

Advisory Council Minutes

February 23, 2023

Members Present:

Ron Edgar, Chemistry
Hal Ophus, Business Community/Zoom
John Dietzman, Environmental
Tony Masiello, Member at Large
Jackie Etter, Agriculture
Ray Byrne, Public Health Director/Zoom
Doug Bleeker, Fire Protection/Zoom

Staff Present:

April Westby, PE, Supervisory Engineer
Michelle Zernick, Finance & HR Manager
Amber Ellis, Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 8am

1. Introductions

2. Approval of the January 26, 2023, Minutes

Tony clarified the decision to keep the title of Member at Large. Jackie moved to approve the January minutes; Tony seconded. Motion passed.

3. Executive Directors Report for January 2023– April

- a. EPA recommending going forward with a revision to the PM 2.5 annual standard from 12mg to 9-10mg.
- b. We began budget review and planning for the next fiscal year.
- c. EPA is looking into potential health effects from leaded aviation fuel on overburdened communities.
- d. Possible Spring Retreat, dates are being discussed.
- e. Mark has been looking back over the air quality for this winter. There were no major events causing impaired air quality.
- f. We continue online discussions with representative of State Parks, Department of Ecology, and Mt. Spokane Ski Park regarding a possible request for a variance to burn land clearing debris.
- g. We are waiting to hear back from the state auditor about our audit.
- h. Public hearing was held regarding the marijuana program. Board of Directors took action, and the marijuana producers and processors will no longer be required to register with SRCAA.

4. Budget 23-24 General Fund and Registration -April and Michelle

Michelle and April gave a presentation regarding the annual registration program and the proposed general fund budget. Discussion ensued.

5. Upcoming Board Meeting

Ron will be attending the March 2nd Board meeting.

6. Open Discussion – Future Topics

Council members discussed future topics of interest.

The meeting adjourned at 8:57am.

The next Advisory Council Meeting is scheduled March 23, 2023

Advisory Council Member

Scott Windsor, Executive Director