911 to call Gary or Keith after-hours on clean air issues, he felt it would take away from the general public in need of assistance. Gary Pruitt responded that under certain situations he has given his cell phone number out

Discussion continued on different scenarios and use of public funds and public safety, and the possibility of having staggered schedules to allow weekend coverage, or have some organization take calls, or staff on-call for after-hours, and having it built into the budget.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.1 By consent, approve Minutes of August 14, 2008 Board.
- 5.2 By consent, accept and file YRCAA Calendar of Meetings.
- 5.3 By consent accept and file YRCAA August, 2008 Activities.

Dick Camp moved to approve Consent Agenda items 5.1 thru 5.3. Rand Elliott seconded. Consent Agenda items were approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

6. Director's Report
Legislative Update

Gary Pruitt was happy to report to the Board that staff was able to persuade the Department of Ecology Management to include funding for Wood Stove Education in their 2010/11 biennial budget request to the Governor. In a collaborative effort with other local agencies and Ecology the calling of curtailments will be more often in an effort to reduce chances of an exceedence.

Agency Office Relocation

Staff continued that the Agency is completely moved into its new location. Staff wanted to personally and publicly thank Keith Hurley, Dustin Harrington, Carl Brookshire and Ron Gray as they did the bulk of the work in the actual physical move of the office. Staff was able to do the move totally in-house and did not contract an outside party to do the move.

Supplemental Income

Staff has spoken with our Board Chair, Tom Gasseling on the issue of the Toppenish and Wapato's Supplemental Income. Per direction from Mr. Gasseling, Staff has requested Counsel to draft a letter to the State Attorney General about the issue and request their help.

Compliance Issues

Staff discussed the dairy issue and the air pollutants emitted from animal feeding operations that can create neighborhood nuisances and animal/human health concerns. The assessment of the true impact of dairy odors is limited by the lack of reliable data on emission rates. In Washington State animal feeding operations are not among the facilities required to be registered. EPA, in conjunction with animal feeding operations across the nation, is conducting a National Air Emissions Monitoring Study to establish reliable emission factors for animal feeding operations. This will result in regulations, including the requirements to register and undergo New Source Review, will certainly change and provide regulatory framework necessary for your Clean Air Agency to effectively address emissions from animal feeding operations. This study will not be complete for several years.

Staff concluded that your staff stands ready to carry out any direction your Board gives to continue to address citizen complaints and/or to facilitate a stakeholder participative process to identify and pursue options. There was discussion by Board and citizens on studies, economic affect on residences, and the large number of dairies in lower Yakima County. Discussion continued with comments on what are the agricultural practices, and why they should have a "Procedural Manual" outlining best management practices. There was discussion about work groups. Yakima County is planning a meeting to discuss issues and see if they can come to a situation that everyone can live with. Staff reported that YRCAA has a history of working together with stake holders to bring them into compliance and voluntarily police themselves to become good neighbors in their community, and is willing to do it with dairies.

DIVISION/PROGRAM REPORTS

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

9. Accept Fiscal Reports and Approve Vouchers

Lyne Monroe, Fiscal Program Manager, gave the fiscal report. Staff requested Board to approve the Accounts Payable and September payroll. Excess expenses of Accounts Payable include Diesel Retrofit and the new automobile. Dick Camp asked how much of the Diesel Retrofit was used for Toppenish school buses. Staff responded, \$40,000. Rand Elliott moved to approve. Bill Lover seconded. Board approved transmittals and payroll.

Staff continued with the revised July, Budget Verification Analysis (BVA) and the BVA for August. Staff asked if there were any questions. There were none.

7. Accept Public Information Report

Dave Caprile, Public Information Officer, reported on the 2009 Woodstove Change-Out Program which is scheduled to begin September 18th. Staff reported that there was a meeting with stakeholders and everything is in place for the Program.

Staff continues to be involved with community outreach; the Hispanic Health Fair, on August 16th, and the upcoming Asthma Walk, October 11th at Sarg Hubbard Park at the Yakima Greenway.

Staff reported on the Northwest Air Quality Communicators' Group quarterly meeting. The Woodstove Change-Out Program was discussed and another Air Agency's successful Lawn Mower Change-Out and Anti-Idling campaigns. Staff discussed the program the Ministry of Transportation, (B.C.) is conducting at the Peace Arch border crossing which reduces vehicle exhaust emissions. South-bound drivers will switch off their engines for 10-15 minutes and cross the border in groups. YRCAA and the Asthma Coalition are pursuing a local Anti-Idling program geared toward increasing the public awareness of unnecessary vehicle exhaust emissions. Staff will keep Board informed.

8. Accept Engineering and Planning Division Report

Hasan Tahat, Engineering and Planning Division Supervisor, reported to Board regarding the letter included in their packet from EPA Regional Administrator to Governor Christine Gregoire regarding the 24-hour average for PM2.5. The letter stated that Yakima County is designated as unclassified. Staff thanked the Board of Directors for approving the Strategy Plan in July, 2007. This demonstrated to EPA the plans and programs YRCAA are working on to reduce emissions and allow us to be designated as in attainment in the future. EPA needs three years of data to designate Yakima County.

Staff was happy to report that the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Association from Pendleton, Oregon was at our office to discuss ways to predict burn bans earlier than we have in the past. They have been supportive and helpful to staff in our previous predictions. Their help today will enable staff in the upcoming winter months to better predict conditions that cause exceedences. Staff directed Board to the air quality graphs which show Yakima County did not have any exceedences.

10. Accept Compliance and Air Monitoring Division Report

Keith Hurley, Compliance and Air Monitoring Division Supervisor, reported that we are transitioning into cooler months which is our busiest time of the year.

Staff is currently working towards completing all of the Full Compliance Evaluations for Title V permit holders. The Annual Compliance Monitoring Plan Report will be forwarded to EPA by the end of September. Staff reported Smoke School Season with 17 classes scheduled began on August 25th and reduces compliance staff by two full time employees. Minor Source inspections will resume after Smoke School ends. The second season of Speciation Monitoring begins in October. October also begins wood burning season; your agency will be looking to implement

Wood Smoke Patrols in addition to the above mentioned work.

Staff concluded and acknowledged that during the past two Board meetings we have heard from a group of concerned citizens about the agency's lack of action concerning DeVries Dairy. Staff thanked those citizens for voicing their concerns and assured them staff will continue to formalize, prioritize all complaints, respond to them appropriately and comply with the law.

Larry Fendell, citizen added which is being done in Snohomish County with animal composting.

11. Other Business

Bob Jones asked if there was any other business. There was none.

12. Adjournment

Dick Camp called for adjournment. Bill Lover seconded. Board adjourned at approximately 2:50 p.m.

Bob Jones, Vice-Chair

Audio cd of this meeting is not available at the YRCAA due to technical problems.
Minutes submitted to Board for approval November 13, 2008.

Patty Walker, Clerk of the Board