

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

July 10, 2019

Members present: Cynthia Pratt, City of Lacey (Vice Chair)  
Tye Menser, Thurston County  
Joan Cathey, City of Tumwater  
Mary Ellen Winborn, Clallam County  
Wes Cormier, Grays Harbor County  
Randy Neatherlin, Mason County  
Greg Brotherton, Jefferson County

Members absent: Jim Cooper, City of Olympia (Chair)  
Mike Runyon, Pacific County

Legal Counsel: Jeff Myers of Law, Lyman, Daniel, Kamerrer and Bogdanovich

Staff Present: Fran McNair, Executive Director; Robert Moody, Compliance Manager;  
Mark Goodin, Engineering Manager; Odelle Hadley, Air Monitoring  
Supervisor; Dan Nelson, Public Information Officer; Lynn Harding,  
Administrative Services; Lauren Whybrew, Engineer; and Debbie Moody,  
Office Manager/Recorder

Pratt called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Pratt asked for approval of the Agenda. Cormier moved approval of the Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**CHAIR REPORT**

There was no report from the Chair.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Pratt asked approval of the Consent Agenda. Cormier moved approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Gas Station Rule

Pratt opened the hearing at 10:03am.

Whybrew reminded the Board of the PowerPoint she shared at a previous meeting. Whybrew

stated there have been no changes since the presentation. Pratt asked if there were any comments. Whybrew noted there were none. McNair, noting it is a change for gas stations, stated we do plan on doing some additional outreach and education. Pratt asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, Pratt closed the hearing at 10:06am.

Brotherton moved approval to adopt the changes to the Rule 6.1, 6.1.10, and 8.12. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

#### NOI Fee for Gasoline Dispensing Facilities (Resolution 278)

Pratt opened the hearing at 10:07am.

Moody explained because we moved fees out of our regulation and adopt them by resolution, we need to amend the fee schedule to include the new NOI fee for the rule that was just adopted. I believe the fee was based on half of the time typically allowed, Moody stated. We will analyze the fee after a year or so and make changes if needed. Brotherton asked what the fee is for a full Notice of Construction prior to this change. Moody noted he believed it was about \$2500. Whybrew corrected Moody, noting we added a new category to our fees for templated permits and gas stations fell in that category and the price was approximately \$1300. Pratt asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none she closed the hearing at 10:10am.

Neatherlin moved approval of Resolution 2019-278, amending Resolution 263, 264, 276 and adopt by resolution the new notice of intent fee as attached with the effective date of August 17, 2019. The motion was seconded and carried.

### **DIRECTORS REPORT**

#### Compliance Program Update

R. Moody stated asbestos and demolitions are continuing to be very active. The burn season is basically over, except in Grays Harbor County. Moody noted the summer burn restrictions are in effect most counties and Thurston County will start next week. In September we plan on bringing the federal regulations to the Board for adoption as of the July 2019 date.

Brotherton asked about the Penny Creek Quarry dust complaint, noting they had complaints about noise and wondered if ORCAA has a copy of their operating permits from the county. Moody explained our permits are separate. Unless the county calls and notes they continue to have issues related to air, we do sometimes do joint inspections. Brotherton asked if we go out to every complaint. Moody explained many of the initial complaints are dealt with via letter. If we continue to get complaints, we will go out and check on the issue.

Menser asked about the Black River Farm Conservation Easement and it doesn't appear the nature of the complaint is listed. Moody explained it is an odor complaint. They are approved through the Conservation District and Ecology to spread manure, which causes odor issues.

Neatherlin asked about the smoke and odor complaint for the veterinary hospital, noting he assumed it is cremations. Moody agreed it was disposal/cremations. Neatherlin noted, just because you get a complaint doesn't mean there is something wrong, if they are following the rules and the inspection shows that. Moody noted there is one complainant and we are having difficulties discerning what is real regarding the issues.



## Engineering Program Update

Goodin noted Long Beach Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and Compost has been completed and the final permit was delivered. Goodin explained if a WWTP proposes to take their sludge and compost or digest it onsite, they must get a permit. Goodin explained this specific permit was for a compost tunnel where they will conduct the composting and collect the exhaust and send it through a biofilter.

McKinley, Goodin continued, is scheduled for a public hearing August 1. It will be held in Port Angeles. Goodin did note we have received one complaint, to date, and the comment period does close on the hearing date. Winborn noted she has heard some grumblings about odor that might be produced. Goodin explained we did review odor consequences and there should be no changes, or it will be better with regards to odors.

Pratt asked why we are involved in VSP medical facility? Goodin noted he was unsure the nature of this permit, however, we are reviewing the application to determine if the chemicals they are using in the lens making process need to be permitted. Goodin stated he would get back to her sometime after the meeting with more details.

Goodin continued, noting the third source he wanted to mention was BHP Billiton, a proposed potash export facility in Grays Harbor. We are currently waiting for the SEPA process to complete our review. We have discussed the possibility of a public hearing for this business.

