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**Meeting Vita**

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

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

1. **Tom Gasseling, Chair**, called the Meeting to order at 2:07 p.m. Mr. Gasseling welcomed Kevin Bouchey as member of the Board.
2. **Clerk of Board – Roll Call** *There was a quorum.*

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

3. **Additions and Deletions to Agenda** – Tom Gasseling, Chair asked if there were any additions or deletions to the Agenda. There were none.
4. **Public Comment** – Tom Gasseling asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 5.1 By consent, approve Minutes of December 11, 2008 Board.
- 5.2 By consent accept and file YRCAA December, 2008 Activities.
- 5.3 By consent, approve Administrative Code Part B, addendum to Section 10, Budgeting, Accounting and Reporting, YRCAA Credit Card Use, per Resolution 2009-01.

Bill Lover moved to approve Consent Agenda items 5.1 thru 5.3. Kevin Bouchey seconded. Consent Agenda items were approved.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

6. **Director’s Report – Refer to written report for detail**  
 Gary advised Board and members of the public that the “Message to the Public” is posted to our website, [www.yakimacleanair.org](http://www.yakimacleanair.org), and available at the front counter of the YRCAA office, which speaks to the past, and the future. Gary continued with the Director’s report on the following items:

Legislative Update

State - Staff reported to Board that we recently met with Keith Matthews of the Yakima Valley Growers and Shippers Association, and member of our Local Agricultural Burning Task Force, is working with us to get someone to sponsor a bill to have the agricultural burn fee revised. Jay Penner(?), member of the Sate Agricultural Burning Task Force is looking for a co-sponsor from

Eastern Washington regarding this issue as well.

Federal – The 111<sup>th</sup> Congress convened January 6, 2009. Staff will keep Board advised as we receive information.

#### Audit

Staff has not received a draft report. Staff will inform Board as preliminary findings become available.

#### Staffing

Staff has filled the vacant position of Engineer. Ms. Jenny Filipy began full time work in the Engineering and Planning Division on January 5<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Filipy comes to the agency highly recommended and is a graduate of Washington State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering and a Master's Degree in Environmental Engineering. The Board welcomed Ms. Filipy to the Agency.

#### Budget

Staff reported that we will be doing a mid-year review of the budget. We will report our findings at the February meeting.

#### Greenhouse Gases

Staff reported that the Washington Department of Ecology is holding workshops for fleet owners or operators who meet the 2,500 metric ton greenhouse gas reporting threshold in Yakima at the Central Regional Office, 15 W Yakima Ave., Suite 200 on January 27<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4 PM. Staff will be in attendance and encouraged those that will be affected by the new mandates attend.

There was discussion on greenhouse mandatory, who must comply, on-road vehicle fleets, possible future that off-road vehicles may be included, but not at this time. Staff reported that the Department of Transportation has been informed about this meeting.

#### 2008 Activity Totals

Staff referred Board to the chart included in the report showing activities for 2006, 2007 and 2008. Staff noted that monitoring activities are not included in this table.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

**There were no action items at this meeting.**

### **DIVISION/PROGRAM REPORTS**

**Refer to written reports for clarity.**

#### **7. Accept Engineering and Planning Division Report**

Tom Gasseling asked Hasan for his Division Report. Hasan presented a Calendar Year 2008 review of the Engineering and Planning Division. Staff reported on permits and New Source Reviews issued, one Title V permit renewal and the number of SEPA's reviewed and responded to. Staff reported that there were 18 new registered sources added in 2008 and the number of daily agricultural burn allocations issued. Registration forms have been mailed for 2009.

Staff was happy to report to the Board that despite losing an Engineer and Planner that the Division had met its goals for the FY 2008-09 Budget. Staff reported on the Agricultural Burn Task Force, the survey that was sent to growers and a summary of their response. The summary suggested that they were in favor of assessing a fee like they pay for mosquito control, and supported increased burn permit fees.

Staff reported that we had three exceedences in the month of December. There was discussion on exceedences and their effect, our geographical location, and steps we have taken to mitigate and reduce PM levels. Jim Dyjack, Moxee, WA., asked to comment on the surveys completed

by growers. Mr. Dyjack felt that if an assessment like the Mosquito Control was placed on the community that they should also be allowed to comment as they would be affected by this fee. Mr. Tahat thanked Mr. Dyjack for his comment and added, if this proposal should go forward the community would have the opportunity to comment as it would have to go through a public comment period.

Larry Fendell commented that he is relaying some concerns from people he has been talking with. The people are on fixed incomes and their heating bills were extremely high during the time when we had burn bans in place and they were not able to use their woodstoves. Staff and Board discussed the issue in detail. Gary Pruitt, Director, stated the definition of "adequate source of heat" is expanded when staff is aware of situations when they are paying too much to keep themselves and/or their children warm.

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

Tom asked Keith Hurley, Compliance and Air Monitoring Division to give his report. Keith began with a recap of complaints responded to during December. Staff reported on the number of violations during either a Stage 1 or Stage 2 Burn Ban, seven being outdoor residential and three being agricultural burns, and one Title V Notice of Violation issued.

Staff continued with the number of violations and Assurances of Discontinuation issued, registered source inspections completed, monitoring work completed and Notifications of Demolition and Renovation processed. Tom Gasseling asked what the violation was of the Title V source. Staff responded it was for failure to pay their fee and submit their required reports.

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

Tom asked Lyne Monroe to give her Fiscal reports. Ms. Monroe, Fiscal Program Manager, asked Board to approve payment of Fiscal vouchers and payroll. Bill Lover moved to pay both vouchers and payroll. Kevin Bouchev seconded. Fiscal Vouchers and payroll were approved.

Ms. Monroe reported that the 2009 Supplemental Income invoices were going out, our Labor and Industries fees were discounted by 20%, a savings of approximately \$7,000 in 2009. YRCAA's portion of medical has been reduced by \$1,704.14 due to staff reduction. Our experience rating for Employment Security was reduced to 1.58%.

**10. Accept Public Information Program Report**

Tom asked Dave Caprile to give his Program Report. Dave, Public Information Officer, reported that the 2009 Woodstove Change-Out Program has been slow. However, he is sure it will begin to pick up soon. OIC is now able to qualify eligible households for the program again.

Staff reported on the home heating season, burn bans and cooperation with the media and expressed appreciation that EPA compliments us during these episodes.

Staff continued by reporting on the Asbestos Awareness presentation he made at YVCC on December 5<sup>th</sup>, and the meeting of December 15<sup>th</sup> with the City of Yakima Code Administrative Office to discuss interagency protocols regarding wood stove installation permitting. Final outcome is pending. Board was happy to see YRCAA and other agencies working together on these issues. Board appreciates the way the Agency is keeping the community informed.

**11. Other Business & Adjournment**

Tom asked if there was any other business. There was none. Kevin Bouchey moved to adjourn. Bill Lover seconded. Board adjourned at approximately 2:48 p.m.

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Tom Gasseling, Board Chair

**Audio CD of this meeting is available at the YRCAA.**  
*Minutes submitted to Board for approval February 12, 2009..*

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Patty Walker, Clerk of the Board