



Summary of the Governing Board of Directors Meeting

Location, Date and Time:

Yakima City Hall Council Chambers, December 11, 2014 Time: 2:00 p.m.

1. **Rand Elliott, Acting Board Chair, called the Meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.**
2. **Patty Walker, Clerk of the Board, conducted roll call. There was a quorum.**

PRESENT WERE:	
BOARD MEMBERS: Rand Elliott, County Representative Steven Jones, County Representative Ranie Haas, Alternate, Member-at-Large	STAFF: Gary Pruitt, Executive Director Patty Walker, Clerk of the Board Keith Hurley, Compliance/Monitoring Division Hasan Tahat, Permitting/Planning Division Mark Edler, Executive Division Christa Owen, Fiscal Program Manager Quatandra Jarvis, Executive/Engineering
LEGAL COUNSEL: Gary Cuillier, Board Counsel	MEDIA: Mike Brown, YPAC
IDENTIFIABLE VISITORS: Members of Public	

3. **Additions and Deletions to Agenda** – Mr. Gary Pruitt asked to have Action Items first as Rand Elliott needed to leave early. It was approved.
4. **Public Comment** – Acting Board Chair, Rand Elliott, opened the comment period. There were no comments from the public. Mr. Elliott closed the comment period.

ACTION ITEMS

7. **2014 Merit Pay for YRCAA Staff**
Mr. Gary Pruitt provided background information concerning Merit Performance Incentive Pay which was presented to, and approved, at the May 10, 2006 Board Meeting for up to \$10,000. Mr. Pruitt continued this is a one-time disbursement. It is based on meritorious service, and incentives for each employee to continue to improve. The 2014 proposal recommends payments totaling \$7,500.

Mr. Pruitt referred Board to staff accomplishments, and schedule of payments. Dr. Steven Jones moved to approve 2014 Merit Pay for YRCAA staff. Ranie Haas second.

Mr. Elliott asked for discussion. There was none. Board approved merit pay.

8. **Fiscal Programs**
Ms. Christa Owen asked Board to approve November Accounts Payable totaling \$11,902.64. They are reimbursed \$1,543.06 from the Wood Stove Grant. Ms. Owen asked approval of November payroll, \$65,960.24. Dr. Steven Jones moved to approve payables. Ms. Ranie Haas seconded. Payables were approved.

5. Consent Agenda

- 5.1 By consent, approve November 13, 2014 Board Meeting Summary;
 - 5.2 By consent accept and file, November 13, 3014 Study Session Summary;
 - 5.3 By Consent, accept November Monthly Activity Report;
 - 5.4 By consent, approve 2015 Board Schedule; and
 - 5.5 By consent, approve 2015 Holiday Schedule for YRCAA Staff.
- Acting Chair asked for a motion. Steven Jones moved to approve Consent Agenda. Ranie Haas, seconded – Board approved.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5.1

REGULAR AGENDA

6. Director's Report

Mr. Pruitt advised Board this is a state of the air report. Mr. Pruitt touched on points of the mission of the Agency in air quality issues. The job of securing and maintaining healthful air quality is far more challenging today than it was immediately following the Clean Air Act of 1970.

Mr. Pruitt continued, improving air quality today and assuring future progress requires more deliberate decision-making, and processes, and involvement by those most affected by air pollution. The phrase coined years ago, "Clean Air Is Everyone's Business", is a challenge to our regulated community, the community as a whole, and to your Agency. Staff and community are working together, and will continue to, as more will be required as population increases and available air does not.

This office is optimistic and encouraged that we are headed in the right direction. Mr. Pruitt stated the Board should be proud of the progress in which we have all had a part. Goals for the future, targets by which to measure progress toward them, and the strategies to achieve them will be carefully considered as we move forward. Mr. Pruitt concluded with his appreciation to all who have contributed to the progress thus far and thanks in advance for future contributions.

DIVISION/PROGRAM REPORTS (See written reports for complete details.)

9. Engineering and Planning Division Report

Dr. Hasan Tahat summarized Division activities pointing out New Source Reviews completed, and burn permits issued, and referred Board to the Monthly Air Quality Graphs, and noted the burn ban that was called. Dr. Tahat thanked Mr. Dyjak for his comment concerning missing data on graphs. Dr. Tahat stated there was one possible exceedance in November.

Mr. Pruitt clarified that the phrase, possible exceedance, is based on monitoring data from the FRM. EPA may choose which data set they use (FEM or FRM) to make attainment designations. Next year we will report on both. Dr. Tahat added the data cannot be on the same graph because the FRM data lags the near real time FEM data due to lab analysis and quality assurance.

10. Compliance and Air Monitoring Division Report

Mr. Keith Hurley referred Board to monthly activities and the 2nd Quarter 2014 Ecology Air Monitoring Data Quality Report. Mr. Hurley asked if there were any questions. Dr. Steven Jones asked what SFBBD meant. Mr. Hurley responded Solid Fuel Burning Device. It refers to any solid fuel indoor burning heating device, not outdoor burning. That concluded the Division report

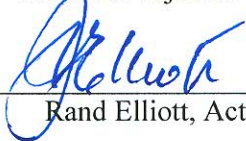
11. Executive Division Report

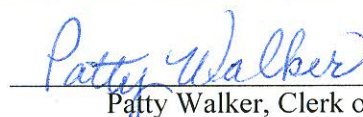
Mr. Mark Edler reported the Wood Smoke Reduction Grant is exhausted. We have received word \$4M dollars has been set aside for the program, if it has Legislature approval. We will keep you advised. 65 Customers are on the waiting list for additional grants.

Mr. Edler concluded the Division report with the Education and Outreach Program, "Care About the Air Affair" is set to take place in March, 2015. Staff will provide more information as it gets closer.

12. Other Business and Adjournment

Acting Board Chair asked if there was any other business. There was none. Dr. Steven Jones moved to adjourn. Ms. Ranie Haas seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.


Rand Elliott, Acting Chair


Patty Walker, Clerk of the Board

Audio CD of this meeting is available at the YRCAA.
Meeting Summary submitted to Board for approval January 8, 2015