

YVCOG GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
October 19, 2016

PRESENT:

Grandview: n/a
Granger: Maria Gonzalez-M, Lilia Villarreal-A,
Harrah: n/a
Mabton: Sophie Sotelo – M,
Moxee: n/a
Naches: Kit Hawver – M, Wayne Hawver - A
Selah: Russell Carlson –M,
Sunnyside: Jim Restucci –M
Tieton: Matt Johnson - M
Toppenish: Clara Jimenez –M,
Union Gap:
Wapato: Santos Valdez-A
Yakima: Maureen Adkison -M
Yakima County: Mike Leita-M
Zillah: Janice Gonzales-M;

ABSENT:

Grandview: Norm Childress-M, Bill Moore-A, Don Olmstead-PC,
Granger: Bruce Hall-PC
Harrah: Pat Krueger-M, -A
Mabton: Greg Hurn, PC, Arturo DelaFuente – A
Moxee: LeRoy Lenseigne-M, David Roy-A
Naches:
Selah: Roger Bell -A, Willie Quinnett -PC
Sunnyside: DeAnn Hochhalter-PC, Julia Hart- A
Tieton: Jackie Williams – A, Dewane Ashbrooks, PC
Toppenish: Derald Ortloff-A; Christina Kwan-PC
Union Gap: Mark Carney-A, Roger Wentz-M, Sandra Dailey, PC
Wapato: Jim Gerred – PC; Peggy Gerred - PC; Jesse Farias-M,
Yakima: Bill Lover-A, Vacant-PC
Yakima County: Rand Elliott; Kevin Bouchey-A
Zillah: Doug Stewart-A; Ardele Steele-PC/A

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

Attendees: Grandview: n/a Granger: n/a Harrah: n/a; Mabton: Oping Hutson; Mario Martinez Moxee: n/a; Naches: n/a Selah: n/a Sunnyside: n/a; Tieton: n/a; Toppenish: n/a Union Gap: n/a Wapato: n/a Yakima: n/a Zillah: n/a **Others:** Ron Anderson; Marry Anderson; Madelyn Carlson (People for People); John Hodkinson (Almon Realty); Sandee Hodkinson; LaVerne Moore **Speakers:** Carol Moser **YVCOG Staff:** Jessica Hansen, Tami Hayward, Deb LaCombe, Larry Mattson, Crystal Testerman, Chris Wickenhagen

CALL TO ORDER
INTRODUCTIONS
ROLL CALL

Chairman Jim Restucci called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. (Dinner break from 7:05 – 7:35 p.m.) The meeting was hosted by the Town of Naches at the Naches Masonic Lodge. 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

Kit Hawver welcomed everyone to the town of Naches.

BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Restucci entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the September 21st General Membership meeting. Mr. Leita, Yakima County, moved to approve the Minutes and Ms. Jimenez, City of Toppenish, seconded. The motion carried.

2017 YVCOG Budget

Mr. Restucci entertained a motion to approve the 2017 YVCOG Budget by Resolution 2016-3. Mr. Leita, Yakima County, moved to approve the 2017 YVCOG budget as presented and Ms. Gonzales, City of Zillah, seconded. The motion carried.

**YVCOG NEWS &
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Executive Director's Message

Mr. Mattson gave a brief update on the Homeless Program. He stated that we are moving deliberately in order to identify concerns within the program, and determine the best solutions. YVCOG has been able to sustain the program while operating it and learning about all of the problems within the program. Mr. Restucci and Mr. Leita echoed Mr. Mattson and the process YVCOG is taking with the Homeless program.

Mr. Mattson reported on the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan Economic Study and the need for city contributions. Mr. Mattson stated that the members of Congress back east have gotten “fish fatigue” regarding salmon recovery efforts and are looking for city contributions to show commitment. Should the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan move forward it would provide cities an additional 50,000 acre feet of water storage. It was asked of the members to please take this back to their cities and discuss it further with their respective councils.

PROGRAM

Benton-Franklin Community Health Alliance

Member cities were provided information by Carol Moser from the Benton-Franklin Community Health Alliance. The Benton-Franklin Community Health Alliance brings communities together to work collaboratively and cooperatively to address community-wide health issues, and provide affordable and accessible healthcare for all residents in the Mid-Columbia region. Some of the benefits to belonging to a health alliance is a wide variety of services, comprehensive health care, outstanding care for individuals and families, improving transparency of the health care system through performance measurement and reporting on quality, utilization and price, strengthening purchaser and consumer engagement to leverage buying power and shape demand, aligning payment to providers with desired outcome of higher quality at a lower price, and supporting performance improvement in collaboration with other organizations. The Benton Franklin Community Health Alliance brings together those who get, give and pay for health care to create a high-quality, affordable system. The Alliance serves an invaluable role as a convener of all the stakeholders in the health care system. They are leading health system improvement by focusing on three high-priority strategic goals and four areas of focus. After providing members healthcare information and alliance information Ms. Moser opened the floor for a question and answer period.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Restucci announced that the 2016 Outstanding Service Award nominations will be accept to either Mr. Mattson or Mr. Restucci and will be presented at the December General Membership meeting.

LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING


December 14, 2016 General Membership Meeting will be at the Harmon Center and will be celebrating 50 years of Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG.) Dinner will be \$25 for the December meal.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN

With no further business, Mr. Restucci adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



James A. Restucci, YVCOG Chairman

Date signed: 14 Dec 2016



Jessica Hansen, Office and Communication Specialist