



**Minutes of the October Meeting for the Governing Board of Directors**

**Location, Date and Time:**

**Yakima City Hall  
 City Council Chambers**

**October 10, 2009**

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

1. **Bob Jones, Board Vice-Chair**, called the Meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.
2. **Clerk of Board – Roll Call** *There was a quorum. One member was absent.*

<b>PRESENT WERE:</b>	
<b>BOARD MEMBERS:</b> Bob Jones, Small Cities Rep., Vice-Chair Bill Lover, Large City Representative Kevin Bouchey, County Commissioner Dick Camp, County Representative  <b>LEGAL COUNSEL:</b> Gary Cuillier, Board Counsel  <b>ABSENT:</b> Tom Gasseling, Member-at-Large, Chair Rand Elliott, Alternate, Co Commissioner Allen Schmid, Alternate, Small Cities Rep Dave Edler, Alternate, Large City Rep	<b>STAFF:</b> Gary W. Pruitt, YRCAA Director Clerk of the Board Staff, Engineering/Planning Division Staff, Public Education Outreach Information Technology Manager  <b>VISITORS:</b> Larry Fendell, Citizen Jim Dyjack, Citizen Jerry Craig, EPA Christa Owen, YRCAA Staff Mark Edler, YRCAA Staff  <b>MEDIA:</b> Bonnie Lozano, YPAC

3. **Additions and Deletions to Agenda** –Bob Jones, Board Vice-Chair asked if there were any additions and deletions to the Agenda. There were none.
4. **Public Comment** –  
 Bob Jones asked if there were any comments from the public at this time. There was none.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 5.1 By consent, approve Minutes of August 13, 2009 Board.
- 5.2 By consent accept and file YRCAA August and September, 2009 Activities.

Bill Lover moved to approve Consent Agenda items 5.1 thru 5.2. Kevin Bouchey seconded. Consent Agenda items were approved.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

6. **Director’s Report – Refer to written report for detail**  
 Gary Pruitt, Director, reported on the following:  
 Staff expressed their appreciation for Board approval of not having a September Board Meeting.

PM<sub>2.5</sub> Emissions Reduction Project – Staff referred Board to the first attachment to the Director’s report,

FY2010 PM<sub>2.5</sub> Emissions Reduction Project Report. The report gave a budget update of expenditures and activities in August and September. The next scheduled report will be part of the Compliance Division's Report.

Legislative:

State –The 2009-11 Washington State operating budget instructed natural resources agencies to: “Convene a work group consisting of representatives from natural resource agencies. The work group shall consider the experience of other states and their organizational structures to identify consolidation opportunities to improve service delivery and reduce costs....” Staff referred Board to the attached Natural Resources Reform Update which is a product of this work group. Staff suggested if Board had any questions to please contact him.

Federal – Staff reported that Climate Change is still part of the legislation process. The Senate planned to have a bill similar to the House's American Clean Energy and Security Act. The bill is going the way Staff had anticipated.

Senate began floor debate on the FY 2010 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies appropriations bill (H. R. 2996). The Senate bill calls for \$226.6 million in federal grants for state and local air agencies under Sections 103 and 105 of the Clean Air Act. It was adopted September 24, 2009. We are still not sure what will happen for FY 2011.

A meeting with Representative Norm Dicks is scheduled with representatives from Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, Olympic Clean Air Agency and Department of Ecology to discuss FY 2011. Staff is in contact with local and national Air Quality organizations and submitting our comments. Staff will keep Board advised.

Asbestos Workshop – Staff invited Board Members to attend an upcoming Asbestos Workshop, October 15, 2009 at East Valley Fire Department. Staff gave a description and purpose for conducting such a workshop. Mr. Bob Welch, a seasoned veteran in the profession has agreed to present the workshop. Staff acknowledged co-sponsoring support by Central Washington Home Builders and Associated General Contractors, Tri-Valley Construction and Russell Crane.

Smoke Impact from Forest Service Burning – Staff reported to Board the significant impact the burning by the U. S. Forest Service near Bethel Ridge had on Yakima County citizens September 16<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. In response, staff met with Randy Sheppard and staff from the Naches Ranger District to exchange information about the incidents. A meeting has also been scheduled to discuss the September 28<sup>th</sup> incident with the Department of Natural Resources, the permitting authority. Your Air Pollution Control Officer is evaluating the incidents to determine if enforcement action is appropriate. At this time staff is considering a Notice of Violation.

There was discussion by Board and staff concerning the burn and its affects on citizens of Yakima County. Board feels that staff should treat the U. S. Forest Service and Department of Natural Resources the same as any other violator. Staff will keep the Board informed, and bring updated information to the November Board Meeting. Staff has been in contact with Board Chairman concerning this issue.

## ACTION ITEMS

### 7. **Approve PM<sub>2.5</sub> Emission Reduction Project Plan**

Gary Pruitt asked Board to approve by minute action the PM<sub>2.5</sub> Emissions Reduction Project Plan. Staff outlined the process that will entail patrols by CWI after hours and weekends during curtailments. CWI will gather information for staff, and staff will make contact with violators.

