

Summary of the Governing Board of Directors Meeting

Location, Date and Time:

Yakima City Hall Council Chambers, p.m.

November 13, 2014

Time: 2:00

1. **John Gawlik, 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:

John Gawlik, Small City Representative Steven Jones, County Representative Ranie Haas, Alternate, Member-at-Large

LEGAL COUNSEL:

Gary Cuillier, Board Counsel

IDENTIFIABLE VISITORS:

Jim Dyjak, Moxee Steve George, WA Dairy Federation Jean Mendoza, Friends of Toppenish Creek Larry Fendell, Zillah Other Members of Public

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
Ouatandra Jarvis, Executive/Engineering

MEDIA:

Mike Brown, YPAC Kate Prengaman, Yakima Herald Republic

- 3. Additions and Deletions to Agenda Board Chair, John Gawlik, asked if there were any additions or deletions. Mr. Pruitt relayed a Board Member's request to set-aside Item 9, the 2015-2020 Strategic Plan until December to allow comments. Mr. Gawlik agreed and tabled to a later date.
- **4. Public Comment** Board Chair, John Gawlik, opened the comment period, and stated he reserves the right to restrict time for commenters. Comments are summarized and not verbatim.

Mr. Gawlik read from an email he received posing a question, when are hazardous waste emissions discussed at a Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency meeting? YRCAA (example Bay Zinc) has had to review, even though facilities self-monitor. Mr. Gawlik asked Mr. Pruitt if he would respond.

Mr. Pruitt stated he believed the commenter was referring to Kronos Micronutrients installing storage silos for their raw product. Staff commented through SEPA, and no operating permit was required by our Agency as there were no emission increases. Ecology had oversight on the project. We would be involved if requested by Ecology, or required as a condition of their permit. Staff and Board discussed permit requirements, self-monitoring requirements to ensure compliance, and when a source test (by an independent third-party) would be required. Mr. Pruitt added issues are brought to the Board if a violator defers for Board resolution.

<u>Jim Dyjak</u> – Mr. Dyjak expressed concerns not knowing which attachment belongs to a particular agenda item received via email; and the need of oversight of citizens and industry working together on the operation of the sensors if the Community-based Air Quality Monitoring grant for the Yakima Valley in Washington State is approved.

Mr. Dyjak questioned missing data on Air Quality Monitoring graphs, and suggested adding explanations so people understand what is being relayed, and suggested to measure the effects of air quality on asthma rather than cancer in the 2015-2020 Strategic Plan.

Steve George – Mr. George commented on the dairy inspection program and commended staff for their work with the industry. Mr. George added some requirements could be burdensome for some operators and recommended allowing more time for implementation before ratcheting up

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5.1

Mr. Gawlik expressed appreciation for his positive statements of the Agency, and reiterated his earlier statement that staff would assist the industry, large or small, with implementing the BMPs. Staff's follow-up report and recommendations will help resolve problems and issues, and thanked Mr. George for his comments.

Ms. Jean Mendoza – Ms. Mendoza expressed her objection to the statement in the Dairy Report that no monitoring or measuring is necessary. Ms. Mendoza related it to giving blood pressure medicine for those over 55 without monitoring their blood pressure. What works for one would not necessarily be needed for someone else, and reiterated her request that monitoring for emission calculating begin as soon as possible.

Larry Fendell – Mr. Fendell expressed concerns about manure particulates being spread and sprayed, how they affect the neighbors next to a dairy operation, and his belief that the BMPs are not effective, or enforceable. He believes monitoring should be required.

Mr. Gawlik asked Mr. Pruitt to respond. Mr. Pruitt discussed the STAR grant proposal by Dr. Ndegwa (to run for three years) is the way to get monitoring validated involving both industry and neighbors. Sampling cannot always determine where the particulates are from. If approved, the grant proposed would help identify emissions and their source. Air monitoring is a long term process. The Agency does not have the funds for monitoring equipment.

Mr. Fendell closed by referring to the Nitrate Study conducted last year, and stated the technology is out there, we need to look for it.

That concluded the public comment period.

5. Consent Agenda

- 5.1 By consent, approve October 9, 2014 Board Meeting Summary; and
- By Consent, accept October Monthly Activity Report.
 Chair asked for a motion. Steven Jones moved to approve Consent Agenda. Ranie Haas, seconded motion carried by all.

