

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 10, 2014

Members present: Steve Rogers, Pacific County (Chair)
Jim Cooper, City of Olympia (Vice Chair)
Karen Valenzuela, Thurston County
Tim Sheldon, Mason County
Cynthia Pratt, City of Lacey
Wes Cormier, Grays Harbor County

Members absent: Mike Doherty, Clallam County; Dan Di Guilio, City of Port Angeles; Phil Johnson, Jefferson County

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

Staff Present: Fran McNair, Executive Director; Robert Moody, Compliance Supervisor; Mark Goodin, Professional Engineer; Mark Moore, Network Administrator; Dan Nelson, Public Information Officer; Lynn Harding, Administrative Services Manager; and Debbie Moody, Office Manager/Recorder

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

Rogers entertained a motion to approve the Agenda. Valenzuela moved approval of the Agenda. Cormier seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Rogers entertained a motion to approve the Minutes of the July 9, 2014 meeting.

CHAIR REPORT

Rogers noted ORCAA staff was asked to vacate the Raymond office due to an expansion of the medical facility. ORCAA contacted Rogers to inquire as to office space at the city offices of South Bend. The city will be working with ORCAA to accommodate the employee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Valenzuela moved approval of the Minutes of July 9, 2014. Pratt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES AND DISBURSEMENTS

Rogers noted the Expenditures and Disbursements consisted of Warrants and wire transfers 63005719 through 63005791 in the amount of \$104,078.64; and Payroll 399838 through 399853; and, 3057145 through 3057146; and, 402076 through 402092 and 3057326 in the amount of \$254,072.97 for July 1, 2014 through September 3, 2014. Cooper moved approval of the Expenditures and Disbursements. Cormier seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC HEARING / PRESENTATION

There were no members of the public present.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Compliance Update

R.Moody noted there have been several complaints regarding Silver Springs Organics and we were able to confirm a problem and issued a notice of violation to them recently. We have also had several complaints regarding Ocean Protein, however we have not been able to confirm any violations so they have not received a notice of violation at this time. Valenzuela asked how long an entity has to clear up a violation for odors. R.Moody explained the paper side of a violation follows a long path, however we expect them to begin the process of addressing the issue at the time we notify them. Myers added it also depends on the nature of the violation and what it will take to correct it. Also, the more complicated something is—it is a standard of reasonableness.

We did receive one complaint regarding the Port Angeles Landfill. They are removing the waste from the waterfront to a site further up the hill. They are having some issues and are trying aggressively to resolve them.

Permit Actions

Goodin noted there have been many permits finalized since the last meeting. We recently held a public hearing for the renewal of Nippon Paper's Air Operating Permit. The hearing was held in Port Angeles and we did extensive outreach to notify citizens of the hearing. There was no public in attendance at the hearing. Goodin noted we did receive written comments and we will be responding to them prior to sending the proposed permit to EPA.

Silver Springs received approval for upgrades in 2010. They have completed their upgrades and improvements and are in full operation. They have recently gone through some elaborate testing and the test report has been received. The numbers show compliance however we are still receiving odor complaints. Goodin noted staff does have some concerns with the report and will be working with the testing firm. Valenzuela asked if the warm weather exasperates the odors. Goodin noted it can if they are not operating properly. It is a combination of issues – whether it promotes biological activity and the lack of oxygen in a pile.

With regards to marijuana facilities, cities and counties continue to deal with the land-use decisions and ORCAA staff will be dealing with those facilities that have some type of air pollution related equipment (boiler, generators, etc.). We are currently working with a few operations to permit their large generators. Goodin noted the generators are massive in size noting one facility's generator is twice the size of Ecology's generator in Lacey. Sheldon asked if the generators are sized right for the operation. Goodin stated they are sized correctly to meet their lights. Cooper asked if staff verify, as part of the process, that the use is permitted in the jurisdiction. Does staff know for a fact the facility is in the city limits, Cooper continued, or do they go by the address on the application. Goodin noted staff does know who they are going through for local approval.

Pratt asked if staff has any jurisdiction over the JBLM compost area. Goodin stated the majority of JBLM is located in PSCAA's jurisdiction. There is a small training area in Thurston County, but the compost area is not.

Air Quality Summary

Moore went through the air quality for July and August. Moore noted the maximum values in Aberdeen and Lacey both occurred on July 4. We did have instrument malfunctions in Port Angeles and infrastructure upgrades at Cheeka Peak, Moore noted, so we are missing data for July. In August we had a couple of sites with maximums above 13 micrograms and we believe it was due to fires in Canada.

The Jefferson County saturation study is underway. Moore noted the spikes at the Jacob-Miller Fire Station. Hadley and Moore have been looking at the data and trying to determine the reason behind the spikes. We have recently installed a wind monitor to see if we can make a determination as to which direction the particulate is coming from.

The Ultra-fine study is still underway. The UW is analyzing the data and should have a report to the legislators in mid-October. McNair stated we will bring the draft report to the Board prior to giving it to the legislators. We have given the legislators a heads-up that we will be requesting an additional \$75,000 to carry us into the next biennium due to Nippon's late start-up of the new boiler.

Moore stated ORCAA is applying for two grants; The Village Green Project and the EPA STAR grant. The Village Green Project consists of an incorporated air quality monitor. There will be four or five grants awarded. We have proposed the Olympia Farmers Market as a siting area. The EPA STAR grant is for portable personal air monitors. We will keep the Board apprised of any grants we receive.

