

Advisory Council Minutes

April 28, 2022

Members Present:

Raymond Byrne, Environmental Public Health Director
Tony Masiello, Member at Large
Doug Bleeker, Fire Protection
Hal Ophus, Business Community
Brent Downey, Industry
Jackie Etter, Agriculture
John Dietzman, Environmental
Jana McDonald, Air Pollution Control

Staff Present:

Scott Windsor, Executive Director
Michelle Zernick, Finance/HR Manager
Amber Ellis, Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m.

1. Introductions

Advisory Council members and staff introduced themselves

2. Approval of March 24, 2022, Minutes

John motioned to approve the March minutes and Jana seconded. Minutes approved.

3. Executive Directors Report for March – Scott

- i) Staff is beginning to plan for the Board Retreat. It will be in person at our offices directly after the Board Meeting
- ii) We continue to operate within the Public Health and Governor's Covid guidelines. March 14, 2022, all employees were given the choice whether or not they wanted to wear a mask in the office. We are back to work with employees allowed to work remotely one day a week.
- iii) The management staff attended an in-person refresher training on management skills and communication.
- iv) Agency has continued to work on FY23 budget discussions and drafts for the upcoming Board Meeting. The budget must be finalized by June 22, 2022.
- v) Agency staff is recommending the following topics for the Board Retreat:
 - (1) Budget
 - (2) State of the Air for Spokane County
 - (3) Working Lunch - General Discussion

4. Draft Budget Overview – Michelle

Michelle gave an overview of some of the issues SRCAA is facing FY23 budget. Discussion ensued.

5. Round Table Discussion of Upcoming Retreat Subjects

Upcoming legislation regarding Climate Change and regulating compliance with these laws. Tony would like to know how much input a clean air agency might have on the law-making process and how it may impact Spokane County. The Council was also interested in any forecasts about the upcoming wildfire season. Fire districts may decide to start prescribed burns to cut down on the fuel for wildfires.

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 a.m.

The next Advisory Council Meeting is scheduled May 26, 2022

Advisory Council Member

Scott Windsor, Executive Director