

**YVCOG GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**  
March 15, 2017

**PRESENT:**

Grandview: Bill Moore-A  
Granger: Maria Gonzalez-M, Lilia Villarreal-A  
Harrah: Pat Krueger-A  
Mabton: Sophie 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 Lenseigne-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 Wentz-M, Mark Carney-A, Sandra Dailey-PC  
Wapato: Goliath Elwell-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 Arteaga, Santos Trevino, Joan Souders, Dennis McDonald, Gay Brewer Granger: n/a Harrah: n/a; Mabton: Oping Hutson, Vera 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 Hodkinson, Sandee Hodkinson, Larry Krueger, Celina Martinez, Jim Sewell, Richard Shenyer, 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 Hodkinson 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 classes 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. Hodkinson 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

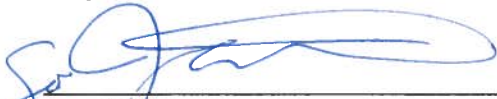
The City of Selah volunteered to host the May 17, 2017 General Membership meeting. The City of Toppenish volunteered for the following meeting after that which would be the September 20, 2017 General Membership meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
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John Hodkinson, YVCOG Vice Chairman

Date signed: 17 May 2017

  
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Jessica Hansen, Office and Communication Specialist

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*A recording of this meeting is available.  
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