## Air Quality Program Update

Hadley stated June had most sites showing great air quality. Aberdeen did have one day that jumped to moderate, however we do not believe it is real. The instrument was failing, and we didn't realize there was an issue. The site is down and access to it is limited as it is located at a high school, which is closed for the summer.

The Mason County Saturation Study, Hadley continued, continues. There is good correlation with our permanent reference monitor. The Purple Air monitor did stop communicating so we are working on troubleshooting the issue. The other three sites show fairly good correlation with our permanent site as well.

Brotherton, noting the Purple Air monitors becoming more common, asked if it will be easier to do the studies in other areas as well? Hadley noted, because the monitors are so inexpensive, she had been discussing with Nick Grant utilizing the monitors throughout our counties. We will need to discuss this more, as the time spent downloading data is not trivial. We have some additional work and discussions to do before we decide.

It is ozone season in Thurston County, Hadley stated. June has been relatively cool. The peak on the graph, Hadley explained, were days that hit about 90. We did get our Lacey monitor back and re-installed.

Hadley noted she had been up to Cheeka Peak a couple of times to repair instruments. Our contact at the Makah Nation has left for another job and they are currently looking to hire a replacement. They have a person in mind, but nothing official at this time. The Community Toxic Grant is going great. Hadley was performing the sample collection while the students participated in a conference in Quebec City. Hadley did post the posters on the walls for the Board to see. One of the posters placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Undergraduate Student competition.

If anyone has questions on the posters Hadley will be available after the meeting.

#### Education and Outreach

Nelson explained the NW Air Quality Communicators group has met and are looking at a cooperative joint project in developing school curricula based around Purple Air and citizen scientists. We are currently working with EPA, Lane Regional and Spokane especially, trying to develop ideas on how to use the devices to educate kids and getting them to think about air quality in their communities.

We have updated our general information brochure and brought them up to date with regards to our programs. Wrapped up our woodstove reduction grant with Ecology, ending with us returning about \$25,000 from the \$125,000 we received. Nelson reminded the Board it was two years' worth of money we had to spend in one year. We have not yet heard about the next cycle but will update the Board when we have confirmation.

During the summer burn ban, we are looking forward to ramping up burn education for the fall, working with the compliance staff we hope to improve compliance of the burn regulations. Nelson stated he is hoping to work with the cities public works departments to get signs posted throughout the cities of Lacey, Olympia and Tumwater, as well as their UGAs.

#### Finance/Administrative Update

Harding stated we received an email from AWC regarding our premiums for 2020 and we are expecting minimal increases for the next calendar year. We recently paid our first 6-month premium under the new family and medical leave act. We all pay now, for the program that will be available for use in January 2020.

Harding explained she has done an unofficial projection for year end 2019 and it appears we will be carrying over about \$42,000, adding it back to the general fund. We will have a more official number to report at our next finance meeting, in October. McNair did note, while we are currently full in our rental space, as of the end of December we will have a vacancy.

#### Executive Director's Report

McNair reminded the Board there will be no August meeting. McNair wanted to extend her thanks to Whybrew for her work on the gas station rule.

We plan on doing a presentation at the September meeting regarding the reduction of outdoor burning, especially in Thurston County. McNair explained we held a meeting several years ago, with citizens in Thurston County, regarding adding a fee to permits. Considering the comments, we received, we did not add a fee and instead we focused our efforts on those people burning that weren't allowed to. Ultimately, McNair added, we would like to see no burning in Thurston County. We understand this will entail a phased in approach and a lot of education, as well as identifying all the alternatives. In the interim, we need to deal with people who are currently burning in the no burn areas or burning the wrong types of fires for their areas.

McNair noted the summer burn ban for Thurston County starts July 15 and runs through September 30. We have posted information on our website; however, it appears there may be issues on the DNR website as Grays Harbor is still listed as green. Jefferson county has not yet contacted us regarding their status. Brotherton noted he has noticed different messages at different fire departments. McNair noted it is critical we have good communication. We did meet with a woman



from DNR and we emphasized the importance of getting the information out to the public and she noted she was frustrated with her own organization.

McNair stated we have also been discussing the ramifications of the bill 1784, which was the silvicultural burning and fire safety burning in the UGAs. We made sure they are aware of our concerns and that we want to be involved in the process. McNair did state they are probably a year out in terms of rule development. We will continue working with them.

We have been working with Jefferson County regarding a potential marijuana facility. Because we haven't changed our regulations, we are not doing anything with marijuana at this time, other than dealing with odor complaints.

Cathey noted they had received an update on the 'green' bills and wondered if ORCAA had any bills they were impacted by. McNair noted, only the DNR burn RCW.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

There was nothing for the Good of the Order.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify this is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting of the ORCAA Board of Directors held on July 10, 2019, in Olympia, Washington.

ATTEST:



Francea L. McNair, Executive Director  
Olympic Region Clean Air Agency



Jim Cooper, Chair  
ORCAA Board of Directors

DATED: 9/11/2019