

OLYMPIC REGION CLEAN AIR AGENCY  
2940 B Limited Lane NW  
Olympia, Washington 98502

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

September 9, 2009

Members present: Clay Harwood, Pacific County (Chair)  
Grant Munro, City of Port Angeles Representative  
Ross Gallagher, Mason County  
Mike Doherty, Clallam County  
Joan Machlis, City of Olympia (Vice Chair)  
Phil Johnson, Jefferson County  
Terry Willis, Grays Harbor County

Members absent: Art Starry, Thurston County Representative  
Ann Burgman, City of Lacey Representative

Ecology: Sean Lundblad

Legal Counsel: Fred Gentry of Bean, Gentry, Wheeler & Peternell

Staff Present: Fran McNair, Executive Director; Robert Moody, Compliance Supervisor,  
Mark Goodin, Professional Engineer; Lynn Harding, Administrative  
Services Manager; Mark Moore, Air Monitoring Technician; and Debbie  
Moody, Recorder

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

There were no additions or omissions to the Agenda. Gallagher moved approval of the Agenda. Johnson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Munro moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Gallagher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT / INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Crown Cork and Seal Presentation

Dan Jonas and Claudia Rojas of Crown Cork and Seal were present to give a history of the facility and also described the process of making cans. The Board asked general questions regarding the process. Jonas did end by extending an invitation to all for a tour of the plant. The Board thanked Jonas and Rojas for their presentation.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Final Fiscal 2009 Year End Report

McNair noted the end year report in the Board packets. McNair went over the report and wanted to let the Board know all in all, our expenditures meet our revenues and we continue to balance and stay in the black.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Compliance Update

Robert Moody, Compliance Supervisor noted we have been busy witnessing source testing at several different plants this summer. Weyerhaeuser Raymond, Grays Harbor Paper and

Nippon were among those sources that were tested per EPA. R.Moody noted these tests were very thorough. It was pointed out that McNair has been joining the inspectors on different inspections. Complaints are down currently, mostly due to the burn ban. R.Moody stated we have received the results from the Leppel hearing and the PCHB did uphold that Leppel was guilty however they did reduce the penalty in half. Ocean Protein was issued two citations in July. Ocean Protein staff promptly contacted us to meet and discuss the issues. In response, R.Moody explained, we have agreed to work with them on identifying where the odors could be coming from and hope to eliminate the problems.

We recently went to Pacific Gro in Raymond. We had been receiving complaints regarding odor and upon inspection it was noted they need to do some housekeeping to eliminate the odors. Pacific Gro is a smaller version of Ocean Protein R.Moody noted. Since our inspection, the owner has been doing a lot of cleaning up and it has helped in minimizing the odors. There is more work to do.

Machlis asked how that type of source is permitted. R.Moody noted they were originally operating a fish waste processing plant for years. Harwood noted it has changed over the years, but with similar marine by-products.

We have not received many complaints regarding Atlas Pellets. Staff did drive by recently and noted while there are still issues, things are improving on the site.

R.Moody stated we have received a letter from Soil Key noting they did not think they would be able to close by the end of the year and have requested more time next May. Gentry noted the response, which basically says no, went out today.

We did not receive funding from Ecology for the woodstove buyback program this year. R.Moody noted we do have some funds budgeted and approved by the Board that we will be using. We had budgeted \$40,000 and have approximately \$14,000 committed at this time. McNair added only 2 proposals were funded under the program, but there is approximately \$200,000 available that Dan Nelson is currently managing. Staff will be looking at an RFP and hope to have it out in the next week. We want to educate people about woodstoves (proper burning etc.) and alternative sources.

Machlis noted the many inspections that have taken place per the reports. Should we assume all is good after the inspection, what happens next? R.Moody noted that for the most part, the sources are in compliance and if by chance they are not, on the Notice of Violation (NOV) Report, you will see that they were written a ticket. Most often, R.Moody stated, if they are out of compliance we follow up with a letter and give them time to fix it prior to issuing a NOV.

Doherty asked if the \$200,000 from DOE was tied to any stimulus money. McNair stated she was unsure where it is actually from. Doherty recalled that Jake Fey's office went from a budget of \$2 million a year to \$64 million a year from energy stimulus money. Perhaps they could design the education materials, Doherty suggested. McNair stated Jake was on her list to call regarding the climate solutions grant and he is one of the partners we want to work with on that program.

### ORCAA Permit Actions

Mark Goodin, Professional Engineer, stated there are several active permits on the report. Some of the permits on the list have been completed since the last meeting and will be found at the end of the report. Goodin mentioned Peninsula Plywood recently purchased K Ply. They were shut down and we purposefully worked with them to submit an air operating permit renewal application in anticipation of them reopening. It does appear the plant will begin

operating soon. Munro asked that the record show he is an investor in Peninsula Plywood.

Goodin stated he has been working with Rod Fleck, Attorney for the city of Forks. They are proposing to replace an oil fired boiler in the Quileute Valley School District with a biomass boiler. We have been working with them for the past couple of years and we are anticipating they will send an application.

Nippon Paper recently had an incident around July 1<sup>st</sup>, Goodin explained. Nippon lost a huge transformer which meant they would have had to shut down a paper line. Instead of shutting down they called and rented 2 one-mega watt generators and got them up and running, continuing operations. They operated these generators for 12 days and had significant emissions. Goodin stated this constitutes a permit deviation due to the fact they do not have approval to operate these types of generators at the plant. Staff worked with Nippon to resolve this situation. Goodin explained the enforcement action in this particular case consists of Nippon coming back with a permit application so that we can amend their permit with the provisions to handle emergency situations in the future. Nippon did have some bad feelings about the way we handled the situation; however the consequences for operating those generators for that short amount of time resulted in the emission of 9 tons of oxides of nitrogen and 2 tons of carbon monoxide, and many more. Willis asked for a comparison to what they emit on a regular bases. Goodin explained a major source will emit at least 100 tons in a year. Nine tons is nearly 10% of a years worth of pollutants and it happened in 12 days.

