

YVCOG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
June 21, 2021

CALL TO ORDER Chair James Restucci called the June 21, 2021 meeting of the YVCOG Executive Committee to order at 2:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL &
INTRODUCTIONS

- **Members present via teleconference**
Janice Gonzales: Area 2 – Wapato, Toppenish, Harrah, Zillah
John Hodgkinson, Vice Chair: Area 1 – Moxee, Naches, Selah, Tieton, Union Gap
Bill Moore: Area 3 – Mabton, Granger, Grandview
Sherry Raymond: Member-At-Large
James Restucci, Chair: City of Sunnyside
- **Members absent**
Ron Anderson: Yakima County
Brad Hill: City of Yakima
- **YVCOG Staff**
Chris Wickenhagen, Lynn Deitrick, Shane Andreas, Jeff Watson, Tamara Hayward, Marcus Richards, Jodi Smith
- **Others Present via teleconference**
None
- **A quorum was present**
**Indicates notice of absence received prior to meeting.*

PUBLIC COMMENT
POLICY

It is the policy of the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments 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.

*Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of Minutes:
 - May 17, 2021, YVCOG Executive Committee Meeting
2. Approval of Payroll Voucher:
 - As of May 31, 2021, approve payroll voucher MAY 21-001 in the amount of \$80,118.36 through electronic fund transfers.
3. Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers:
 - As of May 31, 2021, approve claim vouchers numbered MAY-21-002 through MAY-21-017 in the total amount of \$45,868.61.

Decision: *Bill Moore, Area 3 representative, moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Sherry Raymond, Member at large, seconded. The motion carried.*

*Executive Director's
Correspondence*

- Chris Wickenhagen, YVCOG Executive Director
- **2022 Budget Subcommittee:** the subcommittee will meet in August. Several budget scenarios will be presented that reflect YVCOG priorities for 2022.
 - **New Transportation Planner:** Marcus Richards was introduced to the Executive Committee.
 - **Monthly meetings with elected officials/senior City Staff:** Topics discussed include the need for regional law enforcement training for consistent response crossing multiple jurisdictions, concerted effort to fight gangs in the Valley. "Gang Coordinator" shared cost among cities. Equipment needs: Radios for cross-city communicating with all simultaneously. Law Enforcement Forum with WA State Patrol Chief. YVCOG can help facilitate.

- **Meetings & Communication:** in-person, hybrid, remote? Format for September General Membership meeting? Discussions included continuing to provide the option of attending meetings via ZOOM. GM meetings with the option of in-person. **Information**

*Staff Reports**

Shane Andreas, Finance Specialist. Reported there will be a budget amendment for 2021 expected in August.

- **May 2021 Budget Report** includes Revenues of \$69,078.14, Expenditures of \$125,986.97, Balance of \$68,970.77 year to date. Cash Balance is \$596,940.39 which is expected and comparable to May 2020.

Lynn Deitrick, Planning Manager

- Land Use & Regional Planning Program: Information presented included community assistance for Tieton, Mabton, Toppenish, Union Gap, Grandview and Wapato.
- Department of Commerce: Public government delivery system. Drafting scoping focus on recent legislation
- SMP - Shoreline Master Program due June 30th
CTR - Commute Trip Reduction: future implementation of electronic surveys and restart

Chris Wickenhagen, Executive Director, for Vicki Baker, Regional Program Manager

- Regional Programs -
Kresge Grant: **Advancing Health Equity through Housing Report** was presented to the Foundation Grant team. Details, attached. YVCOG was invited to apply for funding phase 2.

Jodi Smith, Communications Specialist

DATE	HOST	SPEAKER/TOPIC
September 15	Grandview	Legislative Update
October 20	Zillah	Homeless Program Update
December 8	City of Yakima	TBD

YVCOG will contact Grandview and Zillah for facilities and meals for upcoming hybrid General Membership meetings. Hybrid meetings will offer both in-person and virtual attendance options.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

YCDA Contract*

Chris Wickenhagen, Executive Director

Contract with YCDA, Yakima County Development Association. A Professional Services Contract for cities' zoning data for \$31,000 was presented. Information included data gathering for a regional map and disclaimers for accuracy of current data.

Discussion and Decision

Motion to approve the YCDA Professional Services contract was made by Bill Moore, Area 3. Seconded by Janice Gonzales, Area 2. The motion passed.

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OTHER BUSINESS

The next Executive Committee meeting will be Monday, July 19, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment.

ADJOURN

With no other business, YVCOG Executive Committee Chair James Restucci adjourned the meeting at 2:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


James A. Restucci, YVCOG Executive Committee Chair

Date signed

ATTEST:

Jodi Smith, Communications Specialist