



SPOKANE REGIONAL CLEAN AIR AGENCY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 5, 2009 9:00 a.m.
SPOKANE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING
LOWER LEVEL HEARING ROOM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Edward Crockett
Commissioner Bonnie Mager
Councilmember Rose Dempsey

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

William Dameworth, Director
Ron Edgar, Chief of Technical Services
Barbara Nelson, Finance & Personnel Admin.
Matt Holmquist, Compliance Administrator
Lisa Woodard, Public Information Officer
Joe Southwell, Air Quality Engineer
Margee Chambers, Public Info. Specialist
Michelle Wolkey, Legal Council (left at 10:45)
Mary McDermott, Secretary

WORK SESSION: The work session was called to order at 9:07 a.m.

1. Update on Posting Penalty Information to the Agency's Website – Matt Holmquist

Matt gave a brief update on the posting of penalty information on the Agency's website. The contract has been signed with Spokane Web and they will begin getting this program on the website. Staff will do input of past violations onto the website, which will take approximately six months to one year. There will be procedures as to what information gets posted on the website and when it gets posted. Commissioner Bonnie Mager asked for the Agency to notify Spokane Alliance when this program is up and running.

2. Rendering Rule – Joe Southwell

Joe gave a summary of the rendering rule development to the Board Members. This rule development is due to the ongoing issues with odorous emissions coming from the Baker Commodities' facility. Joe conducted extensive research to develop clear and concise standards for all rendering facilities currently in Spokane Clean Air's jurisdiction and for any new rendering facilities that may come into its jurisdiction. Commissioner Bonnie Mager asked what the definition of "recognition" was. Joe replied "detection" is you can tell that it is there or it is

not and “recognition” is something that may be more concentrated; you can tell it’s there and you can also identify what it is. Commissioner Bonnie Mager asked if it is appropriate that we would only care that people not be able to tell where it is coming from. Joe replied that Spokane Clean Air has reviewed and looked at the standards the City of Spokane’s Agreement has, which has standards that were agreed upon by Baker Commodities and the City of Spokane each using independent third-party consultants, and what impact might be at or beyond property lines for the facility and compared those predicted impacts with established standards from other agencies across the country. Joe explained the emission limits, standards and operational maintenance requirements. This does not relieve Baker Commodities from also complying with the odor rule. There was more discussion between Joe, Bill and the Board Members. Joe then asked the Board if the Agency should proceed with getting preliminary comments on the draft rule that has been developed and who and how to go about notifying affected individuals. The Board Members present agreed for Spokane Clean Air to proceed with the rule. The Board also agreed that they would like to see a notice go to the Office of Neighborhood Services and in turn it would go out to the neighborhood representatives who attend that assembly and staff could get on their agenda and make a presentation on this issue; and in a letter to the complainants, staff could say we are sending this letter to them because they have contacted Spokane Clean Air about their concerns, could they please spread the word to their neighbors, and here is what we propose. Also, the television stations may want to cover this story which would also help to get the word out.

BOARD MEETING: The board meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Commissioner Bonnie Mager.

1. Director’s Report for December & January – Bill Dameworth

Bill gave a brief overview of the director’s report. A letter requesting sales records of outdoor wood fired boilers with an affidavit to be signed was drafted and sent to Gary Smith of the Hearth Products Association for comment. There were equipment delivery delays for items for the new office building due to the winter snow storms. Derek Aubrey was hired for the AQS I position. Bill has selected the two best qualified candidates for the two open positions on the Advisory Council. A lot of calls came in from contractors regarding damage of structures due to the heavy snowfall so Spokane Clean Air provided some financial relief by waiving the Emergency Notification fee, which doubles normal project fees and the Alternative Asbestos Work Project fee. The Emergency Notification fee will be effective from December 24, 2008 through February 28, 2009 and the Alternate Asbestos Project Work Practice projects associated with the recent winter storm will be effective through 2009. All employees received 2008 performance reviews.