Staff outlined the focus of work to be accomplished, how enforcement will be done and educational outreach to the community. Staff explained components of the Project Plan for permitting and planning, the reduction plan budget and the accounting and reporting for it. Staff referred Board to the first PM<sub>2.5</sub> Emissions Reduction Project Report, the first attachment to the Director's Report.

Bob Jones asked for a motion to approve the Project Plan. Kevin Bouchey moved to approve. Dick Camp seconded. There was discussion by the public and staff. Jim Dyjack, citizen, asked where complaints after hours and on weekends should be directed. Gary responded to YRCAA. Gary continued that CWI will have specific areas to patrol, and complaints that come in after hours and on weekends will be responded to by staff. Mr. Dyjack was satisfied with staff's response.

Bob Jones called for the vote. The PM<sub>2.5</sub> Emissions Reduction Project Plan was approved by all Board Members.

**8. Fiscal Program Report – Approve Accounts Payable, Payroll**

Ms. Monroe, Fiscal Program Manager asked Board to approve, Accounts Payable for August and September in the amount of \$65,145.26. This amount includes annual insurance paid to Enduris. There will be reimbursements in the amount for \$36,373.04 from grants and other programs. Staff asked if there were any questions. There were none. Ms. Monroe asked Board to approve Accounts Payable and Payroll for August and September. Bob Jones asked for a motion. Bill Lover moved to approve. Dick Camp seconded. Accounts Payable and Payroll were approved.

Staff referred Board to the Supplemental Income and August and September BVA and asked if there were any questions. There were none. Staff advised the first quarterly Budget and resource allocation review is scheduled for October 13, 2009. That concluded the Fiscal Program Report.

### **DIVISION/PROGRAM REPORTS**

**Refer to written reports for clarity.**

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

Hasan Tahat, Division Supervisor, reported that the Engineering and Planning Division participated in two meetings with the Yakama Indian Nation concerning their permitting processes, which eventually will help in developing their air operating permitting program.

Staff continued with activities conducted by the Division, their work on renewal of a Title V Air Operating Permit and attending the quarterly Engineers meeting in Bellevue. Staff attached air monitoring data for August and September. Staff also attached a graph reflecting the events of September 16 and 28<sup>th</sup>. The September 28<sup>th</sup> event increased the hourly values to as high as 108.6 micrograms per cubic meter, which is considered unhealthy in the Federal and State Standards. This has resulted in staff revisiting our policy regarding after hours disseminating of information to the public. Data is still being analyzed. That concluded the Engineering and Planning Division Report. Staff also emphasized that YRCAA does not issue permits to the Ranger District for burns as some people have thought.

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

Keith Hurley, Division Supervisor, reported on activities that the Air Monitoring and Compliance Division conducted during the months of August and September. Included in the report is a listing of complaints received by type. Staff continued the third and final Speciation Sampling Season has begun which has doubled staff's work with the Speciation Monitor being in operation.

Staff reported that no inspections were conducted with the Division's Minor Source Inspector being away for Northwest Opacity training. It has been suggested that staff include the number of Notices of Violations (NOV) issued per type of complaint. Staff added that this can be done easily, but cautioned Board to understand that NOV and complaints received would not necessarily reflect and be the same number due to the time frame of issuing the NOV.

Larry Fendell, citizen, asked if there were any violations issued on September 28<sup>th</sup> with the fires at Denali, the Forest Service burn and the dust storms in the lower valley. Staff responded we have not issued any violations and do not anticipate doing so. We are waiting before making determinations, or have any meetings with Denali until after the City has completed their work. We plan to discuss their practices for storing the chips and logs in order to reduce the chance of self igniting. Bill Lover suggested staff go through Joe Carusso, City of Yakima. Gary responded staff has been in contact with Joe regarding this issue.

Bob Jones polled the Board regarding the inclusion of NOV's in the report. Board agreed to have them included. That concluded the Division report.

**11. Accept Public Information Program Report**

Gary Pruitt presented the Public Information Program Report as Dave Caprile is on vacation.

The report included information about the Wood Stove Change-Out Program, Hispanic Health Fairs, and meetings with the Yakama Indian Nation, and an hour-long talk-radio discussion on Radio KDNA, Hispanic talk radio regarding outdoor burning, burn barrel use, wood stove use and the Wood Stove Change-Out and Rebate programs. Staff represented YRCAA at the Mid-Valley Provider's Consortium in Sunnyside, has met with KAPP-TV representatives about getting curtailment information in their weather segments, and continued updating YRCAA brochures.

Staff encouraged Board Members to pass along their DVD they received of the "Air – The Search For One Clean Breath" to others to view. That concluded the Program report.

**12. Other Business & Adjournment**

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

Kevin Bouchey moved to adjourn. Bill Lover seconded. Board adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

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Bob Jones, Board Vice-Chair

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

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Patty Walker, Clerk of the Board