

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

November 8, 2017

Members present: Jim Cooper, City of Olympia (Chair)
Cynthia Pratt, City of Lacey (Vice Chair)
Terri Drexler, Mason County
Lisa Ayers, Pacific County,
Kate Dean, Jefferson County (via phone)
Joan Cathey, City of Tumwater
John Hutchings, Thurston County

Members absent: Wes Cormier, Grays Harbor County
Mary Ellen Winborn, Clallam County

Legal Counsel: Julie Carignan of Law, Lyman, Daniel, Kamerrer and Bogdanovich

Staff Present: Fran McNair, Executive Director; Robert Moody, Compliance Supervisor; Mark Goodin, Professional Engineer; Odelle Hadley, Senior Monitoring Technician; Dan Nelson, Public Information Officer; and Debbie Moody, Office Manager/Recorder

Cooper called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Cooper asked if everyone approved of the agenda. Hearing no comments, Cooper noted the agenda was approved.

CHAIR REPORT

Cooper noted he needs to leave the meeting by 11:00 am and Pratt will take over if the meeting has not adjourned by then.

Cooper stated he and Pratt met with the McNair and concluded we hold a half-day retreat, in place of our March Board meeting (March 14, 2018). We will review our current Strategic Plan, assess our progress and create an updated plan that is focused on future air quality. Cooper also noted we would also like to launch our 50-year celebration. It will be a year-long "air splash" to focus on air quality education across the region.

Cooper suggested we look at a location in Mason County/Shelton area as it is more centrally located for everyone. Cooper also asked if anyone knew of a person to facilitate, preferably at no cost, let Cooper know. Cooper requested a draft agenda from staff, to be presented at either the January or February meeting.

Cooper and Pratt both extended a thank you and kudos to Hadley for presentations she made recently.

Cooper noted we are required to meet 10 times per year and this is our 10th meeting. Cooper asked if the Board would like to meet in December, or take a month off. The consensus was to cancel the December meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2018.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public in attendance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Cooper asked for approval of the Consent Agenda. Hutchings moved approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Compliance Program Update

R.Moody noted the regular report is available. R.Moody shared we recently had a situation where a gentleman called regarding the blowdown from the microburst. He had gotten his permit to burn, the neighbor was upset about the burning, however after investigation we found no impact to the neighbor. During the discussion with the neighbor it was noted they were going on vacation. We contacted the burner and asked them to wait a week to burn, he agreed. The burn took place with no further issues.

Cathey stated she received a call from a constituent who was unsure as to who they should call first regarding burning in the city limits. R.Moody stated they should contact us.

Engineering Program Update

Goodin noted there were not a lot of finalized permits this past month, however we delivered several permits that had been finalized previously. We do have a permit from Aquatics, a company in Yelm area, that make baths, showers, etc. Their new permit is requesting to double the size of their plant (from an emissions standpoint). Goodin explained it is possible this application will be posted for the 30-day public comment period and it is also possible we will have to have a hearing.

Drexler asked what the holdup is for Sierra Pacific Industries in Shelton. Goodin explained there is no holdup, they did submit and obtain a construction permit, which allowed them to begin building the facility. Once they have completed construction, they have a year to submit an AOP permit revision request. Goodin noted we then have 18 months to generate that permit. Hutchings, referring to Black Lake Resources, asked if ORCAA deals with noise levels regarding the crushing. Goodin stated we do not.

McNair stated staff had been discussing traveling with the Board to take them out to some of the sources. We thought it might be interesting for the Board to see what the sources do.

Air Quality Program Updates

Hadley explained the baseline air quality typically goes down a bit this time of year. At several sites we had days that hit moderate and Lacey had one day that hit unhealthy for sensitive groups. We had a few malfunctions resulting in lost days; Port Angeles had spiders in the line, Lacey had a carryover of the break in, and CPO had a bit of wind and we lost power. Hadley did note that Lacey has remained secure since we contacted the Lacey Police.

Hadley and Grant attended the Statewide Monitoring Symposium at Ecology. Hadley presented information at Thurston Thrives, as well as a co-presentation with Ecology to the Department of Health's School Environmental Health and Safety Workshop. Hadley stated she continues working on the Ultrafine report as time permits, as well as completing the Thurston County Saturation Study results. Hadley explained Grant has been very busy upgrading our servers, so has done less monitoring this month, but continues to keep

our monitors running.

Hadley was excited to share that we did receive a grant from EPA to do a community air toxics study. We are collaborating with The Evergreen State College students and the Science Department to complete the study. Drexler asked what toxics will be looked at during this study. Hadley explained, because most of our air quality problems come from woodstoves and outdoor burning; what are the associated hazardous air pollutants (there is a list of 30-40 compounds) and at what concentration do they exist. We want to know if there is a greater risk from woodstoves (wood smoke) than just the particulate matter.

Dean noted in Jefferson County there is an active watchdog group that have been using an app called Air Visual, which shows very different data than the ORCAA website. Do you have information as to why? Hadley stated she has not heard of the app and would need to research where the app gets its information from. Hadley noted some apps/sites look at air models and use that information and it will result in different numbers. Hadley explained our measurements are actual measurements of the air. The app is likely an estimate or model approach based on weather and emissions estimates. Continue referring people to our website.

Education and Outreach

Nelson, following up on the last question from Dean, noted the Communicators' Group has been struggling with the impacts of personal air monitoring devices. The devices are not necessarily accurate, and they tend to be specific to the immediate air around the device – people could be standing near a direct source of pollution (vehicle, downwind of a chimney, etc.) and assume the reading is accurate.

Nelson showed the map of the Thurston County burn permits, noting we have nearly 1500 permits, with 1461 valid permits. We are not seeing nearly the amount of invalid burn permits, only 16 this year.

Nelson stated he attended neighborhood meeting in Pacific Beach and discussed outdoor burning and woodstove use. Also attended an Emergency Management meeting with Vertellus. They had organized a broad emergency response training session for a catastrophic failure at their facility. Nelson explained it was attended by several agencies and they had requested we participate.

Finance/Administrative Update

McNair explained Harding is participating in a webinar with AWC regarding the new rules for family leave. It was noted we have 2 employees that work less than 40 hours a week, as well as a janitor that works 10 hours a week. Cooper asked if we decide to participate in the new leave rule, we will need to use our next budget to start contributing.

McNair also noted we have 3 spaces available for rent; 2 offices and the warehouse.

Executive Director's Report

McNair noted this is ORCAA's 50th year and Nelson is working on a temporary logo. We do want to have a small celebration, but we would really like to do something in the communities. McNair wants to take time to look at our budget and allocate an amount from our reserves to use toward woodstove changeouts in areas outside Thurston County. We would want to coordinate with the community action agencies, PUDs and PSE to try and match whatever amount we have to offer. McNair stated she is open to any other ideas the Board may have. Nelson will be writing news stories for the media.

McNair stated she would be forwarding an email to the Board regarding phishing. (Cooper left at 11:00am,

Pratt took over the meeting.)

Drexler asked if there have been meetings regarding how the homegrown cannabis will be handled. McNair noted there have been meetings with the Liquor and Cannabis Board and there is supposed to be a recommendation, to the legislature, in December. Drexler asked if ORCAA weighed in on the odor issues. McNair stated we did. We let them know of our concern regarding odors and we felt it needed to be regulated by the locals (cities/counties).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no items for Executive Session.

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There was nothing for the Good of the Order.

ADJOURNMENT

There was nothing further from the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

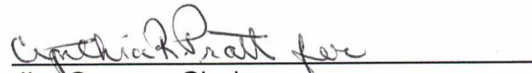
CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting of the ORCAA Board of Directors held on November 8, 2017, in Olympia, Washington.

ATTEST:



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



Jim Cooper, Chair
ORCAA Board of Directors

DATED: January 10, 2018