



## Advisory Council Minutes

July 27, 2023

### **Members Present:**

Ron Edgar, Chemistry  
John Dietzman, Environmental  
Tony Masiello, Member at Large  
Brent Downey, Industry (Zoom)  
Jana McDonald, Air Pollution Control (Zoom)  
Hal Ophus, Business Community (Zoom)  
Raymond Byrne, Environmental Public Health Director (Zoom)

### **Staff Present:**

Scott Windsor, Executive Director  
Amber Ellis, Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.  
Recorder malfunction, no audio available.

### **1. Introductions:**

**2. Approval of the June 22, 2023, Minutes:** John Dietzman moved to approve the May and June minutes, Tony seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **3. Executive Directors Report for June 2023:**

The Executive Director continues to follow up with the other small towns and Cities for the opportunity to present to their city councils. The agency has been dealing with marmots in the parking lot and around the building. They are crawling into the engine compartment of the vehicles and chewing on the wiring. The Governor's Ag Burning Practices and Research task force met this month. I have asked to discuss air curtain incinerators at the next meeting. The Executive Director and staff will meet with DOE staff to discuss financial responsibilities concerning overburdened community monitoring planning for Spokane and Spokane Valley. Plans include one regulatory monitor and several low-cost monitors. The Agency has been notified that the State DRS performed an audit of the Agency. This is the first retirement audit of the Agency in our history. The audit was completed and for the most part went well. One finding was that we need to keep time sheets for staff 60 years past leaving the agency for retirement benefit purposes. This had not taken place. We have implemented this in a manner suitable for the DRS. The PNA Dust Mitigation has finished up. The County was able to chip seal unpaved roadway with this grant. The next grant cycle will be announced soon. We will

look for opportunities. The Director is continuing to work with other Directors in the State on a common Customer Survey. Our focus will be on websites and administrative services, to be followed by registered sources. Smoke ready week was June 12-16. The Agency participated with local partners in its promotion. The EPA has approved the State MWC plan submitted by the Agency. The changes needed for our needs concerning the WTE were approved but the plan in other regards was not as necessary elements were not present.

4. **Partnerships with Ecology for Overburdened Communities:** Scott updated the Advisory Council on the opportunities for partnership with the Department of Ecology to benefit overburdened communities.
5. **Proposed Registration Fee Public Hearing for August:** Scott gave an overview of the proposed registration fee schedule.
6. **Open Discussion – Current Topics:**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 a.m.**

The next Advisory Council Meeting is scheduled for August 24, 2023.

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Scott Windsor, Executive Director