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SPOKANE REGIONAL CLEAN AIR AGENCY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 4, 2010 9:00 a.m.
Spokane Clean Air's Conference Room
at 3104 E. Augusta Ave.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Edward Crockett
Board Member Tom Brattebo
Councilmember Rose Dempsey (Chair)
Commissioner Bonnie Mager (VC)

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

William Dameworth, Director
Ron Edgar, Chief of Technical Services
Barbara Nelson, Finance & Personnel Admin.
Lisa Woodard, Public Information Officer
Matt Holmquist, Compliance Administrator
Michelle Wolkey, Legal Council
Mary McDermott, Secretary

WORK SESSION: There was no work session.

BOARD MEETING: The board meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

1. **Advisory Council Report – Peter Williams**

There was no Advisory Council Report.

2. **Director's Report for January – Bill Dameworth**

We received three additional comments on the revised proposed odor/nuisance rule. Except for a statement from the law firm representing Baker Commodities that the Board and its Director are on record as stating that the rule is specifically targeted at Baker and that the agency intends to selectively enforce the rule against them, the comments were similar to what had already been submitted during the previous comment period. The rule is scheduled to be heard again at the March board meeting.

We received the State Department of Health's review of our draft assessment of rail yard impacts on air quality and health in Spokane County. They have evaluated lung and bladder

cancer rates and conducted what is called a “cluster assessment”. An elevated incidence of lung cancer was found near the rail yards as compared to the City of Spokane as well as Washington State (120%-140% of the expected value). However, it was not high enough to warrant additional investigation by the Department of Health, which would be the case at 200% of the expected value. We will incorporate these comments into our study and forward it to the railroads asking for their comments and requesting that they develop plans to reduce emissions of diesel particulate. We will also offer to partner with them if they need a sponsor for grant money or other assistance. There was some discussion between the Board and Bill on different avenues to take in pursuing this project.

EPA has adopted a new ambient NO₂ standard. We submitted comments last September on their original proposal which applied to metropolitan areas of 350,000 or greater. Since the standard they adopted applies to areas of 500,000 people or greater, it will not apply to Spokane County at this time. There are still a number of problems with the monitoring requirements and the fact that air agencies do not have control over vehicular emissions which are the target of the standard. There was a little discussion between the Board and Bill.

We are still experiencing problems with PayPal and are in discussions with US Bank about processing credit cards for filing asbestos notices of intent and paying the appropriate fees. This system should reduce errors and make it simpler for contractors to file the necessary paperwork.

3. Public Information/Education Update for January 2010 – Lisa Woodard

We were at a Girl Scout Troop environment-themed meeting on January 20th at Bemiss Elementary School. We also participated in the Sunrise Elementary School’s science night. We developed both of the winter issues for “On the Air” and “CAP Update” newsletters and the public can elect to receive these by e-mail if they would like. We will be recognizing our 2010 Clean Air Award recipient which is Fiber Tech Industries. A news release will be sent out after the awards ceremony. We will also be running an ad in the February publication of the Spokane Journal of Business. This program started on 2004. An overview of our two business recognition programs was presented to the Advisory Council at their January meeting. Special projects consisted of a “Free Friday” on January 15th where gift bags were distributed from the Fireplace Center. Live interviews were conducted on clean burning techniques and benefits of upgrading old stoves. We had a promotion from January 15th to the 31st with the Fireplace Center and Spokane Chimney. They donated two new, efficient wood stoves for a prize drawing held on February 1st and the recipients of the stoves also received a clean burning DVD and brochure. Planning is underway for the spring media outreach to remind people that burning residential yard and garden debris is not allowed in most areas of Spokane County. We will also be promoting alternatives to burning with TV and radio spots. We have teamed with the Spokane Regional Solid Waste System (SRSWS) for the “Chipping Event” planned for April 10th at Fire Station 49 and SRSWS will be giving away compost bins to individuals who participate in the composting seminar. We are working with the CTR office and representatives from area worksites to plan the annual April commute alternatives. The group is also tying in with a Bike Swap and the Bike to Work events in Spokane during the month of May.

EnvironKids club and Spokane Youth Environmental Conference planning is underway for the February 12th event at Mobius. Solicitations are underway for the June 2010 Youth Conference.

4. Activity Report for December 2009 – Ron Edgar

Ron gave a brief overview of the complaint summary, enforcement action summary, burning permits issued, woodstove exemptions, inspections, surveillance, asbestos, NOCs and air quality issues for the month. The NO₂ standard is now final but will not affect Spokane very much. In 2008 the ozone standard was set at .075 ppm, the new standard is going to be between .060 and .070 ppm of ozone. Ron gave an overview of what Spokane County would be required to do if it was in nonattainment. There was some discussion between the Board, Ron and Bill on the new standard.

5. Treasurer's Report for January 2010 – Barbara Nelson

Barbara gave an overview of the treasurer's report. We are on track with the budget and there are two grants that are reimbursable grants. All other state money that has been requested has been received by Spokane Clean Air.

6. CONSENT AGENDA – ACTION ITEM – Approval of the January 7, 2010 Board Minutes. Approval of Vouchers for January 2010 – Numbered 4531 through 4586 and 1918 through 1930 totaling \$32,521.01 and January Payroll of \$122,502.48 for a Grand Total of \$155,023.49.

Board Member Brattebo moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Commissioner Mager seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Resolution 10-02 – Adjust Board Terms to Staggered Schedule – Barbara Nelson/Bill Dameworth

This is a resolution to adjust two Board of Directors terms of office to facilitate a staggered schedule of term expirations so as to not have three terms expire in 2010.

Commissioner Mager moved to approve Resolution 10-02 and Board Member Brattebo seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Resolution 10-03 – Reappointing Current Members to Advisory Council Positions – Bill Dameworth

Bill stated that three position terms expired in December of 2009 on the Advisory Council and the individuals holding those positions would like to serve for another four year term. The individual that held the meteorologist position has decided not to serve another term.

Commissioner Mager moved to approve Resolution 10-03 and Board Member Brattebo seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Annual Review of Board By-Laws

Michelle Wolkey stated that there is specific language in the By-Laws with respect to the terms and this needs to be amended. The changes have to go out to the Board Members 10 days before the board meeting comments, so this would have to be done at the next board meeting with a resolution for the changes being made.

10. Board Concerns – a. Discussion to postpone the March board meeting to March 11th

Bill went over the fact that Jeff Corkill will not be able to make the March board meeting and would like the board to change the date or postpone it until the April meeting. The Board Members present would like to keep the March meeting as is and have a CD burned for Board Members Brattebo and Jeff Corkill so that they can hear the testimony and then make a motion to continue the testimony and board decision until the April meeting.

The Spokane Clean Air retreat is on Monday, March 22nd from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

11. Public Forum – There were no public concerns.

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

The next Board Meeting will be March 4, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. – Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency office at 3104 E. Augusta Avenue.

COUNCILMEMBER ROSE DEMPSEY, CHAIR

WILLIAM DAMEWORTH, SECRETARY