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SPOKANE REGIONAL CLEAN AIR AGENCY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 6, 2023 9:30 a.m.
Spokane Clean Air in Person and Remotely

BOARD MEMBERS:

Al French, County Commissioner, Chair
Jim Simon, City of Spokane
Representative, Vice Chair (Absent)
Tom Brattebo, Member at Large
Kevin Freeman, Mayor of Millwood, Small
Cities & Towns Representative
Rod Higgins, City of Spokane Valley

STAFF MEMBERS:

Scott Windsor, Executive Director
April Westby, PE, Supervisory Engineer
Lori Rodriguez, Compliance Section Manager
Michelle Zernick, Finance & HR Section Manager
Mark Rowe, Monitoring Section Manager
Lisa Woodard, Communication/Outreach Sect. Mgr.
Mary Kataoka, Administrative Assistant
Calie Maki, Administration Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:

Michelle Fossum, Legal Counsel
Ron Edgar, Advisory Council
Tony Masiello, Advisory Council
John Dietzman, Advisory Council

PUBLIC PRESENT:

WORK SESSION: There was no work session.

BOARD MEETING: 9:30 a.m.

- 1. Advisory Council Report** – Ron Edgar gave a brief overview of the Advisory meeting. They spoke on the “Inflation of Reduction Act”. There was talk of the retreat that was coming up. Al French had a question regarding any state legislation that would have an impact on SRCAA. Discussion ensued.
- 2. Executive Director’s Report** – The EPA finalized the details of initial grants from funding of the Inflation Reduction Act. Planning grant details for the 67 largest population centers were released March 1st. The EPA has stated that collaborative efforts in planning for grants from the IRA will be highly scored and that planning grants will be for 2023-2024. The Agency has two staff members participating in the DOE Landfill Methane Emissions regulation meetings. The Executive Director is planning outreach to our small city partners this spring. The Agency has requested additional one-time grant funding from DOE to collaborate with our Black Carbon Studies. This funding was awarded to the DOE by the EPA Region 10. The Agency is still waiting to hear back from the state auditors concerning our audit. As of last week, over 95% of our registered sources are up to date and accounted for.
- 3. Public Comment** – There were no public comments.

ACTION ITEMS/POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS:

4. Consent Agenda – Action Item:

- a. Approval of the March 2, 2023 Board Minutes
- b. Approval of Vouchers for March, 2023, numbered 13105 thru 13116, 13119 thru 13139 and 13141 thru 13147 with Claims totaling \$90,420.88 and Payroll numbered 13117, 13118 and 13140 and EFTs totaling \$186,488.37 – for a Grand Total of \$276,909.25

Rod Higgins moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and Tom Brattebo seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Executive Session(s) – There was no executive session.

NON-ACTION ITEMS:

6. Activity Reports – February

- a. Lisa gave an overview of the following activities: School/Community Outreach Events, Website/Social, Asbestos, Compliance Assistance/Business Recognition, Prevent Nonattainment (PNA) Grant, Prevent Nonattainment PM2.5 Grant, Wood Stove Changeout Grant and Upcoming Events.
- b. Lori gave a brief overview of the inspector’s work. The inspectors were trying to get caught up on inspections but were limited by the budget, so inspectors are currently putting more effort towards asbestos. SRCAA has staffed the Spokane Facilities Maintenance Expo at the Spokane Fairgrounds to try and reach and educate a new audience.
- c. April gave a brief overview of the permitting activities. We are expecting applications to pick up. We are to catch up on Title V Air Operating Permits that are lapsed for Inland Empire Paper and Mutual Materials. Discussion ensued.
- d. Mark gave a brief overview of the air monitoring activities. There were five days that were in the low to moderate range on the daily AQI for February. The highest was at 61 on the 2nd for PM2.5. On the 20th Spokane had wind/dust which had PM10 elevated.
- e. Michelle stated there were only two RFPs received for IT Consultants. A resolution for the RFP will be in the May board. There will be a resolution for June regarding the project fund being unrestricted. Registration funds have been tight this last year and we need to take a good look at the asbestos funds.

7. Board Concerns – Discussion ensued between staff and board about the Waste To Energy Plant.

Next Board Meeting – There will be a quorum for the next board meeting at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, May 4, 2023.

8. Adjournment – The board meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

COMMISSIONER AL FRENCH, CHAIR

SCOTT WINDSOR, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR