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SPOKANE REGIONAL CLEAN AIR AGENCY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 2, 2009 9:00 a.m.
Spokane Clean Air's Conference Room
at 3104 E. Augusta Ave.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Jeff Corkill
Mayor Edward Crockett
Board Member Tom Brattebo
Councilmember Rose Dempsey (Vice Chair)

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
Brandy Ellis, Air Quality Specialist
Michelle Wolkey, Legal Council
Ray Kelleher, Advisory Council Member
Mary McDermott, Secretary

WORK SESSION: The work session was called to order at 8:59 a.m.

1. No Burn Area Expansion – Brandy Ellis

Brandy gave a brief re-cap of the three no burn expansion area options from the month of June. There was discussion between the board members and Brandy on the population density in the proposed no burn area north of Trent in Fire District #13. The Board Members present agreed for Brandy to move forward with the proposed no burn boundaries with changes to the area north of Trent. The change is to follow straight across with Morgan Prairie/Lincoln Road except for the south Section 30 is not to be include in the no burn area. The Board would like Brandy to contact Fire District #13's Fire Chief and ask him what he thinks about this new area boundary.

BOARD MEETING: The board meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m. by Chair Jeff Corkill.

1. Advisory Council Report – Ray Kelleher

Ray gave a brief overview of the June Advisory Council meeting. There was discussion on the proposed new no-burn area by Brandy Ellis. The wood stove change-out program has been very successful and has reduced emissions by approximately 32.79 tons annually. Spokane Clean Air's key issue in the summer is ground level ozone and Spokane Clean Air focuses its messaging on two key activities which are refueling and lawn care. The legislature has required that homes being sold must disclose whether or not their solid fuel burning device is certified or not and the small cities and town's representative process passed legislation.

2. Director's Report for June – Bill Dameworth

Bill gave a brief overview of the director's report. We received comments back from our odor consultant on the letter received from Baker Commodities. The consultant said it would be a good idea to have the odor testing and air modeling work done by Baker as a result of its agreement with the City of Spokane. The City doesn't appear to have obtained any data, to date, from Baker. Bill requested the City to make an effort to obtain the information needed from Baker. The City will consult with their attorney and get back to Bill. Spokane Clean Air is working on a reply to Baker's letter which will request the emissions and modeling information. The City has begun sending electronic copies of demolition orders to Spokane Clean Air and we are following up with information to the recipients on asbestos requirements. Matt Holmquist is working with the City to get something on their demolition permit referencing Spokane Clean Air and the need to contact us prior to demolition. The Spokane County Health District has indicated they do not have the time to review our draft assessment of rail yard impacts on air quality in Spokane County. The State Department of Health will not review it without a request to do so from the regional health district. We would like to get comments from one or both of these agencies before sending the draft to the two railroads for their comments. We will review it with the Board when the report is final. Michelle Wolkey and Bill completed her annual performance review. There was a little discussion between the Board Members and Bill.

3. Public Information/Education Update for May 2009 – Lisa Woodard

Lisa gave a brief overview of the information and education projects for June. She went out to Employee Transportation Coordinators (ETC) networking events and visited with about 100 ETCs out on major work sites. We are promoting the "Mow Down Air Pollution" promotion to the ETCs to distribute flyers at their work sites. The Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) office covers the travel green areas and Spokane Clean Air covers the live green areas. Bill also spoke with the Kiwanis Club. We printed the ozone and clean air brochures, setup the asbestos display at Home Depot and the CAP newsletter was printed and distributed. The two-year grant for the wood stove change-out program is finished and there were 215 stoves replaced; about 65% went with wood and 35% with gas; and it is close to 95 tons of pollutants reduced in the air shed. We are submitting another grant to DOE for this program and it will be a two-year grant cycle; we are partnering with SNAP; and Avista has agreed to support this program for the next two years. KREM, KXLY and KHQ are preparing 15 second spots for Spokane Clean Air on all of the different summer related topics that contribute to the ozone problems. Chair Jeff Corkill would like Lisa to do a segment with health experts in the winter season

on KSPS. He also gave Lisa the names of three doctors, Dr. Sam Joseph, Dr. Mike Kramer and Dr. Steve Becker that could be on the program.

4. Activity Report for May 2009 – Ron Edgar

Ron stated that there have been more dust complaints due to the dry season; there are a lot of inspections being done by inspection staff, and NOCs are picking up with the spring construction season. In May, we started monitoring ozone; it becomes the predominant pollutant through the summer. There was only one day where air quality was moderate in May. Ozone has been staying fairly low for May but in June, July and August you will see higher ozone levels. Emissions of hydrocarbons and nitrogen-oxide compounds are the precursors to the formation of ozone that Spokane Clean Air measures. There was some discussion between the Chair Jeff Corkill and Ron relating to the monitoring sites and equipment.

5. Income/Expense Statement for June 2009 – Barbara Nelson

Barbara gave an overview of the revenue and expenses. There are some big portions of the revenue that have not been received yet for the fiscal year which ends 20 days into July. There were a few questions from the Board which Barbara answered.

6. CONSENT AGENDA – ACTION ITEM – Approval of the June 4, 2009 Board Minutes. Approval of Vouchers for June 2009 Numbered 3982 through 4083 in the amount of \$50,279.59 and June Payroll of \$121,496.09 for a Grand Total of \$172,075.59.

Councilmember Rose Dempsey moved to approve the June 4, 2009 board minutes and Vouchers for June 2009 and Mayor Edward Crockett seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

7. PUBLIC HEARING – Resolution 09-16 – Memorandum of Agreement with Spokane Transit Authority (STA) – Ron Edgar

Ron gave a brief overview of Resolution 09-16, which uses funds that are for transportation emission related programs. This resolution would approve the expenditure of up to \$200,000 for the cost differential of a Hybrid Bus. There was some discussion between the Board and Ron about the design on the bus. The Board would like to see Spokane Clean Air get recognition on the bus signage so that the public will know that Spokane Clean Air caused this project to happen. The Board would like to make sure that the windows are not blacked out but the windows could have the UV windows to help cut back on the air conditioning in the bus.

Mayor Edward Crockett moved to amend Resolution 09-16 with “The Director of SRCAA is hereby authorized to sign the Memorandum of Agreement on behalf of the Board; so long as it is substantially similar to the attached draft.” and Board Member Tom Brattebo seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

There were no public comments. Board Member Tom Brattebo moved to approve Resolution 09-16 as amended above and Mayor Edward Crockett seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

8. PUBLIC HEARING – Resolution 09-17 – Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with DOE & SNAP for the VERP – Ron Edgar

Ron proposed that the \$37,032.00 left in the special projects fund be used to continue funding the VERP for low income people for one more year. The program has been very effective and serves at least 100 or more low income vehicle owners every year. Through the first part of the program, the cost per ton of emission reduction was very good when compared to what the reductions were for the cost to industrial sources. It is a good program for Spokane Clean Air to support because it helps a lot of people get their cars fixed instead of just getting a waiver because they spent a certain amount of money to try to repair their vehicles and they still emit too much pollution; these vehicles actually get fixed. SNAP and the DOE continue to help support this program along with Spokane Clean Air. There was some discussion between the Board and Ron.

There were no public comments. Councilmember Rose Dempsey moved to approve Resolution 09-17 and Mayor Edward Crockett seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Board Concerns – Councilmember Rose Dempsey stated that a couple of months ago she was designated Vice Chair and there is no indication of it in the paper work or anything. Barbara stated that it should be on the web site and it can be put on the heading for the minutes. Chair Jeff Corkill asked if there were bios of the Board Members. Lisa stated that she could write something up and send it to the members for their okay.

10. Public Forum – There were no Public speakers.

The meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

The next Board Meeting will be August 6, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. – Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency office at 3104 E. Augusta Avenue.

JEFFREY CORKILL, CHAIR

WILLIAM DAMEWORTH, SECRETARY