

YVCOG GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
September 20, 2017

PRESENT:

Grandview: Norm Childress, Bill Moore-A
Granger: Maria Gonzalez-M, Lilia Villarreal-A
Harrah: n/a
Mabton: n/a
Moxee: n/a
Naches: Kit Hawver – M
Selah: Russell Carlson –M
Sunnyside: Jim Restucci –M,
Tieton: Matt Johnson – M
Toppenish: Elpidia Saavedra-PC
Union Gap:
Wapato: Santos Valdez-A
Yakima: n/a
Yakima County: Ron Anderson - M
Zillah: Janice Gonzales-M, Ardele Steele-PC/A

ABSENT:

Grandview: Don Olmstead-PC,
Granger: Hilda Guzman-PC
Harrah: Gracie Wilson-M, Pat Krueger-A
Mabton: Sophie Sotelo-M, Arturo De La Fuente – A
Moxee: LeRoy Lenseigne-M, David Roy-A
Naches: Suzi Williams-A
Selah: Roger Bell -A, Lisa Smith -PC
Sunnyside: Julia Hart-A; DeAnn Hochhalter-PC
Tieton: Dewane Ashbrooks-A
Toppenish: J. Eligio Jimenez-M, Gabriel Pinon-A
Union Gap: Roger Wentz-M, Mark Carney-A, Sandra Dailey-PC
Wapato: Goliah Elwell-M, Tim Thompson-PC
Yakima: Vacant-PC
Yakima County: Mike Leita-M, J. Rand Elliott-M
Zillah: Doug Stewart-A

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

Additional Attendees: Grandview: Cus Arteaga, Santos Trevino, Joan Souders; Granger: n/a; Mabton: Mario Martinez; Moxee: n/a; Naches: Wayne Hawver; Selah: Sherry Raymond; Don Wayman; Sunnyside: n/a; Tieton: n/a; Toppenish: Clara Jimenez, Blaine Thorington; Union Gap: n/a; Wapato: Jim Gerred, Peggie Gerred; Yakima: Maureen Adkison Zillah: Gary Clark **Others:** Mary Anderson, Ben Annen, Mike Battle, Dale Burgeson, Bradley Cooper, John Hodkinson, Sandee Hodkinson, Jerri Honeyford, Deb LaCombe, Jan Ollivier, Craig Testerman, Todd Trepanier, Brian Harris, and Kevin Wickenhagen **Speakers:** Representative Bruce Chandler, Senator Jim Honeyford, and Representative Norm Johnson **YVCOG Staff:** Jessica Hansen, Tami Hayward, Lance Larsen, Larry Mattson, Crystal Testerman, and Chris Wickenhagen

CALL TO ORDER
INTRODUCTIONS
ROLL CALL

Chairman James Restucci called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. (Dinner break from 7:05 – 7:35 p.m.) The meeting was hosted by the City of Toppenish at Mt. Adams Country Club. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Leita (Yakima County) moved to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2017 meeting. Mr. Childress (Grandview) seconded. The motion carried.

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 Clara Jimenez welcomed everyone to the City of Toppenish.

BUSINESS

YVCOG News & Announcements

Mr. Mattson welcomed the membership to the city of Toppenish and provided them with a summary of the new 'A la carte' service option that will be offered in 2018. These services will include grant writing, GIS, mapping, and more.

Mr. Mattson also updated the membership on the status of the YVCOG governance agreement.

Legislative update

Mr. Restucci introduced Senator Jim Honeyford. Senator Honeyford reported on the capital budget, water rights and rural construction. He stated that without an agreement on a water-rights bill, Senate Republicans have held up the two-year, \$4 billion capital construction budget. Senator Honeyford, who is the head of the Capital Budget Committee, explained that the court decision has stopped construction in rural areas and it is crucial to resolve the problem.

Mr. Restucci then introduced Representative Bruce Chandler who provided information on the McCleary case and school board bonds. The Senate

Majority Coalition budget proposes to make further investments into our mental health system, adds higher education slots, funds public safety and reforms our state's levy system. Every homeowner in the state would pay the same amount per assessed value, making for a much fairer and equitable system, especially for rural property owners.

Lastly, Mr. Restucci presented Representative Norm Johnson who addressed his priorities which include creating an economy that stimulates job growth, ensuring a quality education at the K-12 level and at our institutions of higher learning, maintaining affordable access to health care, providing better roads and access to our ports, and representing the small rural communities of Washington.

OTHER BUSINESS

LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

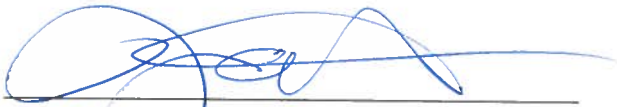
The City of Granger volunteered to host the October 18, 2017 General Membership meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN

With no further business, Mr. Restucci adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



James A. Restucci, YVCOG Chairman

Date signed: 18052017



Jessica Hansen, Office and Communication Specialist