2. Public Information/Education Update for December 2008 & January 2009 – Lisa Woodard

Lisa gave a brief overview of the information and education projects. We were at Mead High School, City of Cheney Employee Transportation Fair and Sunrise for the science nights. We co-sponsored a Mobius Clean Air event for kids. We participated in the Girl Scouts cookie rally. Margee and Ron worked with West Valley city school students doing air sampling. Print

materials consisted of the winter CAP Newsletter, On the Air Newsletter, updated office materials with the new address and signage for the building. The compliance assistance program presented the annual Clean Air Award to Ross Printing Company. We finalized some materials with gas stations. A dry cleaner mailing went out to the dry cleaners. DVDs on how to burn cleanly and more efficiently were mailed out to wood burning home owners. Staff worked the KHQ call center for questions on wood heating. The two grants for the wood stove replacement and voucher program are going great. The EPA grant is spent and are using the Ecology grant money now. The Youth Conference is coming up in April. Media activities consisted of an interview at KXLY studios on wood heating and air quality and a live interview with KXLY am radio on winter air quality.

A. Business Recognition Program – Margee Chambers

Margee gave an overview of the expanded business recognition program. It includes the Clean Air Award that went to Ross Printing Company this year for going above and beyond the minimum criteria for clean air; and the Doing Our Share for Clean Air Program where businesses are recognized at the Silver Level for not receiving a NOV within three years, turning in their annual registration form on time and paying their annual registration fees on time and the Gold Level where they participate in at least three out of the five categories implementing pollution prevention practices (energy efficiency, process specific, sector specific, pollution prevention consults and transportation) and meet the Silver Level requirements. Cylinder Head Services, Itron, Inland Asphalt Perry Road and Columbia Paint are at the Gold Level for doing their share for clean air and will receive a certificate for this.

3. Activity Report for November & December 2008 – Ron Edgar

Ron stated that November was a busy time for wood stove complaints and some outdoor burning. There was a stagnant period around the 17th of November and we came within one microgram of the 2.5 Standard. We did not call a ban based on the modeling that we had. There were a couple of other air stagnation advisories issued by the National Weather Service where the models were showing much higher levels than we had. The months of December and January were not bad for air quality. We had one dust storm related exceedance of the PM10 Standard and have applied for a natural event exemption for that exceedance. Air quality for 2008 was very good and we are still meeting all Federal Standards for attainment.

4. Income/Expense Statement for December 2008 & January 2009 – Barbara Nelson

Barbara stated that Spokane Clean Air is on track in all areas of its budget. There were no questions from the Board.

5. CONSENT AGENDA – ACTION ITEM – Approval of the December 4, 2008 Board Minutes. Approval of Vouchers for December 2008 Numbered 3421 through 3515 in the amount of \$239,606.66 and December Payroll of \$118,312.83; and Approval of Vouchers for January 2009 Numbered 3516 through 3600 in the amount of \$121,890.80 and January Payroll of \$89,067.52 for a Grand Total of \$568,877.81.

Councilmember Rose Dempsey moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Mayor Edward Crockett seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Resolution 09-01 – Appointment of Two Advisory Council Members – Bill Dameworth

Bill stated that both Bernard Leber and Adrienne Borgias are very qualified for the open positions on the Advisory Council.

Councilmember Rose Dempsey moved to approve Resolution 09-01 and Mayor Edward Crockett seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Advisory Council Report – Tom Brattebo

Tom stated that the Advisory Council reviewed the business recognition program and talked about the proposal for the expansion of the no-burn area and putting the NOV's on the web site.

7. Board Concerns – The appointment of a Board Chair and Vice Chair were deferred to the next meeting. Board and Staff touched briefly on the Spokane Clean Air retreat days. Barb stated that the facility has most Wednesdays and Fridays open in March and April. The Board agreed on a retreat and Friday dates works best for the Board Members present.

8. Public Forum – There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

The next Board Meeting will be March 5, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in the lower level of the Public Works Building.

JEFFREY CORKILL, CHAIR

WILLIAM DAMEWORTH, SECRETARY