REGULAR AGENDA

6. Director's Report

Ag Task Force and Dairy Workgroup

Mr. Pruitt advised the Ag Task Force met October 15th. The agenda included a report of progress and discussion of the Dairy Policy Implementation Report. There was consensus by the Task Force to submit the report to the Board. Staff also provided the Task Force information about the EPA Science to Achieve Results (STAR) grant application submitted by Washington State University.

The Dairy Workgroup worked on the First Year Implementation Report of the dairy Policy to be presented to the Ag Task Force.

PM Advance Program – Path Forward

Mr. Pruitt reported the third PM Advance Program met on October 14th. Discussion focused on how to improve upon, and add to, Agency measures and programs. Based on input from the group, a working document has been developed which will guide staff in selecting improvements and additions to current measures and programs. The suggestions which receive consensus will be accommodated in revisions to the Path Forward scheduled for March, 2015.

Community Air Quality Forum

Mr. Pruitt informed the Board the last quarterly meeting held October 13th had no members of the public. Staff adjourned after a short while.

ACTION ITEMS

7. Member-at-Large Position

Mr. Gawlik stated he had communication of interest by Mr. Jon DeVaney to accept the position of,

Member-at-Large; and Ms. Ranie Haas as alternate. Mr. Pruitt asked Mr. Gawlik for a motion to reappoint Mr. DeVaney. Dr. Steven Jones moved to continue Mr. DeVaney as Member-at-Large. Ms. Ranie Haas seconded. Motion carried.

8. CY2015 Permit Fees

Mr. Pruitt asked Board to approve Resolution 2014-06, CY2015 Permit Fee Schedule. Mr. Pruitt explained the process to determine if fees were adequate, or need to increase. Staff determined the fees are adequate.

Mr. Gawlik called for the question. Dr. Steven Jones moved to approve CY2015 Permit Fee Schedule, Resolution 2014-06. Ms. Ranie Haas seconded. Motion carried.

9. 2015-2020 Strategic Plan – Tabled to another month's discussion.

10. Dairy Policy Implementation Report

The topic was discussed in detail during the Study Session. Mr. Pruitt asked Board to accept the Implementation Report. Dr. Steven Jones moved to accept the report. Ms. Ranie Haas seconded. Motion carried.

11. Fiscal Programs

Ms. Christa Owen asked Board to approve October Accounts Payable totaling \$54,661.74. They are reimbursed \$29,056.89 from the Wood Stove Grant, and \$11,681.98 from the Enterprise program. Ms. Owen asked approval of October payroll, \$67,888.02. Dr. Steven Jones moved to approve payables. Ms. Ranie Haas seconded. Payables were approved by all.

DIVISION/PROGRAM REPORTS

(See written reports for complete details.)

12. Engineering and Planning Division Report

Dr. Hasan Tahat referred Board to the Executive Memorandum about the EPA STAR grant proposal. If the grant is approved by EPA, it would involve 20 air monitors located in various locations with community involvement. The sensors will monitor for ammonia and PM_{10} for three years.

Dr. Tahat discussed hand held monitors, and described the portable air pollution sensors and the mobile lab (STAR) grant. Dr. Tahat added the Agency has not refused to use monitoring equipment. Staff added we are working with Dr. Ndegwa who is applying for an additional grant.

Dr. Tahat thanked Mr. Dyjak for his suggestion concerning the graphs. The missing data was a result of monitors being down. Mr. Hurley will expand during his report. Staff concluded with Division activities.

13. Compliance and Air Monitoring Division Report

Mr. Keith Hurley continued the discussion on the broken lines on the graph. There was no data while the system was down. Parts were needed to repair the FEM monitor, a majority of the down time was waiting for parts. Mr. Hurley explained the quarterly data quality assured report, which requires 75% accuracy. Ecology determines if additional runs are required to obtain data. None has been required. Mr. Hurley believes Ecology invalidated some of the data and created the breaks in the monitoring reports.

Staff referred Board to monthly activities and asked if there were any questions. That concluded the Division report

14. Executive Division Report

Mr. Mark Edler reported on the Wood Smoke Reduction Grant. The program overspent \$25,000. We were able to obtain additional grant funds to cover the \$25,000 expenditure. Names of interested people are put on a waiting list until additional grants can be secured.

That concluded the Division report.

	Other Business and Adjournment			
	Board Chair asked if there was any o	ther business. There was none.	Dr. Steven	Jones moved to
	adjourn. Ms. Ranie Haas seconded.	Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.		

John Gawlik, Chair

Patty Walker, Clerk of the Board

Audio CD of this meeting is available at the YRCAA.

Meeting Summary submitted to Board for approval December 11, 2014.