



Minutes of the February Meeting for the Governing Board of Directors

Location, Date and Time:

Yakima City Hall Council Chambers

February 11, 2010

Time: 2:00 p.m

1. **Bill Lover, Acting Chair**, called the Meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. **Clerk of Board – Roll Call** There was a quorum. Three members were absent.

PRESENT WERE:	
BOARD MEMBERS: Bill Lover, Large City Representative Dick Camp, County Representative Rand Elliott, Alternate, Co Commissioner Bob Jones, Acting Small Cities Representative	STAFF: Gary W. Pruitt, YRCAA Director Clerk of the Board Staff, Engineering/Planning Division Staff, Compliance/Monitoring Division Staff, Public Education Outreach Staff, Fiscal Program Manager
LEGAL COUNSEL: Gary Cuillier, Board Counsel	VISITORS: Larry Fendell, Citizen Jim Dyjack, Citizen
ABSENT: Tom Gasseling, Member-at-Large, Chair John Tierney, Alternate, Small Cities Rep Kevin Bouchey, County Commissioner–Vice-Chair Micha Cawley, Alternate, Large City Rep	MEDIA: Bonnie Lozano, YPAC

3. **Additions and Deletions to Agenda** –Bill Lover, Acting Chair asked if there were any additions and deletions to the Agenda. There were none.
4. **Public Comment** – There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.1 By consent, approve Minutes of January 14, 2010;
- 5.2 By consent, accept and file YRCAA January, 2010 Activities.
- 5.3 By consent, accept and file, YRCAA 2009 Wellness Program – Informational
- 5.4 By consent, accept and file, Update on Small Cities Representative vacancy.

Rand Elliott moved to approve Consent Agenda items 5.1 thru 5.4. Dick Camp 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:

2010 Initiatives – Director referred the Board to the list of 2010 Initiatives that were included in his report. Gary added that these initiatives are challenging to improve how Agency delivers services to the public we serve.

Smoke Impact from Forest Service Burning - Staff reported that the Agency has been in contact with DOE, Central Regional Office regarding a similar occurrence they had in the Meethow Valley with the forestry. Staff continued that he had heard from the Naches Ranger District and they would like to meet and discuss this further. Staff will keep the Board informed on this new development.

STATE LEGISLATURE- Staff referred Board to the attached Bill Tracking and Status Report on bills they are watching. Staff is working with the Washington Air Quality Managers Group for comments on legislative bills. Staff is watching these bills; Forest Biomass Agreements, Greenhouse Gas Reporting, Eliminating Certain Boards and Commissions (State Ag Task Force is one that may be disbanded by the

Governor), and Changing Fees for certain types of agricultural burning.

Staff would like to get to the position of the State allowing local air authorities to set agricultural burn fees rather than the State Ag Task Force.

FEDERAL LEGISLATURE– Staff reported that we are watching as the EPA Budget and Greenhouse Gas legislation and energy legislation unfolds. The Senate and House are not agreeing on Greenhouse Gas Legislation.

Staff advised the Presidents FY 2011 budget request was announced February 1st. Unofficially, the budget request includes an increase of \$82.5 million for state and local clean air grants (Sections 103 and 105). The budget may include \$15 million for monitoring, \$25 million for implementation of the Greenhouse Gas tailoring rule, and the remaining for core programs subject to Senate and House approval.

Message from Director - Staff referred Board to the Message from the Director for 2010 included with his report. Staff read an excerpt from the Director's Message stating our commitment to the public. Staff will continue to monitor and report on monitoring and reporting for Greenhouse Gas in Yakima County. Staff will continue to comment through both State and National Air Quality Group.

Mr. Jim Dyjack commented on the Greenhouse Gas portion of the Director's report. He stated that if staff gives comments by dairies on the Greenhouse Gas monitoring and reporting, the public should be allowed to have their say as well. Gary Pruitt responded that currently it is on reporting only. When the new law is implemented dairies will be regulated the same as everyone else. Staff continued that he expects agriculturalist and other emitters will be lobbying legislature. Staff asked if there were any other comments or questions. Mr. Dyjack reiterated that if staff sends in comments from emitters that the public's comments should be submitted. Staff agreed with Mr. Dyjack. There were none. That concluded the Director's report.

