

YVCOG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
February 17, 2016

- CALL TO ORDER Mr. Restucci, Chairman, called the February 17, 2016 meeting of the YVCOG Executive Committee to order at 2:45pm
- ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS Members present John Hodkinson, Mario Martinez, Dan Olson, Maureen Adkison, Janice Gonzales and Mike Leita
Call in:
Members Absent:
YVCOG staff present: Larry Mattson, Chris Wickenhagen, Deb LaCombe, Avery Zoglman, Joseph Calhoun Tim Sullivan, and Jessica Hansen
Others present: Raquel Crowley (Sen. Patty Murray's Office) Lowell Krueger (Yakima Housing Authority)
A quorum was present.
**Indicates notice of absence received prior to meeting.*
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES Mr. Hodkinson moved to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2016 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
- Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2014-16 Executive Committee Mr. Restucci opened the nominations for the Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2014-16 Executive Committee. Mr. Martinez moved to nominate Jim Restucci as Chair and John Hodkinson Vice Chair. No other nominations were made.
Mr. Restucci declared the nominations closed.
The Executive Board unanimously approved of the nominations.
Mr. Restucci will continue to serve as Chair and Mr. Hodkinson will continue to serve as Vice chair for the 2014 -2016 YVCOG Executive Committee.
- Review/Introduction of YVCOG Executive Committee Responsibilities Mr. Mattson reviewed the YVCOG Executive Committee Responsibilities for returning and new Executive Board Members. Mr. Mattson also instructed Ms. Hansen to follow up with physical copies for the board. YVCOG follows Robert's Rules of Order for all procedures.
- Correspondence* YVCOG Executive Board will have 1.5 days Strategic Planning retreat in late March or early April. Mr. Mattson will send out a Doodle Poll to determine the best dates that will work with the board.

YVCOG received a letter from Yakima County Solid Waste Advisory Committee stating that the YVCOG Executive Board needs to appoint a new committee members to SWAC. Maureen Adkison was appointed as the YVCOG Executive Boards representative for the Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

Mr. Mattson updated the board on the pay for success concept. In mid-January, YVCOG found out that they were 1 of 6 locations nationwide to receive a training and technical assistance grant from the Urban Institute. This grant will assist us with a feasibility study to evaluate the potential for a pay for success project in the Yakima Valley. The Yakima Valley Community Foundation has agreed to help YVCOG achieve that outcome with assistance in the amount of \$27,000.

Mr. Mattson gave an overview of what the pay for success concept and social impact bonds would look like for the Yakima Valley. Some of the target populations include homelessness, adult recidivism, early childhood education, etc. Private lenders then step in and provide the investment portion of the concept. This concept gets more to what are the desired outcomes in the population that you hope to achieve. This study will take between 18 months and 2 years and less than 5 years to complete. A schedule will be sent to the board soon. Mr. Mattson is also meeting with stakeholders from around the valley to explain the urban grant and to get feedback on potential projects. Groups that could be involved include law and justice, healthcare institutions, education, employment agencies, government and private foundations. This will be a 6-step process we will be walking through with Urban. It involves identifying costs, population drivers, identifying the nature of the problem, looking at evidence-based interventions, and assessing pay for success suitability. At the fourth step, the Urban Institute would tell us if they think this would be feasible in the Yakima Valley or not or if a conventional funding approach might work better.

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 FEB-16-001 through FEB-16-006 in the total amount of \$87,020.00, and claim vouchers numbered FEB-16-007 through FEB-16-046 in the total amount of \$42,021.85. Mr. Olson moved to approve the February Vouchers;* Mr. Martinez seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Final Budget Report for 2015

Ms. Wickenhagen presented the final Budget Report for 2015 showing a revenue balance of \$68,736.18. Mrs. Adkison moved to approve the monthly budget report. Mr. Martinez seconded. Motion carried.

Monthly Budget Report

Ms. Wickenhagen presented the Preliminary January 2016 Monthly Budget Report* showing a revenue balance of \$-37,787.29. Mr. Hodkinson moved to approve the monthly budget report. Mrs. Adkison seconded. Motion carried.

Budget Amendment #1

Ms. Wickenhagen reported that she broke out the two Department of Health water feasibility studies because they are grants. She moved money from Technical Assistance into those accounts and YVCOG received \$400 from the Public Surplus Auction which should have been received in December but wasn't received until January. YVCOG is no longer using county services so the anticipated cost is no longer needed for the auditor, ILA, and purchasing. Mr. Hodkinson moved to approve the Budget Amendment number one. Mr. Martinez seconded. Motion carried.

Homeless Program

Mr. Sullivan introduced Lowel Krueger who is the new chair for the homeless program.

Homeless Planning and Policy Council Retreat – Mr. Sullivan reported that with all of the new changes within the homeless program and the homeless program moving to YVCOG from the County that it was time to have a strategic retreat and have created a 5 year plan as an outcome. Mr. Sullivan's main goal out of the retreat is to prioritize what sub populations that we want to serve with our resources without spreading resources too thin.

CHG/HEN Funding Issues and Requests – Mr. Sullivan reported that he would like to use \$250,000 of 2163 funds due to recent shortage in state funding. One of the funding resources that the homeless program receives is from HEN – Housing Vouchers which is dispersed between all of the county. By the end of February, the HEN dollars will all be completely obligated for 2016 and they are supposed to last until the end of the year. Another place that the Homeless program can find funding is from CHG. Mr. Sullivan is suggesting taking the CHG money to plug the holes that are currently coming up in funding. Unfortunately, this is becoming a problem as well as CHG funding has been cut by 70% in this county. Mr. Sullivan is asking for more funds from 2163 funds – which is filing fee funding. The County Commissioners are now aware of this and will make a decision at a later time.

Homeless Legislation Update – Mr. Sullivan reported that there has been a \$7.5 million dollar cut in the Homeless Programs/CHG program.

Bring Washington Home Act – aimed at fighting homelessness statewide and how they propose to do that is they want to take up to \$3million dollars out of the rainy day fund to fund they crisis of homelessness in this state. Mr. Sullivan has created a letter about this issue that he would like to have sent out to all of the mayors in the valley to get their support on this issue. Mr. Restucci asked if there were any objections to him signing the letter to send out to all of the mayors. There were no objections.

Postponed item 12 and 13

Mr. Restucci commented on how the meeting was running late and that it was already 4pm. Mr. Restucci suggested moving items 12 and 13 on the agenda

until a later meeting or call a special meeting. Hearing no objections items 12 and 13 on the agenda were postponed.

Program Update

- Department of Health water consolidation feasibility study –data gathering and research process right now.
- GMA activities – for Selah and Naches
- Planning only grants through the Department of Commerce. One has already been submitted for Wapato. Beginning preparation for Union Gap.
- 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 –beginning work on a NEPA environmental assessment for a sewer lift station that they are getting. They are also in the final stages of adopting the Parks and Recs plan.
- The USDA Rural Communities development initiative grant is still being processed by Shawn. She is currently talking to interested cities and New Vision.
- Funder’s Forum is March 9th at 9:00am – 3:30pm at the Grandview Community Center.

General Membership Meeting


Mr. Mattson reported that the General Membership meeting will be held at the Ahtanum Youth Barn in Union Gap, WA. The programs will be Kurt Stiles with Visual Engineering Resource Group (WSDOT.)

OTHER BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

ADJOURN With no other business, Mr. Restucci adjourned the meeting at 4:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



 James A. Restucci, YVCOG Executive Committee Chair

18 APR 2016

 Date signed

ATTEST:



 Jessica Hansen, Executive Committee Secretary