

Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency

Advisory Council Minutes

February 25, 2021

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Scott Windsor, Executive Director
Amber Ellis, Administrative Assistant
Margee Chambers, Rule Writer/SIP Planner
April Westby, Supervisory Engineer

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

1. Permission to sign Advisory Council Minutes

Scott requested permission for Amber to sign the January Advisory Council Minutes since the meeting was being held virtually. Permission granted by Advisory Council Chair Ray Byrne

2. Introductions

Advisory Council members and staff introduced themselves.

3. Approval of January 28, 2021

Ron motioned to accept the January 28, 2021 minutes and Tony seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

4. EPA Clean up of Mead Smelter Site

The EPA will step in when there is a large clean-up project that the local government can't afford to handle. EPA newsletter confirmed that they will be handling the old Kaiser Mead site. They will be removing 14,000 linear feet of asbestos insulation. Also a possibility to remove asbestos from the RA Hanson site next door. Discussion ensued.

5. Follow-up to February SRCAA Board of Directors Meetings –Scott

The Surface Coating regulations were presented to the Board members. They had some questions and wanted to wait before changing any regulations. Margee updated the Advisory Council on where we are in the process. Discussion ensued.

Our new offices are being built and are estimated to be completed by the end of May.

There is a possibility of a tour of the facility for Advisory Council members, Scott will get back to the Advisor Council with details.

We are working on website improvements making it more ADA compliant and easier to use on mobile devices.

The Board approved us to go forward with getting an appraisal for a possible sale of our current office building.

Enforcement staff is still doing virtual inspections.

Financially, all registered sources have been billed and we are working on the budget for next year.

We have received quite a few broad public records requests for asbestos information throughout Spokane County.

Our monitoring site at Turnbull will be relocated to a spot further away from the dirt road. The monitors on top of the current offices may also need to be relocated in the future. Discussion ensued.

6. Open Discussion and Current Business

April gave a presentation on our AOP program. Discussion ensued.

7. Advisory Council Comments/Concerns and Next Month’s Meeting

Next month’s meeting will be on March 25, 2021. The Zoom link will be sent out with the email a week before the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 a.m.

Motion to adjourn by John, seconded by Tony. Meeting adjourned.

The next Advisory Council Meeting is scheduled March 25, 2021 at Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency’s office located at 3104 E Augusta Ave.

Advisory Council Member

Scott Windsor, Executive Director