

**YVCOG General Membership Video Conference
Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2021**

JURISDICTION	PRESENT	ABSENT
GRANDVIEW	Bill Moore-M;	Cus Arteaga-A
GRANGER	Lilia Villarreal-M; Julie Sharp-A	Veronica Bermudez-PC
HARRAH	Pat Krueger – M	
MABTON	Sophie Sotelo – M; Arturo Dela Fuente - A	
MOXEE		David Mullen-M; Greg LaBree-A
NACHES	Kit Hawver – M; Wayne Hawver - A	
SELAH	Sherry Raymond-A; Jacquie Matson-M	Lisa Smith-PC
SUNNYSIDE		Dean Broersma-M; Francisco Guerrero-A
TIETON	Ed Marquand-M	Amy Oberrender-A
TOPPENISH	Clara Jimenez-A; Al Hubert-PC	Mark Oaks-M
UNION GAP	Jack Galloway-M; Sandy Dailey-A	Mike Moore-PC
WAPATO		
YAKIMA CITY		Brad Hill-M; Holly Cousens-A
YAKIMA CO.	Ron Anderson – M;	Amanda McKinney-M; LaDon Linde-M
ZILLAH	Janice Gonzales-M; Doug Stewart-A	Ardele Steele-PC/A/A

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

Speakers: Karen Francis-McWhite, Department of Commerce

Additional Attendees: Others: Hilda Guzman (Granger); Laura Vazquez (Mabton); Martin Casey, Jim Restucci (Sunnyside); Lance Hoyt, Heidi Riojas (Toppenish); Fred Munoz (Tieton); John Hodkinson (Union Gap); Brian White (WSDOT); Bob Harrison (Yakima); Deborah LaCombe (HLA); Bob Udell (Yakima County Sheriff); Raquel Crowley (Sen. Patty Murray’s office); Vicki Holleman Perez (Rep. Dan Newhouse’s office).

YVCOG Staff Chris Wickenhagen, Tami Hayward, Jodi Smith, Shane Andreas, and Jeff Watson.

CALL TO ORDER: James Restucci, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.
INTRODUCTIONS AND ROLL CALL The meeting was hosted via ZOOM. 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 Don Wayman, City Administrator of the City of Selah, opened the meeting with an update on current and future happenings in Selah. Approaching 2021 with a lot of hope:

- 2021 budget is looking good;
- Selah Community Days has been cancelled for 2nd year in a row;
- Hot Rods on 1st Street will be starting in June;
- Sports are ready to go as soon as we get the green light;
- Parks are open and heavily attended;
- A couple of large public works projects will be getting underway soon;
- Selah has hired a new Police Chief ;

- Considering building a new Police Station – will be going into a study phase;
- Service sector (restaurants, bars, and grills) has taken a hit.

Mayor Sherry Raymond also extended a welcome to the meeting.

BUSINESS

*Approval of Minutes –
December 9, 2020 General
Membership Meeting*

Yakima County moved to approve the [Minutes from December 9, 2020](#). The City of Zillah seconded. *The motion carried.*

PROGRAM

***Karen Francis-McWhite, Department of Commerce, Central Washington
Community Engagement and Outreach Specialist***

Karen is an advocate for rural community and economic development in Central Washington. She explained Commerce’s mission and work. Her informative presentation is attached for your reference.

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**UPCOMING GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

2021 meetings may be held via Zoom, or we may be able to meet in one of our cities.

Meeting dates: March 17 – Sunnyside	October 20 - Zillah
May 19 – Granger	December 8 – City of Yakima
September 15 - Grandview	

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURN

With no further business, Chairman Restucci adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Restucci, YVCOG Chairman

Date signed: _____

Tamara Hayward, Financial Specialist
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A recording of this meeting is available