

YVCOG GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES  
January 21, 2015

PRESENT:

Grandview: Norm Childress-M, Bill Moore-A  
Granger: Maria Gonzalez-M, Lilia Villarreal-A  
Harrah:  
Mabton:

Moxee:

Naches: Adam Kramer-A  
Selah: Jane Williams-M  
Sunnyside: Jim Restucci-M  
Tieton: Felisa Cox-M  
Toppenish: Clara Jimenez -M,  
Union Gap: Roger Wentz-M, Mark Carney-A  
Wapato: Santos Valdez-A, Jim Gerred-PC  
Yakima:  
Yakima County: Mike Leita-M  
Zillah: Doug Stewart-A

ABSENT:

Grandview: Don Olmstead-PC  
Granger: David Marrs-PC  
Harrah: Pat Krueger-M, Jack Wells-A  
Mabton: Sophie Sotelo-M, Arturo DelaFuente-A Maria Rose-PC

Moxee: LeRoy Lenseigne-M, David Roy-A  
Naches: Kit Hawver-M, Vacant-PC  
Selah: John Tierney-A, Willie Quinnell -PC  
Sunnyside: Spencer Martin-A, DeAnn Hochhalter-PC  
Tieton: Stan Hall-A, Jenny Korens-PC  
Toppenish: Derald Ortloff-A, Christina Kwan-PC  
Union Gap: Michael Moore-PC  
Wapato: Jesse Farias-M  
Yakima: Rick Ensey-M, Bill Lover-A, Vacant-PC  
Yakima County: Rand Elliott-M, Kevin Bouchey-M  
Zillah: Janice Gonzales-M, Ardele Steele-PC/A

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

**Attendees:** Grandview: Cus Arteaga, Santos Trevino, Gloria Mendoza; Granger: n/a; Harrah: n/a; Mabton: Mario Martinez; Moxee: n/a; Naches: n/a; Selah: Joe Henne, Yoon-Hee Henne, Bruce Williams; Sunnyside: n/a; Toppenish: Blaine Thorington; Tieton: n/a; Union Gap: Dan Olson; Wapato: Peggie Gerred; Yakima: n/a; Zillah: n/a; **Others:** Bill Clemens, John Hodgkinson, and Sandee Hodgkinson, Madelyn Carlson, Don Whitehouse ; YVCOG Staff: Larry Mattson, Chris Wickenhagen, Deb LaCombe, Shawn Conrad, , Joseph Calhoun, and Tami Hayward.

CALL TO ORDER  
INTRODUCTIONS  
ROLL CALL

Chairman Restucci called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. The meeting was hosted by the City of Selah at the Civic Center. 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

Interim City Administrator, Joe Henne, welcomed everyone to the City of Selah.

BUSINESS

*Approval of Minutes*

Mr. Restucci entertained a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 10, 2014 General Membership Meeting. Mr. Wentz, Union Gap, moved to approve the Minutes and Mr. Childress, Grandview, seconded the motion. The motion carried.

YVCOG NEWS &  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Larry Mattson, YVCOG Executive Director, noted that YVCOG's Senior Planner, Shawn Conrad, has organized a Funder's Forum for March 13<sup>th</sup>. The location of the forum has not yet been determined, but asked that members please save the date on their calendars.

Mr. Mattson thanked the YVCOG staff, and especially Chris Wickenhagen, for her service as Interim Executive Director after the resignation of their

former Executive Director, last May. Ms. Wickenhagen and the staff kept the organization running smoothly and he has come into an ideal situation at YVCOG.

Mr. Restucci reiterated the membership's pleasure of having Mr. Mattson as YVCOG's new Executive Director.

## PROGRAM

Bill Clemens, Regional Community Manager for Pacific Power, gave a presentation on the mission of Pacific Power –Also part of Pacific Corp.

Power was first brought to Yakima in January of 1890, by the Yakima Electric Light Company. Pacific Power has been serving the Yakima Valley since 1910. Yakima Valley was one of the four original communities making up Pacific Power: the other three included Pendleton, Walla Walla, and Astoria.

Mr. Clemens shared the priority list used in restoring a power outage.

In a large-scale power outage, it is critical to repair:

1. Transmission lines
2. Substations
3. Large lines that feed entire neighborhoods
4. First responders – police, fire, water plants, etc.
5. Individual homes.

Resources that are available to track outages:

1. All outages affecting more than 500 customers are posted on the Pacific Power website (Safety and Outage tab)
2. Customer service line
3. A mobile app will be launched in late April to track outages (Customers may also view their statement and pay their bill through this app after it becomes available)

Union Gap substation is the hub for all power coming into the Valley.

Mayors and City Managers may contact Mr. Clemens directly for information regarding their specific city and a power outage.

Pacific Power attempts to manage costs by avoiding building new generating plants. This is best done by assisting customers in managing their power usage. There is information located on [PacificPower.net](http://PacificPower.net) for a more detailed explanation. There are also offers for businesses and government on the site for review.

Blue Sky Project is a program to assist customers' understanding and use of renewable energy available in their community.

Pacific Power owns all of its own power generation with a diverse mix of energy resources: hydro facilities, coal, natural gas, wind generation, and a small amount of solar.

Currently there are three power grids – West Coast, East Coast, and Texas. This structure is to prevent the U.S. from going down at the same time.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

The City of Union Gap volunteered to host the March 18, 2015 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURN

With no further business, Mr. Restucci adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
James A. Restucci, YVCOG Chairman

Date signed: 3/18/15

  
Tamara D. Hayward, Office Specialist