



Minutes of the August Meeting for the Governing Board of Directors

Location, Date and Time:

Yakima City Hall Council Chambers

August 12, 2010

Time: 2:00 p.m

1. **Tom Gasseling, Chair**, called the Meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.
2. **Clerk of Board – Roll Call** There was a quorum. All Members were Present.

PRESENT WERE:	
BOARD MEMBERS: Tom Gasseling, Member-at-Large, Chair Kevin Bouchey, County Commissioner–Vice-Chair Bill Lover, Large City Representative Dick Camp, County Representative 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: Dr. Pius Ndegwa, WSU Dr. Nichole Embertson, Whatcom Conservation District Jim and Linda Dyjack, Citizen Larry Fendell, Citizen Jean Mendoza, Citizen Jerry Craig, US EPA Steve George, Dairy Federation Frank A. Chandler, Citizen Jamie Carmody
ABSENT: John Tierney, Alternate, Small Cities Rep Rand Elliott, Alternate, Co Commissioner Micha Cawley, Alternate, Large City Rep	MEDIA: Bonnie Lozano, YPAC

3. **Additions and Deletions to Agenda** – Board Chairman, Tom Gasseling, asked if there were any additions or deletions. There were none.
4. **Public Comment** – Board Chairman, Tom Gasseling, asked if there were any public comments. Ms. Mendoza, Registered Nurse, stated the minutes for July 8, 2010 were not correct. She stated her comments on health effects should have been related to Jim Dyjack, and not Larry Fendell. Ms. Walker, made the correction and thanked Ms. Mendoza.

Steve George of the local Dairy Federation thanked Dr. Pius Ndegwa and Dr. Nichole Embertson for their presentations to the Board and others in attendance. Mr. George continued his comment with information about local dairies and how they are implementing many of the processes referred to in the presentations that were given, and are continuing to move forward to implement processes to reduce emissions.

Mr. George then read excerpts from an article, “Environmental Views” regarding “Confined Livestock Better for the Planet” by Dennis T. Avery. Mr. George stated that if there were any questions he would refer responses through Gary Pruitt, YRCAA Director.

Ms. Mendoza commented in response to Mr. George’s article regarding water usage to flush manure and its health effects on the public. Mr. George rebutted Ms. Mendoza’s comment and the use of dry scraping as an alternative to use less water. In order to limit rebuttal comments, Board Chairman, stated that there are differing opinions about dairy issues and practices. Mr. Gasseling encouraged people to allow the

process to continue to attain a working relationship with the dairies to reduce their emissions, provide education to the industry, and create a better environment that benefits the community and dairies. Mr. Gasseling continued that he appreciates comments and does not mean to discourage people giving comments at our Board Meetings.

Ms. Mendoza, Registered Nurse, came forward at that time and presented Board with health data regarding asthma throughout the nation and in the state of Washington. Washington State has the highest incidents of asthma in the nation, and Yakima County was highest in the state. Ms. Mendoza provided a notebook with data to the Director, and gave personal scenarios she has witnessed with her nursing students, and with patients. Rural children have higher incidents of asthma than their counterparts in heavier populated areas.

Larry Fendell, citizen, commented he took offense at the term “ag” as a whole. The problem with odors and dust are with CAFOs, he stated. Discussion continued on the terminology, and dairy emissions by Mr. Fendell and Board Members.

There were no other comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.1 By consent, approve Minutes of July 8, 2010;
- 5.2 By consent, accept and file July, 2010, Monthly Activity Report.

Bob Jones moved to approve Consent Agenda items 5.1 thru 5.2, with the correction to the July Board Minutes. Kevin Bouchey seconded. Consent Agenda items were approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

7. **Director’s Report – Refer to written report for detail**

Gary Pruitt, Director, reported on the following:

Legislative - Staff reported there is no new information on the Federal Budget requests. It continues to look favorable.

Dairy Emissions Workgroup– Staff reported the first meeting of the Workgroup was held July 29th. Members of the Workgroup are, Steve George, representing the Yakima Valley Dairy Federation, Bill Wavrin, dairy owner, Board Members Bob Jones and Bill Lover, and staff. Staff continued with a list of accomplishments during and after the first meeting. Background and Board direction, scope and purpose of work of the group, makeup of the workgroup and interested parties were determined, staff proposal – policymaking process, policy Development Plan, and next meeting scheduled for August 26th.

Jim Dyjack commented on the lack of public participation in the workgroup and the development of a policy Development Plan. Mr. Dyjack asked if the policy was drafted at that meeting, and why is the public excluded? Gary Pruitt responded that he had drafted the policy after the first meeting. Bob Jones added that he and Bill were representing the public.

Discussion continued regarding the drafting of the policy, the workgroup, what is to be accomplished through this process, and that the Policy will be made available to the public for their comments before it is adopted and goes to the trial period.

That concluded the Director’s report.

ACTION ITEMS

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

Ms. Christa Owen, Fiscal Program Manager, began with Accounts Payable in the amount of \$12,889.65, and payroll in the amount of \$60,837.83. Staff asked for Board approval. Kevin Bouchey moved to approve accounts payable and payroll. Bob Jones seconded. Motion was approved.

Staff referred Board to the Supplemental Income and Budget Verification Analysis. Staff reported that the 4th Quarter Budget Revenue and Expenditures report was included for their review. 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.

9. Accept Engineering and Planning Division Report

Hasan Tahat, Division Supervisor, deferred his Division's time to any questions the Board or public may have for Dr. Ndegwa and Dr. Embertson. There were none.

Staff continued with activities for the Division, continued work on proposed YRCAA Regulation 400, and other activities done by the Division in July. There were no burn bans in July. Staff continued, if there are no questions that completes the Division's report. There were none.

10. Accept Compliance and Air Monitoring Division Report

Keith Hurley, Division Supervisor, reported on monitoring and compliance activities. Staff continued with division activities for July and provided statistics of complaints received and compliance activities. Staff asked if there were any questions. There were none. That completed the Divisions report.

11. Public Information Program Report

Dave Caprile, Public Information Officer, reported that he continues to work with the Compliance Assurance Program (CAP) for the website which will provide information on what and how we do compliance activities. Staff continued with the state wide survey that had been conducted for the Northwest Communicators Work Group concerning best practices for wood burning fuel for heat.

Staff will provide Board a complete report at the September Board meeting. Board Chairman asked if staff had been able to get funding for another Wood Stove Buy Back program. Staff responded no. That concluded the program report.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION – 2:40 PM

Bill Lover moved to go into Executive Session for approximately 20-minutes.

Staff and members of the public left.

At 3:00 p.m. the regular Board Meeting was reconvened.

12. Other Business & Adjournment

Tom Gasseling, Board Chair, asked if there was any other business. There was none.

Bob Jones moved to adjourn. Bill Lover seconded. Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:02 p.m.

Tom Gasseling, Board Chair

Patty Walker, Clerk of the Board

Audio CD of this meeting is available at the YRCAA.
Minutes submitted to Board for approval September 9, 2010.