Machlis noted there is no consequence to this action, but the permit change will prevent or control what happens in the future. Goodin explained that is the consequence.

Goodin explained we have applied for a grant that we call the Energy Connection Program. This grant would allow us to bring on a full-time person who would be an energy specialist. This person would accompany staff on inspections and augment them with an energy evaluation element, make recommendations and partner with programs that are already available and get energy efficiency projects off the ground.

A grant that we have secured, Goodin continued, is titled Air Quality and Climate Implications of Options for Woody Biomass. We have hired a consultant to determine the lifecycle emissions for various options for the use or disposal of woody biomass generated in the forest or during land clearing operations. The project is underway and our first technical advisory committee meeting is next week. Willis asked what the size of the grants and what is the future of the position for the grant. Will the position go away when the grant ends? Goodin noted it is a 3 year cycle and we have not yet thought out beyond the 3 year cycle. McNair stated she has been thinking about it a little – her thoughts included if this is helping our sources save money is there a possibility we can increase their fees in order to cover the person on an ongoing basis. Goodin noted we would be granted \$295,000 from EPA and have in-kind funds of \$162,133 and a good portion of that is existing capital.

Machlis asked if the biomass research is a new thing and is it for the entire world or? Goodin noted that yes, in a way we are. Currently there is nothing out there on the lifecycle of woody biomass, as far as we can tell. There has been other research on different stages of the cycle, but nothing on the lifecycle from start to finish.

Doherty noted on the 16<sup>th</sup> down at Hood River, the regional R C & Ds are putting on a workshop for biomass if staff is interested. Doherty noted he is attending so if have information we want to send down with him, he would be happy to ask around. Doherty also suggested Peninsula Plywood may be able to participate in some way, perhaps by using the waste.

## Education and Outreach/Air Quality Summary

McNair noted Dan Nelson, Public Information Officer, is out and Mark Moore will be covering his items as well as the Air Quality Summary. McNair noted Moore would like to share the new website he developed recently. Moore went over the Air Quality Newsletter. There was some discussion regarding the fire up near Brinnon. Moore projected OCAA's new website for the Board to see. He went over several features of the website, noting we are the first air agency to have RSS feed.

Moore then switched to another website which is for Washington Burn Bans. McNair noted that Moore developed this website one weekend and we have been getting a lot of other agencies (Ecology, DNR, other air agencies, some fire districts, etc) partnering with us on the site. Doherty and Harwood both asked if the counties/cities are linked to the new site. Moore noted they are not, but they could be. Doherty thought it was a good idea to have them all linked. He stated each of the Board members should encourage their technology staff to link up to the burn ban site.

Moore noted that burn ban information is very confusing to the general public. There is such an overlap of information throughout different jurisdiction, on top of the fact that there are different levels of burn bans. We are hoping that posting all the information on one location will make it easier to understand. The public is able to find a link to their particular area.

McNair Noted Moore could send the link to each of the Board members in order for them to pass it on to their staff.

## Administrative Services Update

McNair pointed out we have had our cage built for our vehicles and it seems to be working well. To save money, McNair stated we moved away from DIS for our phones and are now using Comcast. What we learned after the move is that we are not allowed to keep our phone number. McNair stated she has been trying to work with DIS to keep our number but we are not winning. What we have done is come up with an agreement with DIS. For the next year, our old number will be automatically switch callers to our new number. For years 2 and 3, if a caller dials our old number they will be told what the new number is. In the meantime, McNair explained, as we run out of supplies that have our old number, we'll change them at that time. We do not want to throw out our stationary etc. just because our number has changed.

McNair stated we have a staff retreat scheduled for October 12. McNair noted Board members are welcome to attend however we cannot have a quorum. McNair asked that if any Board member wants to attend to let her know.

McNair explained we are still working on our database. We recently met with a gentleman who is developing a database for Mendocino County in California. We have also met with our current tech person and are discussing some minor changes with him. We have not yet made a decision as to what we are going to do but we will keep the Board updated. In the meantime, we do plan on changing the backend to speed things up.

McNair noted she and other staff recently inspected a source in Pacific County. While there, they went to the Pacific County Fair. It was a great opportunity to share information with people. We were watching to see what the people really looked at while visiting our booth. We were able to come back and let Nelson know what people are interested in so that we can have them for the next event. The small community fairs are a great opportunity for our agency.

Harwood asked if there was anything else to come before the Board.

Gallagher stated Mason County sent out a press release regarding the compost barrels that are available. Harwood noted they too have a compost bin program.

Doherty asked if our database will coordinate with GIS and if we had considered the Microsoft program whereas they are looking for new software that they can sell. Rather than assist with a California company we should go local. McNair noted the backend may have to be purchased via Microsoft, although we are looking at MySQL which is free software. Doherty thought it would be good if agencies were aware of what we are looking at and perhaps it could be standardized throughout the state.

Lynn Harding, Administrative Services Manager, wanted to remind the finance committee that we will be meeting at 9:00 a.m. prior to the next Board meeting – October 14<sup>th</sup>. Machlis noted she would not be in attendance at the next meeting.

McNair did let Gallagher know that she is working with the complainant in Mason County regarding the pigs and odors.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

### **PRESENTED BY**

Francea L. McNair, Executive Director

### **APPROVED BY:**

The Majority of the Board

APPROVED and SIGNED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 2009