

Advisory Council Minutes

June 27, 2024

Members Present:

Ron Edgar, Chemistry
John Dietzman, Environmental (Zoom)
Tony Masiello, Member at Large (Zoom)
Brent Downy, Industry (Zoom)
Ray Byrne, Public Health (Zoom)
Doug Bleeker, Fire Protection (Zoom)

Staff Present:

Scott Windsor, Executive Director

Guests

The meeting was called to order at 8 a.m.

1. Introductions:

2. Approval of the May 2024, Minutes:

- a. Tony motioned to approve the May 2024 minutes, Ray 2nd. Minutes approved.

3. Executive Directors Report for May 2024

- a. The Agency has completed the installation of all 11 SensWa sensors provided by the DOE. Local school districts have been very helpful in accomplishing this.
- b. The WAQMG met in person in Yakima. Subjects discussed included air curtain incinerators, asbestos bill intentions, wood stove replacements, composting emissions, budget issues and staff replacement.
- c. The Director attended the 2024 Spring NACAA meeting in person in Philadelphia.
- d. The Agency has begun meeting virtually with FEMA staff to determine what funds may be available to offset expenses incurred during and after the recent wildfires.
- e. The Agency has filled both vacant positions. One new employee has begun training, and the second employee starts July 1. This represents the first time the Agency has been fully staffed in several years.
- f. The Agency continues to participate with regional partners involved in Smoke Ready Spokane.
- g. The “Take care, Check the air” campaign was conducted during this month. This was a grant by the DOE for PNA outreach. The data obtained was interesting and useful.
- h. The woodstove changeout program has issued 94 vouchers since October of last year. The low income changeout has received 13 applications. Two jobs are complete, and the remaining are in varied stages.
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4. DOE Ag Burning Task Force June Meeting

- a. Scott updated the Advisory Council on the Ag Burning Task Force meeting that was recently held in Spokane.

5. 2025 SRCAA Passed Budget Timeline

- a. Scott gave an overview of the FY2025 budget. Discussion ensued.

6. July WAQMG Meeting Subject Matter

- a. Scott relayed the upcoming topics for the Washington Air Quality Manager's Meeting.

7. Open Discussions – Current and Future Topics

- a. Advisory Council members discussed the upcoming Board of Directors meeting and the date of the next Advisory Council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 a.m.

The next Advisory Council Meeting is scheduled for July 25, 2024.

Advisory Council Member

Scott Windsor, Executive Director