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SPOKANE REGIONAL CLEAN AIR AGENCY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 3, 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
Rod Higgins, City of Spokane Valley
Tom Brattebo, Member at Large
Kevin Freeman, Mayor of Millwood, Small
Cities & Towns Representative

STAFF MEMBERS:

Scott Windsor, Executive Director
April Westby, PE, Supervisory Engineer
Lori Rodriguez, Compliance Manager
Margee Chambers, Rule Writer & SIP Planner (ZOOM)
Lisa Woodard, Communications/Outreach Manager
Mark Rowe, Monitoring Section Manager
Calie Maki, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:

Michelle Fossum, Legal Counsel
Viktoria Lyfar, Assistant to Commissioner French

PUBLIC PRESENT:

WORK SESSION: 9:30 am

1. Roll call for attending Board Members and staff in attendance.

BOARD MEETING:

1. Advisory Council Report –Scott gave an overview of the advisory council meeting, went over the partnership with Ecology for overburdened communities and discussion ensued regarding adopting the annual registration fee adjustments.

Executive Director’s Report – The Executive Director continues to follow up with the other small towns and Cities for the opportunity to present to their city councils. The small cities and towns Board member representative election process begins at the end of August. The Executive Director and staff met with DOE staff to discuss financials and locations for monitoring equipment for Spokane and Spokane Valley. Plans include one regulatory monitor and several low-cost monitors. Discussions are in progress with the City of Spokane for locating the regulatory monitor at the MLK Community Center. The DOE will compensate the Agency for managing the monitors. The Department of Ecology has released their projected core grant distributions to the local agencies for the 2023-2025 biennium. The Agency will receive \$10,000-\$25,000 more than the 2021-2023 cycle. The Agency is hosting the September Washington Air Quality Managers Group meeting at our office. After the meeting, the group is planning a tour of the WTE with a focus on air pollution control systems. One of the Agency’s vehicles was vandalized by drilling a hole in the gas tank. The tank has been replaced and the incident was reported to Crime Check. The EPA is being sued by ten States and the PSCAA over the certification and testing of woodstoves. We will monitor this as it proceeds. The EPA has been aware for some time of the limitations of their certification process.

3. Public Comment – There were no public comments.

ACTION ITEMS/POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS:

4. Consent Agenda – Action Item:
 - a. Approval of the July 6, 2023, Board Minutes
 - b. Approval of Vouchers for July, 2023, numbered 13262 thru 13292 thru 13295 with Claims totaling \$59,093.04 and Payroll numbered 13254 and 13255 and EFTs totaling \$193,300.05 – for a Grand Total of \$252,393.09

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.
6. Public Hearing Items: Start 9:38am thru 9:42am
 - a. Resolution No. 23-07 – Adopting Annual Registration Fee Adjustments in the Consolidated Fee Scheule, Section 10.06 (B).

There were no public comments. Kevin Freeman moved to approve Resolution No. 23-07 as presented and Tom Brattebo seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

NON-ACTION ITEMS:

7. Activity Reports – June
 - a. Lisa gave an overview for May and June on school/community outreach events, website/social, wildfire smoke season preparation, smoke ready week, prevent nonattainment grant, wood stove changeout grant and upcoming events/presentations.
 - b. Lori gave an overview of compliance. The fiscal year has now changed, so SRCAA is now doing more source inspections. Michelle Fossum has filed a collection and lean in superior court for a large asbestos penalty that has gone unpaid.
 - c. April stated that permitting is business as usual. SRCAA received two new NOC applications and one new portable permit. More applications are to be expected. SRCAA is getting ready for billing and emissions for the new calendar year. Joe will be retiring at the end of September, so he is trying to wrap up his projects. John has passed his PE test. There will be some transition as Joe leaves and John takes on more in the engineering department.
 - d. Mark gave an overview of the air quality for the month of June. There were several days in June that ozone values were up. That was due to hotter days. In the middle of June, the PM2.5 was up. That was caused by wildfire smoke coming in from Canada. There were a couple of days that PM10 was up cause by blowing dust. There was a small amount of smoke coming into the Airway Heights area on the 15th.
 - e. Michelle was not in attendance. Scott and April provided information stating that Michelle would be bringing her report and year-end close out for fiscal year 2023 to the September board meeting.
8. Board Concerns – Tom Brattebo was interested in attending the state meeting at Waste Energy on August 9th. Was asking permission from the Executive Director.

Next Board Meeting – There will be a quorum for the next board meeting at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, September 7, 2023. Jim Simon may have a conflict with attendance.

9. Adjournment – The board meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

COMMISSIONER AL FRENCH, CHAIR

SCOTT WINDSOR, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR