

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 12, 2019

Members present: Jim Cooper, City of Olympia (Chair)
Cynthia Pratt, City of Lacey (Vice Chair)
Tye Menser, Thurston County
Mike Runyon, Pacific County
Wes Cormier, Grays Harbor County
Randy Neatherlin, Mason County
Greg Brotherton, Jefferson County

Members absent: Joan Cathey, City of Tumwater
Mary Ellen Winborn, Clallam County

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

Staff Present: Fran McNair, Executive Director; Robert Moody, Compliance Manager;
Jennifer DeMay, Engineering Manager; Odelle Hadley, Air Monitoring
Supervisor; Dan Nelson, Public Information Officer; and Debbie Moody,
Office Manager/Recorder

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

Cooper noted Board consensus for the Agenda.

CHAIR REPORT

Cooper wanted to share staff met with the Finance Committee and stated we are likely to finish the year out without using any of the anticipated reserve, and, may be returning up to \$50,000 to the reserves. Staff will give a more detailed report on the budget later in the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Fiscal Year 202 Budget

McNair noted the proposed budget was included in the packet. We did rent the remaining space upstairs, McNair explained, so rather than budget \$216K of our reserves, it is now \$200K. McNair reminded the Board we have several reserve funds and for Fiscal Year 2020 we will be adding

funds to the database reserve. McNair explained the fees are included in the budget. The fees and salaries were increased by a CPI of 2.9%. Cooper asked if there were any questions and noted the opening of the hearing (was left open from May meeting). Cooper closed the hearing at 10:04am.

Cooper stated the Finance Committee has 2 recommendations for the Board; we recommend an action to increase the director's salary by the same 2.9%, the second recommendation is to approve the budget as presented. (Menser arrived at 10:05am)

Neatherlin moved to approve the director's salary as recommended. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Neatherlin moved approval of the proposed budget and fees. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. (Brotherton arrived at 10:07am).

DIRECTORS REPORT

Compliance Program Update

R. Moody stated his team, which is now fully staffed, has been working hard to get caught up on inspections. R. Moody stated he didn't have anything of significance to report. Neatherlin asked if there was anything going on in his area he needed to be aware of. R. Moody noted the Fire Marshall has declared burn restrictions.

Engineering Program Update

Jennifer DeMay, in for Goodin, explained several permits have been issued since the previous meeting. In addition to those listed, City of Long Beach Composting facility was issued yesterday. There are several waiting on final payments as well, DeMay noted. BHP is a pot ash export facility that is currently in the applicant review process. We are thinking that permit may require public comment. McNair added the applicant will be coming in to meet with staff this week. DeMay stated McKinley went out for public comment today and is posted on our website. We have scheduled a hearing for this permit and it will be August 1 in Port Angeles.

DeMay gave a brief presentation on Emissions Inventory.

Air Quality Program Update

Hadley explained May, June and July are generally good air quality months, with July being the beginning of wildfire/smoke issues. We had some issues at our Aberdeen site, having a failed QC so we may lose 2 weeks in May. We are still looking for a new site for our South Bend monitors. The school is currently hosting it; however, they will be doing some construction, so we do need to move the monitors.

The Mason County Saturation Study is underway, and we are happy with the results we have been getting. Hadley noted the monitors are correlating well with our permanent site. The ozone monitors are online as May is the start of ozone season. Hadley did note Ecology is currently testing a new type of ozone monitor and it is shown on the chart.

Hadley stated she has been running the Lacey site while working with the interns on the Community Toxics project. Hadley did present some information on our Community Toxics project recently and EPA is happy with our progress. Hadley noted we did purchase our new truck for air monitoring and are currently waiting for the canopy. We are pleased to be able to have safety restraints in the back

of the truck for transporting our gas cylinders. McNair noted we did sell the Element. Hadley explained one of our students has graduated and was offered, and accepted, a job up in Seattle. She will be attending the Quebec City conference, but other than that, she will not finish the project. Hadley noted we will be hiring a new student and will assist in finishing the project. We are hoping to give the Board a presentation in September or October.

Neatherlin asked if the information is available so people can make decisions regarding kids and outside activities. Hadley showed the Board the Purple Air website where they can access real-time data.

Education and Outreach

Nelson noted woodsmoke has been keeping him busy this previous month. Nelson spent a week in Seattle working with the communicators group and attending a multi-agency conference related to woodsmoke and wildfires. Nelson reiterated the importance of contacting the DOH websites for health-related information during smoke issues. Nelson stated they do list information related to whether to cancel outdoor activities.

Nelson explained we have yet to hear back from Ecology on the woodsmoke reduction grant for this coming season. The current cycle ends June 30. The legislature did pass a budget that includes \$2+ million for the next biennium, plus the carryover from this past year. We did expand our geographic range in our application, Nelson stated. We requested all of Thurston County as well as Port Angeles, Sequim and Shelton, including 5 miles zone outside their Urban Growth Area. Our request was for \$287,000 for the biennium, Nelson noted. We are hoping we hear soon, as we plan on starting in mid-July. McNair stated we will be allowing installation of pellet stoves in the other areas because they don't have natural gas; however, wood burning devices are not an option in Thurston County.

Finance/Administrative Update

McNair noted Harding was not available for the meeting.

Executive Director's Report

McNair explained she and Goodin had traveled to Port Angeles to meet with McKinley. It was a great meeting and we stressed to them the importance of public outreach, based upon the history of the area, and they agreed. McKinley did request we hold a public hearing and we have scheduled that for August 1 and it will be held at the Clallam County Courthouse, in Port Angeles.

McNair stated, during the legislative session bill 1784 passed. This bill had a part that dealt with silvicultural burning and burning to prevent wildfires in the Urban Growth Areas. McNair explained the bill lacked any involvement with the local air agencies and there was nothing in the bill stating they had to consult with Ecology until there was over 100 tons of material. We wanted to make sure DNR understood how the air directors felt about the bill. During a meeting we presented our issues and they did commit to getting the directors a map that will show where the UGAs are that could be impacted. The group will be sending a letter to DNR, restating our issues. Cooper asked if we are prohibited from making any regulations around DNRs burning in the UGAs. McNair stated it isn't our issue as it is fire safety, not air pollution. Cooper asked if the county board of health could require interaction before fires are lit. McNair stated counties/cities can do that.

McNair noted she has been having a conversation with Thurston County regarding the expansion of our no-burn areas. The RCW states every three years the locals should be looking at reasonable

alternatives to burning. Thurston County has many options, other than burning, that we should be discussing. McNair stated we would like to have this discussion in September, along with Thurston County, regarding options to contain burning or reduce the time for when burning occurs. McNair did note, her goal would be no burning in Thurston County. Pierce, Snohomish, King and Kitsap have banned land clearing burning, McNair stated. There was some discussion, McNair explained, that Thurston County will be working closer with DNR with regards to their summer burn ban. Thurston County is the only county that has the burn dates listed in our regulations. McNair stated we are ok with having them call the ban earlier than what is in our regulations (July 15). Menser agreed, noting the decision was to tie the ban to DNR.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

For the Good of the Order, Cooper reminded the Board that Pratt will be chairing as he will be out of town. Cooper also noted there will be no meeting in August.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 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 June 12, 2019, in Olympia, Washington.

ATTEST:



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



Jim Cooper, Chair
ORCAA Board of Directors

DATED: 7/10/2019