ACTION ITEMS

7. Fiscal Program Report – Approve Accounts Payable, Payroll

Ms. Lyne Monroe, Fiscal Program Manager, began with January Accounts Payable in the amount of \$84,626.05; of which \$77,829.05 is for Woodstove Change-Out, and payroll in the amount of \$64,431.22. Staff asked for Board approval. Rand Elliott moved to approve accounts payable and payroll. Dick Camp seconded. Motion was approved.

Staff referred Board to the Supplemental Income and advised there have been several paid, with more that came in after this report. Staff continued with Budget Verification Analysis. Staff asked if there were any questions. There were none. Staff covered the Second Quarter Budget Review with Board. Staff asked if there were any questions, there were none. That concluded the Fiscal Program Report.

DIVISION/PROGRAM REPORTS

Refer to written reports for clarity.

8. Accept Engineering and Planning Division Report

Hasan Tahat, Division Supervisor reported on activities by the Engineering and Planning Division. Staff reported in November, 2009 about the proposal to Department of Ecology for funding to reduce diesel emissions emitted by smudge pots was approved. This collaborative grant of \$50,000 by Ecology, The Yakama Nation, Washington State University, and our Agency will be implemented by the Yakama Nation.

The Engineering Division issued 2 Order of Approvals for New Source Review, and one proposed draft Air Operating Permit renewal. Staff conducted 39 SEPA reviews and registered 111 sources, and 23 Agricultural Burn Permits. Staff issued 2 burn bans which totaled 11 days of no burning in January.

Staff gave a power point presentation to the Board of Directors on the radiosonde weather balloons that were launched during a stagnant inversion in Yakima, in December, 2009. The presentation showed a Meteorological Temperature Profiler 5 (MTP5), and the monitoring site located on the roof of the Yakima

Regional Clean Air Agency. The presentation included graphs showing the levels of temperature and inversion that we experienced and the results analysis for both the radiosonde and MTP5. Staff commented on weather conditions and its effect on impaired air quality. Staff asked if there were any comments or questions. There were none. That concluded the Division Report.

9. Accept Compliance and Air Monitoring Division Report

Keith Hurley, Division Supervisor, stated that 25 air monitoring samples were collected and shipped for analysis.

The Compliance Division report included a list of complaints and Notices of Violation by type. Staff completed 58 complaints, issued 48 Notices of Violation (NOV), 12 Assurances of Discontinuance and processed 15 Notices of Demolition or Renovation. There were 15 Notices of Penalty issued for previous NOV(s) issued. Staff reported the Minor Source Inspector completed 12 minor source inspections.

Staff gave the FY2010 PM_{2.5} Emissions Reduction Project Report. Compliance focused on solid fuel burning devices. Staff conducted daily patrols and had CWI on standby. Staff referred Board to the Project Report. Staff reported as a result of patrols there were 15 Notice of Penalty issued, 26 Notice of Violations were rescinded (of which 21 were due to approved sole source applications). In January the Agency received 32 applications for exemption and 27 were approved. Fifteen exemptions have signed up for the Wood Stove Change-Out Program.

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

10. Accept Public Information Program Report

Dave Caprile, Public Information Officer began his report on the Wood Stove Change-Out and Wood Stove Rebate Programs. The \$300,000 grant has been exhausted. The Agency received confirmation that we will receive an additional \$59,054 to extend the Program. The additional funds will allow YRCAA to change out 15 additional stoves. Staff referred Board to the table included with the report that showed historical data on the Wood Stove Change-Out and Rebate Programs from 1993 to present.

Staff continued with the development of public information brochures in Spanish translations. Staff has become a member of the new Yakima Valley Public Information Officer (PIO) Group which was organized by the Yakima Valley Office of Emergency Management (YVOEM). The purpose of the group is to co-serve on a joint Information Center/Joint Information System during a disaster. Staff is pleased to partner with others on this important aspect of working together when Yakima County has a disaster.

Staff asked if there were any questions or comments. Dick Camp added that Dave has been asked to speak at the Sunrise Meeting of the Rotary Club. Gary Pruitt added that our Wood Stove Change-Out Program was on the fast pace while others are not doing as well. That enabled us to get the additional grant funds. That concluded the Program report.

11. Other Business & Adjournment

Bill Lover asked if there was any other business. Staff reminded Board of the Special Board Meeting, 10 a.m., February 17th at the Clean Air Agency office. There was no other business.

Dick Camp moved to adjourn. Rand Elliott seconded. Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:47 p.m.

Bill Lover, Acting-Chair

Patty Walker, Clerk of the Board

Audio CD of this meeting is available at the YRCAA.
Minutes submitted to Board for approval March 11, 2010.