Education and Outreach

Nelson, McNair and R. Moody recently met with the Thurston County Fire Chief's association regarding outdoor burn permitting. The idea is to refine our outdoor burning program, especially in Thurston County. We are mandated by state law to reduce outdoor burning, especially when there are alternatives available. Nelson shared a letter that had been sent to the Thurston County Fire Chiefs. The letter reiterated staffs' ideas on permitting changes ORCAA would like to see with regards to open burning. Because there are no fees associated with outdoor burning, it is an unfunded program for ORCAA and a large drain on our budget. The permit program would assist staff in knowing who is burning, how many burns are occurring and implement reductions.

Nelson did note that any changes we make in the permitting process will require changes to our regulations. We are considering implementing a fee for outdoor burning. Other agencies have gone with complete bans; Spokane has banned all burning, Yakima charges \$48 for burn permits and Puget Sound is currently discussing either banning or implementing a fee based system as well.

There was general consensus that an online permit program would be acceptable with the fire districts. ORCAA would be providing educational and promotional materials to assist the fire districts in relaying the changes to the citizens in their areas. We also discussed earmarking 10-20% of that fee being passed back to the Fire Chiefs' Association for education/outreach.

For now, Nelson continued, we will be pushing all citizens toward our current, free, online permit so we can get an idea of how many permits are out there and what the permitting may entail. Valenzuela stated she did receive some feedback from the Fire Commissioners who felt the letter they received stated ORCAA was moving to a total ban and they are upset. Valenzuela encouraged continued communication with the Fire Commissioners. Nelson noted we had discussed a \$50 per year fee per permit. Valenzuela stated it was her understanding that the fee was to discourage burning. Currently you can burn for free as opposed to paying to take the material to the landfill.

Cooper asked if we had received a report back from the Department of Health regarding the burn conversation we had. Valenzuela stated we did not and we left the conversation noting we would continue discussing and keep ORCAA in the loop if we decide to move that direction. Cooper noted the idea behind the conversation, in his recollection, was to make burning cost prohibitive so the easy choice was to take it to the transfer station. Carte blanche for \$50 a year is not cost prohibitive and Cooper noted he would object to that low of a fee. Cooper noted he felt it should be along the lines of \$100 per month. Nelson noted it is on par with other agencies and about twice the cost of a tipping fee for a load of yard waste. Cooper asked if the fee would come back to the Board for action. McNair stated it would.

Nelson stated there is a good likelihood our woodstove rebate program will receive additional funds of up to

\$50,000 to \$70,000 due to another agency unable to spend their grant down in enough time. Their funds will be put back in the pool and ORCAA is at the top of the list to receive the funds.

Finance/Administrative Update

Harding noted there will be a Finance Committee meeting prior to our October Board meeting. The Finance Committee meets at 9:00am.

The State Audit was scheduled for Monday, however we have just been informed the schedule has changed and they will likely be here in November. The audit will cover Fiscal Years 12, 13 and 14.

Our insurance company, Enduris, has added a benefit as of September 1. The added benefit is cyber vulnerability coverage.

Our Wellness program continues, Harding stated. We just finished our "Summer Olympics" and will be working on our next program. Because of participation we have earned a 2% reduction on our premiums for 2015 and 2016.

Executive Director's Report

McNair noted an Ozone related sheet in the Board packets. By court order, McNair explained, on December 14 EPA will be providing a new Ozone limit. Currently we are at 75 ppb and it appears it will be somewhere between 60 and 70 ppb. McNair briefly went over the Ozone related sheet.

Regarding outdoor burning, McNair stated, based on WAC 173-125-040, we are supposed to look at alternatives to burning every three years. PSCAA will be looking at the alternatives for Kitsap, King, Snohomish and Pierce this year. They currently do not allow land clearing burning in those counties. PSCAA had contacted us as we border them in Mason and Thurston Counties. They wanted to let us know if they ban burning in the bordering counties, it is possible the waste could end up at North Mason Fiber or some other composting facility nearby.

The Air Directors had a conversation regarding the diesel train traffic and the impact they make. The trains can idle for long periods of time and with the longer trains you have cars idling longer, while at the crossings. McNair did note we do not have delegation over mobile sources, but we would like to work with the railroads, the state and other air agencies, to minimize the impact. Cooper asked if we regulate ships when they are docked. R. Moody stated we could discuss the scenarios after the meeting.

McNair noted she met with JLARC recently. They have gone out to the jurisdictions looking at the gas stations and they noted one size does not fit all. It was noted inspections are different at each agency, fees are different, and length of time spent at the sources is different. JLARC will send us a copy of their technical review in October. Our comments are due by November. They will hold 2 meetings to go over their final report. McNair stated we should be present at the meetings, however one of them is scheduled the same day as our December Board meeting. Rogers asked if it was necessary to make a determination regarding our December meeting today. McNair stated it was not.

Rogers noted the personnel committee will be meeting directly after adjournment. McNair added we hope to be able to bring the personnel and policy manual to the personnel committee in October as well.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no items for Executive Session.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

There were no items for the good of the order.

ADJOURNMENT


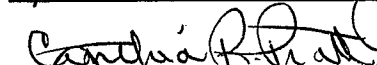
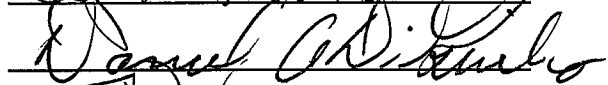


There was nothing further from the Board.



The meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

PRESENTED BY:


Francea L. McNair, Executive Director

APPROVED BY:

APPROVED and SIGNED this 8 day of October 2014