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SPOKANE REGIONAL CLEAN AIR AGENCY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**January 6, 2022 9:30 a.m.
Spokane Clean Air Tele-Conference**

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Scott Windsor, Executive Director
Michelle Zernick, Finance & HR Section Mgr.
Margee Chambers, Rule Writer/SIP Planner

OTHERS PRESENT:

Michelle Fossum, Legal Counsel
Ron Edgar, Advisory Council Member
Steve Johnson, Commissioner's Assistant

WORK SESSION: 9:30 a.m.

1. RCW # Change Updates – Margee Chambers – Margee gave a project overview with the proposed amendments, the next steps (EPA lean review, rulemaking, rulemaking public involvement tools and SIP revision), and Local Air Quality Regulations summary. The Board Members present agreed for staff to move forward.

BOARD MEETING: 9:44 a.m.

- 1. Advisory Council Report** – Ron Edgar stated that the Council received a presentation from Margee regarding the RCW changes. There was also more discussion on the Marijuana Program and possible changes that might be considered. There were no final ideas on what the changes should be, but it does appear that the Agency is spending a lot of time just doing the registration program while the number of complaints has dropped off significantly. The Marijuana Program needs to be looked at a little closer and try to find out if there's a correlation between doing the registration program and the drop-off in numbers; otherwise somehow cutting back on the registration program might be something to be considered, it needs to be looked at much closer by the staff and just the Advisory Council getting a few minutes of a presentation and a few comments. To Ron, odors are still significant, while they may not impact SRCAA's attainment status and things like that, SRCAA does have in its rules and regulations a requirement that odors are looked at and try to protect people's enjoyment and use of their property. It is something that SRCAA will have to continue to do, the program has developed some good Best Management Practices (BMP) with the Marijuana industry and continuing to enforce those is probably the best way of keeping the number of complaints down. Discussion ensued between the Board and Ron.

2. Executive Director's Report – The results of our Prevent Nonattainment Grant (PNA Grant) application. We received funding for both of our applications. The first award is a dust mitigation project working with Spokane County. This award is for \$208,909.00 and will enable the chip sealing of 0.73 miles of unpaved roads. All roads are heavily used and are high complaint areas with low-income neighborhoods. The second grant is a community engagement for the purchase of low-cost sensors for use in area schools and libraries to help identify areas of concern and engage the community on air quality issues. This grant was for \$144,375.00. The Board position for the City of Spokane is beginning a new term in 2022 and Jim Simon was re-appointed to serve as the Board representative for the City of Spokane. The Executive Director and Staff continues to operate in accordance with the Governor's and SRHD COVID-19 guidelines. The Advisory Council met December 9th due to the holidays. They began to look at Section 6.18 (Standards for Marijuana Production and Processing) for program evaluation and recommendations. Our Air Operating Permits (Title V) billing went out on November 1st. We have received payments from all sources. The Advisory Council has three openings for 2022. We have received interest for all three positions. Agency Staff participated in a PCHB appeal hearing concerning an asbestos NOV from 2017. The Agency should learn the findings in the next three months.

ACTION ITEMS/POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS:

3. Consent Agenda – Action Item:

- a. Approval of the December, 2021 Board Minutes
- b. Approval of Vouchers for December 2021, numbered 12583 thru 12593, 12596 thru 12601 and 12603 thru 12617 with Claims totaling \$57,687.49 and Payroll numbered 12594, 12595 and 12602 and EFTs totaling \$183,685.03 – for a Grand Total of \$241,372.52

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

4. Resolution No. 22-01 – Scott went over the three positions to be filled on the Advisory Council.

Rod Higgins moved to approve Resolution No. 22-01 as presented and Tom Brattebo seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

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

6. Activity Reports – November – The Board will look at the board packet for this report.

7. Public Forum – There were no public forum speakers.

8. Board Concerns – There will be a quorum for the February 3, 2022, board meeting.
Next Board Meeting – 9:30 a.m., Thursday, February 3, 2022.

9. Adjournment – The board meeting was adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

COMMISSIONER AL FRENCH, CHAIR

SCOTT WINDSOR, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR