

YVCOG GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES  
March 18, 2015

PRESENT:

Grandview: Norm Childress-M, Bill Moore-A  
Granger: Maria Gonzalez-M, Lilia Villarreal-A, Bruce Hall-PC  
Harrah:  
Mabton: Sophie Sotelo-M  
Moxee:  
Naches: Kit Hawver-M  
Selah: Jane Williams-M  
Sunnyside:

Tieton: Stan Hall-A  
Toppenish: Clara Jimenez -M,  
Union Gap: Roger Wentz-M  
Wapato: Jesse Farias-M, Jim Gerred-PC  
Yakima:  
Yakima County: Rand Elliott-M  
Zillah: Doug Stewart-A, Ardele Steele-PC/A

ABSENT:

Grandview: Don Olmstead-PC  
Granger:  
Harrah: Pat Krueger-M, Jack Wells-A  
Mabton: Arturo DelaFuente-A Maria Rose-PC  
Moxee: LeRoy Lenseigne-M, David Roy-A  
Naches: Adam Kramer-A Vacant-PC  
Selah: John Tierney-A, Willie Quinnell -PC  
Sunnyside: Jim Restucci-M, Spencer Martin-A, DeAnn Hochhalter-PC  
Tieton: Felisa Cox-M, Jenny Korens-PC  
Toppenish: Derald Ortloff-A, Christina Kwan-PC  
Union Gap: Mark Carney-A, Michael Moore-PC  
Wapato: Santos Valdez-A  
Yakima: Rick Ensey-M, Bill Lover-A, Vacant-PC  
Yakima County: Mike Leita-M, Kevin Bouchey-M  
Zillah: Janice Gonzales-M

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

**Attendees:** Grandview: Cus Arteaga, Santos Trevino, Jesse Palacios, Gloria Mendoza, Joan Souders; Granger: n/a; Harrah: n/a; Mabton: Mario Martinez, Oping Hutson; Moxee: n/a; Naches: Wayne Hawver; Selah:; Sunnyside: n/a; Toppenish: Loren Belton; Tieton: n/a; Union Gap: David Spurlock, Rod Otterness, Greg Cobb; Wapato: Peggie Gerred; Yakima: n/a; Zillah: n/a; **Others:** Brian Winter, Joseph Brusic, Scott Miller, John Hodkinson, Sandee Hodkinson, Don Whitehouse, Kevin Wickenhagen, Bruce Williams, and Merry Daley; YVCOG Staff: Larry Mattson, Chris Wickenhagen, Shawn Conrad, and Tami Hayward.

CALL TO ORDER  
INTRODUCTIONS  
ROLL CALL

Vice Chairman Hodkinson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was hosted by the City of Union Gap at the Ahtanum Youth Park Barn. 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

Mayor Roger Wentz, welcomed everyone to the City of Union Gap.

BUSINESS

*Approval of Minutes*

Mr. Hodkinson entertained a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 21, 2015 General Membership Meeting. Mr. Wentz, Union Gap, moved to approve the Minutes and Mr. Elliott, Yakima County, seconded the motion. The motion carried.

YVCOG NEWS &  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Larry Mattson, YVCOG Executive Director, stated that he is happy to have recently spent some time in the cities of Granger, Zillah, Toppenish, and Naches, attending various meetings, and he expects to be doing so in our remaining jurisdictions in the near future.

Mr. Mattson provided a brief update on what has been happening with bringing Homeless Network to YVCOG. An interlocal agreement and budget amendment will be brought before the Executive Committee at the

April meeting, and before the General Membership at the May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Shawn Conrad, YVCOG Senior Planner, mentioned the Funder's Forum held March 13, 2015 and asked for feedback from those who were in attendance, and also inquired as to whether there is interest in having another one next year. She asked members to contact her with comments.

PROGRAM

Yakima County's recently elected Sheriff, Brian Winter, and Prosecuting Attorney, Joseph (Joe) Brusic, each shared some of their personal and professional background and qualifications for their positions. They also shared their visions, goals, and perspectives of their departments and stated their mutual desire for multiple Yakima County law enforcement agencies to work together, giving some examples of how they have recently been able to do so.

Sherriff Winter gave some background on the 3/10 Sales Tax proposition. This money goes directly to law and justice – not into the General Fund. This will be a county-wide vote, and will impact the entire county. Commissioner Rand Elliott, and Union Gap City Manager, Rod Otterness, also spoke out in support of the 3/10 Sales Tax bill. This money is essential in order to maintain Yakima County's current law and justice departments' status quo.

Prosecuting Attorney Brusic commented on his support of the 3/10 Sales Tax.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

The Town of Naches volunteered to host the May 20, 2015 meeting.


PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURN

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
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James A. Restucci, YVCOG Chairman

Date signed: 20 May 2015

  
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Tamara D. Hayward, Office Specialist