



Minutes of the November Meeting for the Governing Board of Directors

Location, Date and Time:

Yakima City Hall Council Chambers

November 10, 2010

Time: 2:00 p.m

1. **Tom Gasseling, Board Chair**, called the Meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. **Patty Walker – Roll Call** *There was a quorum. Two members were absent.*

PRESENT WERE:	
BOARD MEMBERS: Tom Gasseling, Member-at-Large, Chair Dick Camp, County Representative Rick Ensey, Alternate, Large City Rep LEGAL COUNSEL: Gary Cuillier, Board Counsel ABSENT: Kevin Bouchey, County Commissioner–Vice-Chair Bob Jones, Small Cities Representative Bill Lover, Large City Representative John Tierney, Alternate, Small Cities Rep Rand Elliott, Alternate, Co Commissioner	STAFF: Gary W. Pruitt, YRCAA Director Patty Walker, Clerk of the Board Staff, Engineering/Planning Division Staff, Compliance/Monitoring Division Staff, Public Education Outreach Staff, Fiscal Program Manager VISITORS: Jim and Linda Dyjack, Citizen Larry Fendell, Citizen Jerry Craig, US EPA Rebecca Hawk, YIN Jean Mendosa, Citizen Other citizens not listed MEDIA: Mike Brown, YPAC Dave Lester, Yakima Herald Republic

3. **Additions and Deletions to Agenda** –Board Chairman, Tome Gasseling, asked if there were any additions or deletions. There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 4.1 By consent, approve Minutes of October 14, 2010;
- 4.2 By consent, accept and file October, 2010, Monthly Activity Report.

Dick Camp moved to approve Consent Agenda items 4.1 thru 4.2. Rick Ensey seconded. Consent Agenda items were approved.

ACTION ITEMS

5. Resolution 2010-12, CY 2011 Permit Fee Schedule
 Gary Pruitt welcomed Rick Ensey to our Board of Directors Meeting. Gary Pruitt gave background for the CY 2011 Permit Fee Schedule, the cost analysis, comparison chart of 2009, 2010 and proposed 2011 Permit Fee Schedules.

Staff continued with the regulations concerning new agricultural burn permit fees based on tonnage rather than acres. Tom Gasseling questioned how pile size in tons would be determined. Staff responded with pile size, compaction ratio determined by size and age of trees, and how it would be calculated to determine the permit fee for that burn.

Tom Gasseling asked for a motion, Rick Ensey moved to approve CY 2011 Permit Fee Schedule, Resolution 2010-12. Dick Camp seconded. Tom Gasseling asked if Board had any questions, there were

none. Resolution 2010-12 was approved.

6. **Accept Fiscal Reports and Approve Vouchers**
Christa Owen, Fiscal Program Manager, asked Board to approve YRCAA payroll in the amount of \$58,8651.48 and vouchers amounting to \$15,171.20 and. Dick Camp moved to approve vouchers and payroll. Rick Ensey seconded. Payroll and vouchers were approved.

Staff referred Board to the monthly BVA, the FY 2011 1st Quarter Budget Revenue and Expenditures Report, and Supplemental Income status report. Staff asked if there were any questions, there were none. That completed the Fiscal Program Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

7. Tom Gasseling asked if anyone from the public would like to comment on non-agenda items. There were no comments.

REGULAR AGENDA

8. **Director's Report – Refer to written report for detail**

Gary Pruitt, Director, reported on the following:

Dairy Emissions Workgroup– Staff reported the fourth meeting of the Workgroup was held October 28th at the YRCAA office. Other than staff members attending were, Bob Jones, Steve George, Dairy Federation Member, Bill Wavrin, dairy owner, Stuart Turner, consultant, and Robin Priddy, Benton Clean Air Agency Director. Staff continued with a summary of the meeting, and discussion concerning BMPs and adding dust control measures for roads around dairies. Summary will be presented for approval by the work group at the December 2nd meeting, and will be available at the January Board Meeting. Staff will present the Draft Policy with comments received to the Workgroup at the December meeting.

