PRESENT:
Grandview: Bill Moore-A
Granger: Maria Gonzalez-M, Lilia Villarreal-A
Harrah: Pat Krueger-A
Mabton: Sophia Sotelo-M, Arturo De La Fuente – A
Moxee: n/a
Naches: n/a
Selah: Russell Carlson – M
Sunnyside: Julia Hart-A
Tieton: Matt Johnson – M
Toppenish: Elpidia Saavedra-PC
Union Gap:
Wapato:
Yakima:
Yakima County: Ron Anderson - M
Zillah: Doug Stewart-A; Ardele Steele-PC/A

ABSENT:
Grandview: Norm Childress-M, Don Olmstead-PC,
Granger: Hilda Guzman-PC
Harrah: Gracie Wilson-M
Mabton:
Moxee: LeRoy Lensigne-M, David Roy-A
Naches: Kit Hawver – M, Suzi Williams-A
Selah: Roger Bell -A, Lisa Smith -PC
Sunnyside: Jim Restucci –M, DeAnn Hochhalter-PC
Tieton: Dewane Ashbrooks-A
Toppenish: J. Eligio Jimenez M, Gabriel Pinon-A
Union Gap: Roger Wontz-M, Mark Carney-A, Sandra Dailey-PC
Wapato: Goliath Etwell-M, Santos Valdez-A, Tim Thompson-PC
Yakima: Vacant-PC
Yakima County: J. Rand Elliott-M; Mike Leita-M
Zillah: Janice Gonzales-M;

Note: M=Member; A=Alternate; PC=Planning Commission

Additional Attendees: Grandview: Cus Artcaga, Santos Trevino, Joan Souders, Dennis McDonald, Gay Brewer Granger: n/a Harrah: n/a; Mabton: Oping Hutson, Veni Zavala, Mario Martinez Moxee: n/a; Naches: n/a Selah: Sherry Raymond Sunnyside: Francisco Guerrero Tieton: n/a Toppenish: Clara Jimenez; Lance Hoyt Union Gap: n/a Wapato: Jim Gerred; Peggie Gerred Yakima: n/a Zillah: n/a Others: Mary Anderson; Merry Daley, Ron Grow, John Hodgkinson, Sandee Hodgkinson, Larry Krueger, Celina Martinez, Jim Sewell, Richard Sheney, Jill Shuttleworth, Kevin Wickenhagen Speakers: Jay Hester, Jacki Skaught, Ann Thompson, and Jon Smith

YVCOG Staff: Jessica Hansen, Mike Shuttleworth, Larry Mattson, Chris Wickenhagen

CALL TO ORDER
INTRODUCTIONS
ROLL CALL

Vice Chairman John Hodgkinson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
(Dinner break from 7:05 – 7:35 p.m.) The meeting was hosted by the City of Sunnyside at Bon Vino’s Bistro. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY

It is the policy of the YVCOG General Membership to accept public comment on agenda items at the time the item is being discussed. Public comments regarding items not on the agenda will be heard at the end of the meeting.

WELCOMING REMARKS

Councilwoman Julia Hart welcomed everyone to the City of Sunnyside.

BUSINESS

Executive Director’s Correspondence

Mr. Mattson welcomed the membership to the City of Sunnyside and informed them about YVCOG’s April calls that are attached to the agenda.

Amending Associate Membership Fees

Both the subcommittee and YVCOG Executive Committee recommend amending the associate membership fee from fifty dollars a year to ‘a yearly fee to be determined by the budget subcommittee and approved by the General Membership in October. Mr. Anderson, Yakima County, moved to amend the associate membership fees. Ms. Sotelo, City of Mabton, seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Hodgkinson entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2016 General Membership meeting. Ron Anderson, Yakima County, moved to approve the minutes and Bill Moore, City of Grandview, seconded. The motion carried.

PROGRAM

Jon Smith - YCDA

Mr. Smith reported that Yakima County Development Association (YCDA) along with several partnerships, helped contribute to the Yakima Valley in several big ways in the last five years. In 2016, SEID funded $2,224,000 in
public infrastructure improvements directly supporting over $6.4 million in private capital investment creating a projected 68 jobs. YCDA also helped with the $97 million dollar Darigold expansion at its Sunnyside plant adding a 35,000-square foot building for non-fat dry milk processing. This increased the plant’s production capacity by 70% and added 35 jobs. YCDA also helped with the new Union Gap Beltway. This $3.64 million project will open over 400 acres to development and ease truck traffic congestion with new connectivity to interstate 82 at the U.S. 97 interchange.

**Jacki Skaught – Cerb**

Ms. Skaught explained to the membership that CERB was designed to finance public infrastructure construction for private business development. Public entities are eligible to apply for and receive loans and grants for public facilities linked to economic development outcomes such as private business investment and job creation. CERB also finances site-specific studies and plans.

How CERB works:
- First: the board meets to review applications every two months.
- Applications are due 6-8 weeks prior to a meeting.
- The staff works with the client to vet the application and project.
- The applicant comes and presents to the board.
- The applicant will know at the meeting if their project is approved.
- Lastly, CERB staff tracks projects for up to five years after project completion.

**Jay Hester – Port of Sunnyside**

Mr. Hester let the membership know that the Port of Sunnyside has received the largest amount of funding in Yakima County and are the biggest supporters of CERB because of it. The Port of Sunnyside are large applicants for both CERB and SIED loans. Acquiring loans from both programs has allowed the Port of Sunnyside to complete an over $97 million-dollar project with Darigold, a rail spur with Bleyhl’s, the Carnation building demolition, and most recently a brewery in downtown Sunnyside.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Ms. Thompson announced that Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council (IACC) conference will be held in Wenatchee on October 23-26.

**LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING**

The City of Selah volunteered to host the May 17, 2017 General Membership meeting. The City of Toppenish volunteered for the following meeting after that which would be the September 20, 2017 General Membership meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

With no further business, Mr. Hodkinson adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

John Hodkinson, YVCOG Vice Chairman

Date signed: 17 May 2017

[Signature]

Jessica Hansen, Office and Communication Specialist

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A recording of this meeting is available.

March 15, 2016