



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.

PRESENT WERE:	
BOARD MEMBERS: Tom Gasseling, Member-at-Large, Chair Bob Jones, Small Cities Rep., Vice-Chair Rand Elliott, County Commissioner Bill Lover, Large City Rep	STAFF: Gary Pruitt, YRCAA Director Patty Walker, Clerk of the Board Staff, Engineering Staff, Fiscal Manager Staff, Acting Compliance/Monitoring Division
LEGAL COUNSEL: Gary Cuillier, Board Counsel	VISITORS: Larry Fendell, Citizen Jim Dyjak, Citizen Bob and Nancy Hazzard
ABSENT: Mike Leita, County Commissioner 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** – 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 was 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.
- 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 May, 2008 Activities.

Bill Lover moved to approve Consent Agenda items 5.1 thru 5.3. Bob Jones seconded. Consent Agenda items were approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

ACTION ITEMS

7. YRCAA FY 2008-2009 Budget

Tom Gasseling asked to open Budget Hearing. Bill Lover moved to close the Regular Board Meeting. Bob Jones seconded.

Tom Gasseling announced that the FY 2008-2009 Budget Hearing was officially opened. The public comment period ended, June 6, 2008. Tom then asked if there was any discussion or comments on the budget. There were none.

Tom Gasseling then closed the Budget Hearing, and reopened the June 12, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting.

Tom Gasseling then asked if there was discussion on the Proposed Budget. Bob Jones commented that he felt staff had done a great job. His only concern is about wages and benefits.

Tom Gasseling called for a motion to approve. Bob Jones moved to approve Resolutions 2008-06, 07 and 08, approving the FY 2008-2009 Budget. Bill Lover seconded. Board approved the budget.

8. Board Approve Administrative Code Part B, Section 11

Executive Director, Gary Pruitt, began by advising Board that this has been brought for their discussion and approval at previous Board Meetings. The only change is that staff has been in contact with Kirk Ehlis, Labor Attorney, for YRCAA. Staff provided Board with Mr. Ehlis' opinion on Administrative Code Part B, Section 11. Staff requested Board approve Section 11, Classifications, Positions and Compensation per Resolution 2008-04.

There was discussion by Board. Tom Gasseling and Rand Elliott remained unmoved in their opinion and concerns about the Compensation portion of Section 11. Bob Jones had concerns about being locked in. Mr. Jones felt that the Director has the option of negotiating and determining if a staff member is to get a raise or not.

Board members felt that Administration Code Part B, Section 11 stating classifications and positions was good to have, but not comfortable with the compensation portion. Staff offered to bring back Section 11, without the compensation portion. Board authorized the CEO to determine if there were funds enough to compensate staff and chose to approve Section 11 without compensation.

Rand Elliott moved to approve Section 11.1 thru 11.3.5 and amend Resolution 2008-04 to reflect that change. Bob Jones seconded. Section 11.1 thru 11.3.5 to include Classifications and Positions was approved by Board.

Tom Gasseling asked each Board Member to make recommendations for Section 11.4 and submit them to Gary Pruitt for his consideration.

9. Administrative Code Part B, Addendum Section 10.15

Addendum Section 10.15 was discussed in full during the Study Session. Staff is to make changes and bring to the July 10, 2008 Board Meeting.

6. Director's Report

Gary Pruitt, Executive Director, brought to Board's attention a letter to Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Chairwoman Barbara Boxer (D-CA), from the National Association of Clean Air Agencies regarding greenhouse gas legislation. Staff gave a brief overview of the Legislative update on the Lieberman-Warner Climate Security Act of 2008. The Senate closed discussion due to opposition from the White House. The House of Representatives are going about it in a different manner, which probably would have a better chance of being approved and become law.

Staff reported on the Western Climate Initiatives and in 2010 we will be reporting Green House Gases to the State of Washington. Staff has begun work toward reducing Green House Gases with programs we now have in place. Staff will keep Board updated as we receive additional information.

Staff reported that staff consists of 13, including two half-time staff, totaling 12 FTE. The Planner position remains vacant. With the upcoming Wood Stove Change-Out funding, this years funding allows for up to 10% of the grant to be used for administrative costs, including advertising and public education. This will allow for additional help, increasing work hours for part-time staff and possible contract help to relieve burden on existing staff.

Staff reported that the Agency is looking to relocate. Staff provided information about the two locations that will meet our needs. Staff stated needs to relocate as; our current lease expires in December, 2008 at which time there could be a significant increase in monthly rent payments, lack of space for staff and storage, and poor air quality movement within current office space.

Staff provided Board the latest information on the Yakama Nation Cities of Toppenish and Wapato. This report includes copies of the State Attorney General's opinion and copies of all correspondence concerning past due Supplemental Income Assessments with the City of Toppenish. Staff, or Board Counsel, has not received a response from the City of Toppenish in regards to the latest letter from Board Counsel to Phil Lamb, attorney for the City of Toppenish. Staff offered that there has been no correspondence with the City of Wapato other than the letters regarding their past due Assessments.

DIVISION/PROGRAM REPORTS

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

10. Accept Public Information Report

Dave Caprile began his report by stating that the Woodstove Change-Out Program has completed 58 wood stove change outs. There are five that are in progress or soon scheduled to be completed. The Spring Woodstove Rebate Program is in process. There are 15 stoves scheduled to be replaced, and nine of them are being replaced with gas. Staff reported that YRCAA has submitted to Ecology for the FY 2009 Wood Stove Change-Out Program grant. YRCAA requested \$600,000 in grant funds from the \$1.5 million available state-wide. We have a waiting list of approximately 70 potential program participants.

Staff reported on Yakima Training Center's 2008 Safety Day on May 22nd. Staff had a table display with Agency literature, and received much interest.

YRCAA participated in the 2008 Wildland Pre-Fire Meeting, May 29th which was held at West Valley Fire Department Training Center in Yakima. There was a round-table discussion related to available resources, burn bans and collaborative efforts among fire departments and related agencies in preparation for the upcoming "Wildfire Season".

Mr. Jim Dyjak, citizen, 15201 Hwy 24 Moxee, WA, requested to comment. Tom Gasseling acknowledged and asked Jim to come forward. Mr. Dyjak asked what criteria there was for being able to participate in the Woodstove Change-Out Program, and why it was not published in the ads. Mr. Dyjak had sent several people in to see if they could participate in the Wood Stove Change-Out Program.

Dave Caprile respond that he did the initial screening and those that disqualified had to do with economics must be a family within 80% of the federal medium income range, and within the target areas. Staff acknowledged Mr. Dyjak's comments and stated that they will take his advice regarding ads for the Program. Mr. Pruitt stated that this will be part of the discussion.

Bob Jones commended staff for their job on this important program.

11. Accept Report on Engineering and Planning Division

Hasan Tahat, Division Supervisor, reported to Board about the proposal to Ecology for a mobile PM2.5 monitor that will be placed in the lower Yakima valley. Probable location will be Grandview. Benton Clean Air will be able to derive data for their area as well due to proximity.

Staff continued by reporting on the letter to the Agricultural Burning Practices and Research Task Force, requesting they adjust agricultural burn fees according to the Washington Clean Air Act (RCW) 70.94.650(2). The RCW states that the fees shall cover the cost of the program and shall be increased according to the inflation rate. YRCAA has been subsidizing the difference in cost of agricultural burn fees since 2007.

Staff reported that since the Climate Change Initiative, gathering emission data on Green House Gases (GHG) is on a fast track, and mandatory reporting will be in effect in 2010. Staff reported on communities affected by this. Staff suggested that some available funding may be needed to work with the affected communities to help reduce Green House Gas emissions.

The Wood Stove Change-Out Program grant requested is part of the PM2.5 Reduction Strategic Plan that was approved in July, 2007.

Staff reported that the sampling for the speciation monitoring season ended at the beginning of May and will resume in October. Data received from EPA and Ecology will be analyzed by Staff.

12. Accept Fiscal Reports and Approve Vouchers

Lyne Monroe, Fiscal Program Manager, asked Board to approve June transmittals and payroll vouchers. Staff reported that the Diesel Retrofit is about to come to a close and payments for The Wood Stove Change-Out are included in the transmittals. Staff asked if there were any questions, Rand Elliott had a question on the Budget Verification Accounting regarding percentage of budget on certain items. Staff responded that they will be corresponding as they should at the close of the June reporting.

Rand Elliott moved to approve. Bob Jones seconded. Motion was approved.

13. Accept Compliance and Air Monitoring Division Report

Keith Hurley, Acting Compliance and Air Monitoring Division Supervisor, provided Board with monthly air quality data.

Staff continued with the 4th Quarter report of the State Fiscal Year. Ecology completed a statewide data completeness report card. DOE's criteria for data received from monitors is that they must reach an 80% threshold of valid data retrieved. YRCAA report card showed that our Nephelometer had 96% valid data, the PM2.5 and PM10 FRM monitors both had 100% valid data.

Rand Elliott asked when we will receive data from the Speciation Monitor. Staff responded that batch data takes approximately 105 days to validate. EPA and DOE both take 45 days to review and an additional 15 days to validate data sets. Staff will then analyze the data received and compare data with our worse days that burn bans were called. Staff added this all takes time, but staff will provide information as soon as we possibly can.

14. Other Business

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

15. Adjournment

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

Tom Gasseling, Chair

Audio cd of this meeting is available at the YRCAA for review.
Minutes submitted to Board for approval July 10, 2008.

Patty Walker, Clerk of the Board