Staff reported that the Public Comment Period for the Draft Policy began November 8th with a closing date of December 7, 2010. Written comments are to be directed to him, via email or direct mail, with a Proposed Policy to present at the December 9th Board Meeting.

City of Toppenish – Staff reported he had consulted with counsel regarding the City of Toppenish and their reluctance to pay their portion of the Supplemental Income. Counsel reported that Toppenish City Council Members would like to meet with a couple of our Board Members to discuss the issue, and perhaps suggest a settlement. Staff added that in January there will be a new Assessment to add to their past due Assessments. Discussion followed. Board stated they were not willing to meet with Toppenish City Council Members regarding the issue. Board's position is they owe it, and should pay their portion. Staff will convey Board's position to counsel.

Asbestos Inspector Training – Staff informed Board of the Asbestos Inspector Training sponsored by the Central Washington Home Builders and conducted by Bob Welch October 18th through 20th. The training provided a great benefit to remodelers to know what to look for when they go into a job. One staff member became an Asbestos Inspector, and your Director was a presenter providing regulations for asbestos.

Staff continued that the Agency staff member will use his new training to provide asbestos surveys to fire districts and some non-profits that have limited funding. Staff will not be competing with those in the industry.

That concluded the Director's report.

DIVISION/PROGRAM REPORTS

Refer to written reports for clarity.

9. Accept Engineering and Planning Division Report

Hasan Tahat, Division Supervisor, reported on the Air Quality Management Plan and BMPs, Appendix D and E which are still under development. Staff reported that BMPs will be updated as new BMPs are implemented. There will be workshops for the dairy industry to train them on the BMPs.

Staff provided Division activities and has one Air Operating Permit in the Public Comment Period. There were no exceedences in the month of October. There will be an Agricultural Burn Task Force Meeting November 18th to discuss 2011 agricultural burn permit fees and calculations.

Larry Fendell, citizen, commented that the Draft Air Quality Management Policy and Best Management Practices for Dairy Operations (the Policy) is not ready for public comments if the Appendices are not completed. The public cannot comment on them if they are still under development. There was discussion by Board and Staff. Board agreed if they are not complete they should not be included with the Policy. It was suggested that perhaps they are a handbook for dairy operators so they can be added to as changes in BMPs are made. Staff agreed to remove them from the Policy. There was more discussion on BMPs and how they will be implemented.

Jim Dyjack, citizen, commented that with the removal of the Appendices staff needs to change the comment period closing date as it changes the Policy people are to comment on. Dick Camp suggested extending the Public Comment Period by two days. Staff agreed to extend the Public Comment Period by two days.

That concluded the Engineering and Planning Division report.

10. Accept Compliance and Air Monitoring Division Report

Keith Hurley, Division Supervisor, referred Board to the activities and number of complaints responded to during October. Staff did not have any other Division activities to report at this time.

Staff asked if there were any questions. There were none. That completed the Division report.

11. Public Information Program Report

Dave Caprile, Public Information Officer, reported work on the Compliance Assistance Program (CAP) and the new webpage format that includes a new burn page that provides the community with burn status information. The public can sign onto this site and have burn status changes sent directly to their email address. Staff reported that the Residential Burn Season ended October 15th and a release was sent to the media. Staff continues to update and improve informational brochures. The focus is now on completing literature for the upcoming PM2.5 reduction program. Staff has revised the Woodburning Handbook which should be sent to the printers soon.

Staff participated in the annual YVCC Health Fair on October 14th at YVCC campus; and staff presented an Asbestos Awareness program to the Selah chamber of Commerce on October 26th.

That concluded the Public Information Program report.

12. Other Business & Adjournment

Tom Gasseling, Chair, asked if there was any other business. There was none. Dick Camp moved to adjourn. Rick Ensey seconded. Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:48 p.m.

Tom Gasseling, YRCAA Board Chair

Patty Walker, Clerk of the Board