

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 14, 2009

Members present: Clay Harwood, Pacific County (Chair)
Emmett Dobey for Ross Gallagher, Mason County
Mike Doherty, Clallam County
Phil Johnson, Jefferson County
Art Starry, Thurston County Representative
Ann Burgman, City of Lacey

Members absent: Joan Machlis, City of Olympia (Vice Chair)
Terry Willis, Grays Harbor County
Grant Munro, City of Port Angeles 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; Dan Nelson, Public Information
Officer; Lynn Harding, Administrative Services Manager; Jimmy Werner,
Senior Air Monitoring Technician; and Debbie Moody, Recorder

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT / INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Paneltech Presentation

McNair introduced Roy Nott of Paneltech. Nott gave a history of the 13 year old company and described the process of making their products which include such things as countertops and siding. Nott had several sample products with him to show the Board. The Board asked some general questions about the business. The Board thanked Nott for his presentation.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

McNair wanted to introduced the full compliance staff; Robert Moody, Mike Shults, Stephanie Sears, Rita Cirulis, and Aly Dyson. McNair stated when she came to ORCAA the compliance inspection list was over five pages long. At this time, McNair noted, we are completely caught up. McNair stated she is very proud of the staff and she wanted to thank them publicly.

Compliance Update

Robert Moody, Compliance Supervisor reminded the Board of a hearing we took part of in June. R.Moody shared some pictures of the burn with the Board. R.Moody noted this was the Leppell case and we did win, in fact we received the settlement payment recently. Outdoor burning has begun again so staff is gearing up for complaints. R.Moody noted it appears we are nearing the end of the Soil Key issue. They have spread and seeded the material and we are waiting for it

to sprout. McNair thanked Thurston County for assisting in moving this along as well. Starry noted it is very close although it has been a bit slow; there has been tremendous progress in the past few weeks.

R.Moody noted we have been working on the woodstove grant the Board committed to spend. We have spent \$18,000 on the replacement of 25 uncertified woodstoves in the Clallam County area.

ORCAA Permit Actions

Mark Goodin, Professional Engineer, wanted to give a bit of information on three of the sources on the NSR list. Goodin explained Gordon Lance, ORCAA Engineer completed the Air Operating Renewal for Westport Shipyard in Westport. The next source, Goodin continued, is Dart Containers Corporation in Tumwater. Their application was for foam recycling component of their facility. They currently make polystyrene foam (foam cups, etc). People will be able to take foam packing, etc and place it in a recycle container at Dart Container. The final source is the LOTT Alliance Co-generation plant, Goodin stated. LOTT has many things going on downtown in Olympia. They are currently upgrading their power end of the facility, adding a co-generation plant. The plant will take digester gas, burn it and create both electricity and heat.

Education and Outreach

Dan Nelson, Public Information Officer, noted it has been a little over a month since we launched our new website. We think it is much cleaner and easier to navigate. Redesigning the entire foundation of the website will assist us in doing more innovative things in the future.

Nelson stated we had been trying to take on a grant from ecology with regards to a wood smoke education program. We did not receive the grant. Ecology didn't agree to cover administrative costs and Spokane agreed to do it at a loss. Because it is a statewide program we will stay very closely involved Nelson noted.

Moving into burn season we will continue with educational efforts in the communities. Nelson stated he is also working with the Puget Sound area media with regards to broadcasting our information along with King County.

Doherty asked if there is an easy link to Cheeka Peak on our new website. Nelson noted we continue to have problems with the monitoring side of things due to the fact it is fed from Ecology. The new format will allow for it, we are still working with Ecology to fine tune things.

McNair noted we have applied for NCore monies for Cheeka Peak. McNair stated she has quite a list of items to discuss with Norm Dicks and Cheeka Peak is definitely one of them.

McNair stated when she came on board she wanted to go around to the jurisdictions and meet with the counties/cities. She noted we are now on our second round; we have been to Mason County and next week we are meeting in Clallam County with the county folks along with the Port, the cities of Port Angeles, Forks, and Sequim. Staff is talking to these folks about working together more. We will follow that up with Jefferson County in the following week.

McNair also noted we did not get the grant Goodin was working on. The proposal was very good and it included looking at reduction of energy and reducing emissions. We are meeting with other key people and see if we can't find our own way to fund this project. We would also like to work on reducing woodstoves. We want to work with the residential community as much as are regulated sources.

Administrative Services Update

Lynn Harding, Administrative Services Manager, noted the Financial Committee met for our quarterly update this morning. Staff shared various financial forms with the committee to give them the opportunity to have greater detail of our income/expenditure statements. We are pretty well on target, Harding stated. Harding noted we also discussed the benefit changes that are coming up for staff. She gave a brief update on the benefit changes.

Harding noted we are currently going out to bid to have someone come in to prepare the inside of our building for disaster. We need to secure tall cabinets, bookshelves, etc. We will be sharing the information (bid) with Catholic Community Services. There was some discussion regarding our ability to make sure CCS follows through with safety preparedness. Harding noted we could put it in their lease next time, but currently we can't make them do it. McNair stated we could discuss it with them and if they agree, we can add it to their lease. Doherty stated traditionally this would be a landlord cost to do these types of things, but if there is some phrase that says we have to keep the building up to safe standards and we increase our safety and not theirs, it could put you in a liability. Gentry agreed there needs to be a specified clause. Harwood noted it is our responsibility to make the building safe, but it would be their responsibility to secure their own properties within the building.

Air Quality Summary

Jimmy Werner, Senior Air Quality Technician, noted we had set up a monitor in Brinnon at the request of the Park Service, due to a fire in the area. The most impact from the fire was within the first few days. We didn't measure anything of significance after that time. We have had good air quality for September, as expected.

Werner did note on our website, if you click on the links in the monitoring section you can get to each of the sites, except Raymond. We are working on moving the Raymond monitor so we have a bit more control over the communications portion of the site.

Our main focus now will be winter heating season. Werner noted we are working on adding forecast information to the website as well. There are a lot of people interested in forecasting information and they'll be able to see what we are seeing.

McNair noted there are a number of things coming down the pike. We are going to be looking at Ozone levels, a decision should be made this spring. We may be in nonattainment for Ozone after the changes are made. There are a lot of new rules coming down through EPA and we are trying to stay on top of them so we can get our comments in and also be prepared.

McNair stated we held our staff annual retreat and she felt it was very successful. This retreat focused on the employees with regards to looking at good nutrition, exercise, how we can be more productive, dealing with stress in the workplace, etc. The concepts we learned could be used in our personal lives as well. We also had a talk on organics recycling and we are going to be cutting our costs with regards to our trash. We also had a talk on rain gardens.

Thurston Regional Planning Council

Burgman noted she did attend the last meeting. Burgman stated they received a report on the natural hazards mitigation plan and she shared Thurston County's plan with the Board. The council did discuss legislative preparation by bringing our top priorities forward. There was discussion regarding the Capital Lake issue. Burgman also noted the council received more stimulus money and they gave it to Intercity Transit. With that money Intercity Transit purchased six hybrid buses as replacements for older diesel buses.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

PRESENTED BY

Francea L. McNair, Executive Director

APPROVED BY:

The Majority of the Board

APPROVED and SIGNED this 9th day of December 2009