



SPOKANE REGIONAL CLEAN AIR AGENCY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 7, 2019 9:30 a.m.
Spokane Clean Air's Conference Room
at 3104 E. Augusta Ave.

BOARD MEMBERS:

Al French, Commissioner (Chair)
Ben Stuckart, City of Spokane (Absent)
Tom Brattebo, Member at Large (VC)
Kevin Freeman, Mayor of Millwood,
Small Cities & Towns
Rod Higgins, Mayor, City of Spokane Valley

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Julie Oliver, Executive Director
Lisa Woodard, Comm./Outreach Section Manager
Lori Rodriguez, Compliance Section Manager
April Westby, PE, Supervisory Engineer
Mark Rowe, Monitoring Section Manager
Michelle Zernick, Finance & HR Sect. Mgr.
Margee Chambers, Rule Writer/SIP Planner
Joe Southwell, PE, Air Quality Engineer
Mary Kataoka, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:

Michelle Fossum & Kristina Montanez, Legal Counsel
Ron Edgar, Advisory Council Member

WORK SESSION: 9:32 a.m.

1. Recommendations for Changes to Pay Structure – The Executive Director reviewed the changes she recommends based on the compensation study conducted by Milliman. This included changes to the pay structure and how they would be implemented for non-executive positions. Some discussion ensued on the compensation study from Milliman, the pay scale steps and where the funds would come from.

BOARD MEETING: 9:51 a.m.

1. Advisory Council Report – Ron Edgar – Jana McDonald was selected for the Vice Chair for 2019. A review of the Rules of Procedure was done and no changes were recommended by the Advisory Council. A presentation of the 50th anniversary was given.

2. Executive Director's Report – Julie

There was an abandoned car in the parking lot and a notification of an armed and dangerous suspect in the area of SRCAA's office. The new front door was installed.

There have been meetings with various vendors looking at Enterprise Content Management systems to help with electronic records and we met with the local government electronic records archivist. We have received demos from the different vendors to look at what might be possible and receiving quotes. We plan to apply for a grant under the Washington State Archives Local Records Grant Program. Grants can be up to \$30,000.

EPA Region 10 has accepted SRCAA's proposal and response for addressing the final report on SRCAA's Title V (AOP) Program for large industrial sources. We have resumed work with FreshVue on the next iteration of the strategic plan. We will be moving from Office 2010 to Office 365 in the next few months. L&I rescheduled the Public Works training for May.

ACTION ITEMS/POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS:

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of the January, 2019 Board Minutes
- b. Approval of Vouchers for January, 2019, numbered 11077 thru 11092, 11095 thru 11110 and 11112 thru 11130 with claims totaling \$50,100.19 and payroll numbered 11093, 11094 and 11111 and EFTs totaling \$169,556.00 – for a Grand Total of \$219,656.19

Rod Higgins moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Kevin Freeman seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Resolution No. 19-01 – This resolution would reappoint Doug Bleeker for the fire protection position on the Advisory Council.

Kevin Freeman moved to approve Resolution 19-01 as presented and Rod Higgins seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

5. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS: 10:57 a.m. to 11:03 a.m.

- a. **Resolution No. 19-02** – This resolution is to take action on the recommendations put forward regarding changes to the pay scale in the work session.

There were no public comments. Kevin Freeman moved to approve Resolution 19-02 as presented and Rod Higgins seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. **Resolution No. 19-03** – This resolution would appropriate \$35,000 from the monitoring equipment reserve account for the purchase of the Beta-Attenuation Mass Air Monitor, shelter and related accessories. The site will probably be located on the West Plains. Some discussion ensued on what pollutants would be monitored.

There were no public comments. Rod Higgins moved to approve Resolution 19-03 as presented and Tom Brattebo seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

NON-ACTION ITEMS:

5. **Executive Session** (Purpose will be announced if session is needed.) There was no session.

6. Activity Reports: December

a. Public Information/Education Update – Lisa Woodard – Overviews of the communications and education activity for January were given on the following: a science night every Thursday night for the next couple of months; print/online materials; and special projects.

b. Compliance Activity – Lori Rodriguez – In December there were a lot of trainings. There were seven odor complaints and four were marijuana related and three of those were drive by complaints. The new inspector is out in the field now. One inspector is working on Marijuana inspections for facilities that have applied for exemptions. NOV's have been sent out for the Initial Registration issues with Marijuana. Asbestos has been busy year round. Some discussion ensued.

c. Permitting Activity – April Westby – There were three new applications in January. Staff is getting caught up on the older permits. The registration mailing is keeping staff busy and the new database is in the testing mode right now. The Waste to Energy Plant's Air Operating Permit is up for renewal and has quite a few changes.

d. Air Monitoring Activity – Mark Rowe – Air quality for December had eleven moderate days and 20 good days. The highest AQI was 64 on December 5th.

e. Financial Status Report – Michelle Zernick – There was nothing of significance in December. January was registration month and all the registration invoices went out and as of today there have been approximately 50 percent of those invoice paid. The local assessments went out in January also.

7. Public Forum –

Katherine Miller: (A document was handed out to the Board.) Again I'm Katherine Miller from Conscious Family Farms out in Fairfield and I think I did it right this time by not speaking on an agenda item. So I feel like this is the right moment to speak. First of all I just wanted to thank the Board for considering air modeling work that was done to determine odor emissions. I really appreciate you considering that and also you considering lowering the fee schedule is awesome. So thank you. I wanted to follow from Joe's air modeling presentation last time on just a short snippet of Dr. Young's results from the AERSCREEN air model that he did out with our property. So if I could just read to you a conclusion from his report, I think that would help. It says, although modeling odor compound concentration is challenging due to a variety of factors, modeling assumptions were conservative and based on best available data. For example, a surrogate odor compound (myrcene) was selected that exhibited the highest cannabis emission rate and lowest threshold odor. Meaning it's the stinkiest terpene from cannabis and the easiest to smell. So he figured be conservative and test that one. So the AERSCREEN model that was used predicted odor compound concentrations for our nearest neighbors. There aren't many neighbors out there but our downwind neighbors are about 4,000 feet away and the others is at 0.8 miles. So pretty far away but we used the nearest people we could find to determine if they could detect cannabis odor from our farm. So the AERSCREEN model was run and they found the concentrations to be 68 percent and 79 percent below the threshold odor concentration; just meaning that it would be highly unlikely for a human to be able to detect those odors. As Joe mentioned, the regulatory program currently uses property lines not nearest neighbors when determining exemptions and that was good to learn. I, I didn't realize that so I started thinking about it and I thought okay well so let's take into account our property lines. We are located on a dead end road that's about one mile long and we're the only

residence on the road. We've got wheat fields surrounding us and I just wanted to show you the picture from our road. This is our daughter who's gallivanting in the open country side; but it just gives you an idea of how free range we are. Sorry I've gone over my time. But I just wanted, I just wanted you to consider, since you've given us consideration this far, the air modeling worked in our favor and then on top of that our property lines just touch land that can't be parceled off to be for residences to be built on; even if someone wanted to because it is wheat, wheat and lentil land. So I just hope you might still consider us for an exemption or maybe a reduction being a low impact farm. Thank you.

8. Board Concerns – There will be a quorum for the March meeting. Commissioner French would like a letter to be written to the City of Spokane to advise them that they have an empty seat at the SRCAA Board meetings and are not being represented. The Board agreed to send a letter and Commissioner French will sign the letter.

9. Adjournment – The board meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

COMMISSIONER AL FRENCH, CHAIR

JULIE OLIVER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR