



Meeting Vita

Location: Yakima County Courthouse
 Commissioners Hearing Room, B33

Time: 2:00 p.m

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 BOARD MEETING MINUTES
 MARCH 13, 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. Clerk informed Board of new format for April Board agenda. It will be divided in sections, Consent Agenda, Director’s Report, Action Items, Division and Program Reports.

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 LEGAL COUNSEL: Gary Cuillier, Board Counsel ABSENT: Mike Leita, 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 Staff, Acting Compliance/Monitoring Division VISITORS: Larry Fendell, Citizen Jim and Linda Dyjak, Citizen Derek LaFramboise, Shields Bag and Printing MEDIA: Bonnie Lozano, 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. There were none.
- 5.1 By consent, approve Minutes of February 14, 2007 Board Meeting.
- 5.2 By consent, accept and file YRCAA Calendar of Meetings.
- 5.3 By consent accept and file YRCAA February, 2008 Activities.
- 5.4 By consent, accept and file February Air Quality Data.
- 5.5 By consent, approve Addendum to Administrative Code Part B, Budgeting, Accounting and Reporting, per Resolution 2008-03.

Rand Elliott moved to approve Consent Agenda items 5.1 thru 5.5. Bill Lover seconded. Consent Agenda items were approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

6. Accept Report of Staff response to State Auditor's finding

Executive Director, Gary Pruitt advised Board that as of time of Board Meeting the Auditor had not published their finding. The Executive Memo and attachments have been mailed to all Title V Sources. Staff continued with report to Board of the exercise and process by which staff used to conduct an in-house audit of the finding. It was determined that the Title V permit holders were under billed \$9,574.90. The amount owed YRCAA will be included with the Title V invoices that will be mailed in July, 2008.

There was discussion by Board to determine that internal controls are in place to ensure there is not a repeat of this error. Staff assured Board that controls are in place. Board appreciated actions taken by Staff and response to the State Auditor regarding their finding.

7. Approve YRCAA Regulation 1 Revision

Executive Director, Gary Pruitt reported that Regulation 1, adopted in 2005, is in need of revisions. Staff met with Charlie Stansel prior to his retirement to discuss revisions needed. Attached to the Executive Memo is a list revisions needed.

Board asked if Public Meetings will be needed for the revisions to Regulation 1. Staff responded yes. Staff related protocol for revisions and added that the first focus would be to start with the least controversial items, and continue until all have been accomplished.

Rand Elliott moved to approve the schedule of revisions. Bob Jones seconded. Board questioned if the revisions would be with strike outs and underline of original Regulation 1? Staff responded yes. Tom Gasseling asked if there were substantial changes and if there would be public hearings? Staff responded there would be, and it would go though the entire process. Board approved the revision schedule.

8. Accept Public Information Report

Dave Caprile, Public Information Officer, reported that 31 wood stove change outs has been completed, and another ten are now in process or scheduled in the Woodstove Change-Out Program. Staff submitted a request to Ecology to allow YRCAA expand the grant coverage area for the Woodstove Change-Out Program. Ecology approved, and extended the program to April 30th.

There was discussion by Board on the program. Tom Gasseling questioned if people on the Reservation would be allowed to participate in the program? Staff responded that after conversations with Ecology, they still would not allow them to be included in the program. Staff will keep Board updated.

9. Accept Engineering/Planning Division Report

Hasan Tahat, Engineering/Planning Division Supervisor, reported to the Board that the Woodstove Change-Out Grant was included in the 2008 Governor's Supplemental Budget, and chances of approval are greater. Staff reported YRCAA met with Ecology on March 5th regarding the monitoring network and its budget. Ecology agreed to increase the amount of revenue to maintain the monitoring network. However, it still does not cover all of our costs.

Staff continued with information on PM2.5 tables showing statistical data analysis for three years, 2005 to 2007. Staff explained how the data is used to determine an exceedence, of which YRCAA had 14 in 2005, 13 in 2006 and 7 in 2007. Two of the exceedences in 2007 are not included due to equipment problems. Initially 2007 was a good year and hope to continue that trend for 2008 and 2009 which will be the bases for attainment status classification.

Staff reported no exceedences for February, 2008. Jim Dyjack, Citizen, asked if Yakima County will be included in EPA's designation for non-attainment? Staff responded that at this time EPA has recommended we be "unclassified" at this time. There has not been any indication that EPA will change this designation at this time.

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10. Accept Financial Report

Lyne Monroe, Fiscal Program Manager, informed Board that the Supplemental Income Statement, Transmittal, and Voucher Report Forms are now included in this portion of the Board Packet along with the Monthly BVA.

Staff pointed out that there are three voucher dates due to items needing payment, i.e., Northwest Cummings for the Diesel Retrofit, Oversight fees to Ecology, and routine payments. Board is asked to approve transmittal in the amount of \$191,800.55. Staff asked if there were any questions? There were none. Rand Elliott moved to approve transmittals and vouchers. Bob Jones seconded. Transmittals and vouchers were approved.

11. Accept Director's Report

Gary Pruitt, Executive Director, gave the following Legislative updates:

- In February, Congress approved a federal budget which restored base grant funding to 2006 levels.
- National Association of Clean Air Agencies (NACAA) Executive Director, Bill Becker, and other Associations testified before the House Appropriations Subcommittee regarding the President's FY 2009 budget on the need for additional grant funding for state and local air agencies under Sections 103 and 105 of the Clean Air Act. NACAA recommended an additional \$84.7 million above the President's request for a total of \$270.3 million. Waiting for determination.
- SB 6753 - Wood Stove Burn Ban Triggers was approved and awaiting Governor's signature.
- HB 2765 – House Capital Budget – Passed by both House of Representatives and Senate to include \$1.5 million of additional wood stove change-out funding. Currently in the final Conference Capital Budget. Awaiting Governor's signature.
- HB 2894 – Real Estate Disclosure about Wood Burning Devices – Currently in Senate Rules Committee and waiting to be scheduled for a vote by the full Senate. Did not make the final cut-off.
- 2SHB 2815 – Climate Change Framework – Direct Ecology to develop a cap and trade program, require mandatory reporting of GHGs, recommend mitigation measures and develop strategies to encourage green collar jobs. Passed Senate, moved to Conference.
- SSB 6308 – Climate Change Adaptation – Direct Ecology to develop a GHG automobile labeling program for Washington. Passed House, moved to Conference.
- SB 6580 – Growth Management and Climate Change – Pilot program for volunteer local governments to update the GM Plans to account for mitigation and adaptation to climate change. Passed House, moved to Conference.

Staff reported there has been overall good compliance during 12 days of curtailment in February. Weekends continue to show rate of burn ban compliance is less, even with weekend patrols. Violators were addressed without enforcement action. The public is encouraged to advise the agency of those not complying with the ban. Several contacts have been made that resulted in wood stove change-outs.

Staff reported that Keith Hurley has been assigned Acting Supervisor to fill the long-vacant Compliance and Air Monitoring Division Supervisor position. Staff is recruiting for Engineering and Planning Division Administrative Assistance position recently vacated.

12. Other Business

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

13. Adjournment

Bob Jones moved to adjourn. Rand Elliott seconded. Board adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Tom Gasseling, Chair

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

Minutes submitted to Board for approval April 10, 2008.

Patty Walker, Clerk of the Board