

YVCOG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
January 11, 2016

- CALL TO ORDER Mr. Hodkinson, Vice Chairman, called the January 11, 2016 meeting of the YVCOG Executive Committee to order at 2:26pm
- ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS Members present John Hodkinson, Mario Martinez, and Dan Olson
Call in: Jim Restucci
Members Absent: Maureen Adkinson, Mike Leita
YVCOG staff present: Chris Wickenhagen, Joseph Calhoun Tim Sullivan, and Jessica Hansen
Others present:
A quorum was present.
**Indicates notice of absence received prior to meeting.*
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES Mr. Martinez moved to approve the minutes* of the December 14, 2015 meeting Mr. Olson seconded. The motion carried.
- PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY It is the policy of the Yakima Valley Executive Committee 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.
- OLD BUSINESS None.
- NEW BUSINESS
- Correspondence* Mrs. Wickenhagen informed the Executive Committee of two items:
First, Patrick Ibarra, a nationally known speaker, will be back in the Yakima area at the Yakima Museum on January 29, 2016. The Topic of the conference is "Working with the Millennial generation." Patrick Ibarra, a former city manager, owns and operates a Glendale, Arizona-based organizational-improvement and efficiency consulting practice, the Mejorando Group. ("Mejorando" is Spanish for "getting better all the time.") He holds master's degrees in public administration and organizational development, and is a faculty associate member at Arizona State University, where he teaches a graduate course on organizational change. Information about this conference has been sent to all of the City Clerks and the County Clerk.
- The Executive Committee strategic planning retreat is tentatively being scheduled for late March or early April and that will include all of the executive committee, policy board and any of the new members. The Executive Board asked that YVCOG keep the meeting local.
- We should be hearing from the Urban Institute by Jan. 13th about the pay for success training and TA grant we applied for last month.
- Mr. Calhoun reported that the second annual funders' forum that will be held on March 9th.
- Contracts* 2016 TA Contracts - Ms. Hansen reported that YVCOG has received 2016 Technical Assistant Contracts from: City of Grandview \$10,000, City of Granger \$5,000, City

of Mabton \$3,000, City of Selah \$5,000, Wapato PSA \$4,995.00, City of Tieton \$4,000.

Program Updates

- GMA activities – Comprehensive plan updates for Mabton, Grandview, Granger, Selah and Naches
- City of Wapato – Finalizing a planning only grant for their comp plan update
- Monthly UGA meeting that we've been holding with County planning staff, various city staffers, and electives will be held tomorrow at 10am at City Hall - Toppenish.
- City of Wapato – nearing the end of the progress on their parks and recreation comprehensive plan and beginning work on a NEPA environmental assessment for a lift station that they are getting.
- The USDA Rural Communities development initiative grant is still being processed by Shawn. This Grant would hire an economic development specialist for 3 years to work with participating cities. Thus far the cities of Sunnyside, Grandview, Wapato, and Naches. Shawn is meeting with Granger tomorrow to present this proposal to them.
- Safe routes to school, which is a state funding program, is coming up soon. The 'Call for projects' should be issued in the next month or so. Shawn is initiating some facilitation between schools and cities. Last year, the projects that YVCOG assisted with, 4 out of 5 were awarded.
- Department of Health water consolidation feasibility study – we did receive contract documents from the state and are beginning that work in the data gathering and research process right now.

Homeless Assistance Program

Mr. Sullivan informed the Executive Committee about the ESSB 5875, which has contributed a lot of funding for the Homeless program throughout the years. The original intent of this law was to extend the Sunset filing fee which was passed in legislation in 2007. This law has had approximately 3 to 4 amendments made to it over the years including an end date for sunsets in 2016. These changes have created an uproar with the Private Rental Associations and Rental Lobbyists and they created an amendment that extended Sunsets until 2019 and tacked on a set aside of 45% for all funding received by the state during the local filing period. This funding would go to private landlords.

This law is something that Mr. Sullivan has been working on for several years now. Some of the issues with this law are that it no longer creates flexibility at a local level. This law also does not allow any funding to be used on administration fees so if a voucher is issued, additional money has to be found to cover the fees to administer the voucher. In addition, there is an auditing requirement. The Department of Commerce with OFM have to provide an outside independent auditor to make sure that this 45% is spent on private landlords. Creating approximately \$300,000 in additional expenses by using an outside auditor and hiring additional staff.

Homeless Village Project – tiny houses – There has been interest in building a tiny house encampment. David Helseth has been leading the campaign which has been great because Mr. Helseth was a Pastor and is friends with the Pastor that is heading up the Oregon Tiny House Group named Square One.

Project Homeless Connect – Project Homeless Connect events will be held at four different locations this month.

The Yakima Nation received 20 HUD Vouchers these are the VA Housing Vouchers. This is specifically for Veterans on tribal lands. 20 vouchers is about \$145,000 worth of vouchers.

Approval of Vouchers

Vouchers were audited and certified by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, and have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the Executive Committee.

As of this date, the Executive Committee approved for payment those claims and payroll vouchers in the list as follows: payroll vouchers numbered JAN-16-001 through JAN-16-006 in the total amount of \$87,400.00, and claim vouchers numbered JAN-16-007 through JAN-16-039 in the total amount of \$43,959.30. Mr. Olson moved to approve the January Vouchers;* Mr. Martinez seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Monthly Budget Report

Ms. Wickenhagen presented the Preliminary December 2015 Monthly Budget Report* showing a revenue balance of \$49,464.54. Mr. Martinez moved to approve the monthly budget report. Mr. Olson seconded. Motion carried.

General Membership Meeting

Ms. Hansen reported that the January 20, 2016 General Membership meeting will be held at the Toppenish Eagles in Toppenish WA. The programs will be YVCOG Staff Program updates and All Aboard Washington. The nomination of Executive Committee Members and Policy Board Members will also be held during this meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

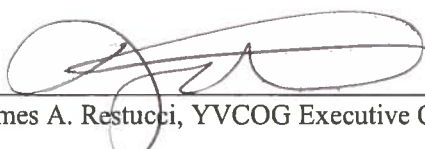
PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURN

With no other business, Mr. Hodkinson adjourned the meeting at 2:43p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

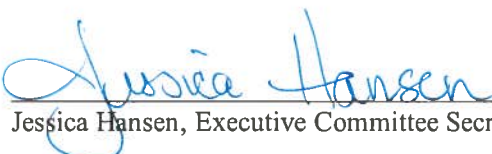


James A. Restucci, YVCOG Executive Committee Chair

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Date signed

ATTEST:



Jessica Hansen, Executive Committee Secretary