



SPOKANE REGIONAL CLEAN AIR AGENCY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Edward Crockett
Melissa Ahern
Councilmember Rose Dempsey

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

William Dameworth, Director
Ron Edgar, Chief of Technical Services
Barbara Nelson, Finance & Personnel Admin.
Matt Holmquist, Compliance Administrator
Deanna Clarkson, Air Quality Specialist I
Russ Neumiller, Air Quality Specialist II
Michelle Wolkey, Legal Council
Mary McDermott, Secretary

WORK SESSION: The work session was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Agreements with the Noxious Weed Control Board, Fire Protection Districts and Department of Natural Resources for issuing Noxious Weed Burn Permits – Deanna Clarkson

Deanna gave a brief overview of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreements between Spokane Clean Air and Spokane County Noxious Weed Control Board (Weed Board), Spokane County Fire Protection Districts and Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Spokane Clean Air will not administer a residential yard and garden debris burning program after April 30, 2009; a noxious weed burning program after April 30, 2009; or a limited residential land clearing burning program after December 31, 2010. Fire Protection Districts 2, 5, 11 and 12 will continue to administer yard and garden debris burning in their districts. Spokane Clean Air is working with Fire Districts 2, 11 and 12 on a MOU for limited agricultural spot burning. The Weed Board is interested in administering the noxious weed burning program after April 30. DNR will continue administering a limited residential land clearing burning program for abating or preventing a forest fire hazard as long as it fits the definition of silvicultural burning. The Board Members present concurred for Spokane Clean Air staff to move forward with these agreements.

2. Revised Asbestos Regulations and Fee Schedule – Russ Neumiller

Russ gave a summary of the changes to the regulation and fee schedule for asbestos. The proposed revisions are primarily within the first three sections of the Regulation which deal with definitions, survey requirements and notification requirements. These changes are mostly for clarification and better understanding. The Board Members present concurred for Spokane Clean Air staff to move forward with public comments.

BOARD MEETING: The board meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Councilmember Rose Dempsey.

1. Advisory Council Report – Tom Brattebo – Tom was unable to make the board meeting so item “1” was skipped.

2. Director’s Report for February – Bill Dameworth

Bill gave a brief overview of the director’s report. Notices of the proposed rendering plant rule were mailed out to residences, two neighborhood councils and Baker Commodities management; and a news release was sent to local media and relevant information was posted on Spokane Clean Air’s website. After talking with Gary Smith of the Hearth Products Association, we sent out letters to wood stove manufacturers, distributors and dealers on DOE’s list requesting information on sales of outdoor wood fired boilers in Spokane County along with an affidavit to be signed. We moved into the new office space over the weekend of January 31 – February 1. Since we were unable to complete the landscaping until spring, we will need to post a bond with the City of Spokane for a temporary certificate of occupancy. The permanent lighting has been installed and some of the HVAC work remains to be completed.

3. Activity Report for January 2009 – Ron Edgar

Ron stated there weren’t many complaints for the month, but the majority was from wood smoke from wood stoves/fireplaces. There are many inspections being done on surface coaters and gas stations. There were only a few NOCs, but that will pick up as the weather improves. Air quality was very good for the month of January.

4. Income/Expense Statement for February 2009 – Barbara Nelson

Barbara gave a brief overview of the revenue and expenses for the month. Spokane Clean Air is on track with its budget. There was some discussion between the Board, Bill and Barbara of the economy/recession effects on Spokane Clean Air. Rose asked if Spokane Clean Air would be getting any money from the stimulus funds. Bill replied no.

5. CONSENT AGENDA – ACTION ITEM – Approval of the February 5, 2009 Board Minutes. Approval of Vouchers for February 5, 2009 Numbered 3601 through 3700 in the amount of \$66,962.73 and February Payroll of \$123,138.37 for a Total of \$190,101.10.

Board Member Melissa Ahern moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Mayor Edward Crockett seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

6. **Board Concerns – a) Retreat Dates – April 10th or April 17th** – The Board Members present asked Barbara to go ahead and set up the retreat for April 17th.
7. **Appoint of Board Chair and Vice Chair** – This item was deferred to the next meeting.
8. **Public Forum** – There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

The next Board Meeting will be April 2, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in the lower level of the Public Works Building.

JEFFREY CORKILL, CHAIR

WILLIAM DAMEWORTH, SECRETARY