



Summary of the Governing Board of Directors Meeting

Location, Date and Time:

Yakima City Hall Council Chambers,

February 13, 2014

Time: 2:00 p.m.

1. **John Gawlik, Acting Board Chair**, called the Meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.
2. **Patty Walker, Clerk of Board – Roll Call** There was a quorum.

PRESENT WERE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

John Gawlik, Small City Representative
Jon DeVaney, Member-at-Large
Steven Jones – County Representative
Micah Cawley, Large City Representative

LEGAL COUNSEL:

Gary Cuillier, Board Counsel

ABSENT:

Rand Elliott, County Commissioner
Rick Ensey, Large City Alternate
Jim Restucci, Small City Alternate

STAFF:

Gary Pruitt, Executive Director
Patty Walker, Clerk of the Board
Hasan Tahat, Engineering/Planning Division
Keith Hurley, Compliance/Monitoring Division
Dave Caprile, Executive Division
Christa Owen, Fiscal Program Manager
Mark Edler – Executive Division
Quatandra Jarvis, Executive/Engineering

IDENTIFIABLE VISITORS:

Jim Dyjak, Citizen
Kathleen Rogers, Citizen

MEDIA:

Mike Brown, YPAC

3. **Additions and Deletions to Agenda** –Acting Board Chair, John Gawlik, asked if there were any additions or deletions. There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (Comments are summarized, not verbatim.)

4. **Public Comment** - Acting Board Chair, John Gawlik, opened the comment period.

Ms. Kathleen Rogers, Grandview, commented on the Study Session topic of an air monitoring sampler for the Sunnyside area. She stated her appreciation to staff for the consideration and proposal to Ecology, and expressed disappointment with the Board believing she heard their disagreement concerning the letter to Ecology. Micah Cawley responded that she misunderstood. The Board had a general consensus to send the letter to Ecology. Ms. Rogers was pleased to hear that.

Mr. Jim Dyjak, Moxee, commented on the Study Session topic as well. Mr. Dyjak believes a citizen group should be formed for projects such as this. Mr. Dyjak reported to Board of his efforts concerning the monitors staff had submitted a proposal to EPA for, and was denied. Mr. Dyjak told of his meeting in Seattle with Environmental Justice to gain their assistance concerning air monitors for the Sunnyside area and his upcoming phone call to discuss the matter further. Mr. Dyjak had concerns and frustration on who he should deal with, EPA or Ecology.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.1 By consent, approve January 9, 2014 Board Meeting Summary; and
- 5.2 By consent, accept January 9, 2014 Study Session Meeting Summary; and
- 5.3 By consent accept January, 2014 Monthly Activity Report.

Chair asked for a motion to approve Consent Agenda items. Jon DeVaney moved to approve Consent Agenda items 5.1 through 5.3. Micah Cawley seconded – motion carried.



REGULAR AGENDA

6. Director's Report

Mr. Pruitt discussed the following topics:

Agricultural Task Force

A copy of the January 15, 2014 Agricultural Task Force meeting summary was included. A report on the Dairy Workgroup was presented. Task No. 2, update the 1999 Agricultural burn Policy was introduced. The Ag Work Group and members were established.

Dairy Workgroup January 8th meeting summary was included. The next meeting is scheduled for March 5th.

Ag Burn Workgroup first meeting was held February 4, 2014. A copy of the meeting summary, agenda, and membership list are included. This workgroup should be concluded in a couple of months. An updated agricultural burn policy should be submitted to the Board for approval in April, 2014.

Payment of Travel Expense

The Director responded to a question by Mr. Jim Dyjak concerning travel expenses for technical members of the Agricultural Task Force. Mr. Dyjak questioned why Drs. Embertson and Ndegwa travel expenses are covered, whereas, Ms. Jean Mendoza's would not be. Mr. Pruitt discussed Administrative Code Part B, Subsection 10.17.3, that specifies expenses covered for travelling over 50 miles to attend a meeting, and the allowable expenses and amounts paid for their travel to two meetings. Their time was volunteered. Currently they are attending via phone.

PM Advance Program – Path Forward

The Director updated Board of the process for the PM Advance Program with EPA. Our action plan is to be submitted soon. The plan will be posted on our website. Printed copies are available upon request. The plan establishes a path forward to assure the area continues to meet the standards for PM_{2.5}. The plan includes; area issues, stakeholder participation, coordinated control strategy development, and reduction measures and programs, with appendices.

There was discussion by Board and staff concerning the time period when the PM Advance Plan would be updated. Staff responded annually.

WAC173-433 Update

The state rule for solid fuel burning devices was recently updated and submitted to the State Implementation Plan (SIP). The updates will modify thresholds for calling burn bans in areas at risk for nonattainment; align the rule with other laws; meet EPA requirements to be included in the SIP; help Washington improve air quality in areas affected by pollution from wood stoves; and housekeeping changes to improve rule clarity and consistency.

ACTION ITEMS

7. Elect 2014 Board Chair and Vice-Chair

Acting Chair, John Gawlik, asked to have this item postpone to the March meeting when all Board members are present. Micah Cawley moved to postpone. Motion carried.

8. Fiscal Programs

Ms. Christa Owen presented the Fiscal Programs report. Ms. Owen asked Board to approve Accounts Payable for January vouchers \$31,457.80, of which, \$17,769.68 will be reimbursed from the Woodstove Grant. Ms. Owen asked for approval of January payroll, \$68,921.76. Acting Chair asked for a consensus. There was a consensus by all Board, approved.



DIVISION/PROGRAM REPORTS

(See written Division Reports for complete details.)

9. Engineering and Planning Division Report

Dr. Hasan Tahat referred Board to the Division report on activities conducted during January, and stated the emission inventory report is being prepared. There was one burn ban called, and no exceedance for January.

Dr. Tahat responded to Mr. Dyjak's concern and question regarding EPA and Ecology regarding air samplers. Dr. Tahat suggested both would be good. That concluded the Division report.

10. Compliance and Air Monitoring Division Report

Mr. Keith Hurley referred Board to Division activities for January. Mr. Hurley discussed the Speciation Air Sampler, and added that staff provides maintenance support to Ecology on the air samplers. That concluded the Division report.

11. Executive Division Report

Dave Caprile reported the Woodstove Change-out Program (WSCO) to date has 123 replacements/removals completed. Staff continued with the qualifications completed, and those waiting to be qualified. Mr. Caprile added that staff has been in contact with Ecology, to see if there are more funds available. Staff will keep the Board advised of Ecology's response.

Mr. Caprile stated the meeting summary for the quarterly Community Air Quality Forum, January 13, 2014 is available on our website on the Community Air Quality Forum page. The Forum did not have a formal agenda. Topics discussed included, air monitoring, burn ban parameters, wood stove impacts, the WSCO program, compliance and education/outreach efforts, orchard heating and additional topics.

Mr. Caprile reported Michelle Blanchard and Mark Edler gave a presentation, January 16th to the Yakima Valley Landlords Association concerning WSCO program, and enforcement actions landlords could incur concerning wood heating. There were several woodstove rebates as a result of the presentation.

Mr. Caprile continues to work with Board members concerning email contact information. That concluded the Division report.

12. Other Business and Adjournment

There was a short discussion on responsibilities of the Board Chair and Vice-Chair. As there was no other business – Jon DeVaney moved to adjourn. Steven Jones seconded.

Meeting closed at approximately 2:35 p.m.


Patty Walker, Clerk of the Board


John Gawlik, Acting Chair

Audio CD of this meeting is available at the YRCAA.
Meeting Summary submitted to Board for approval March 13, 2014.