

YVCOG General Membership Video Conference

Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2022

JURISDICTION	PRESENT	ABSENT
GRANDVIEW	Bill Moore-M; Gloria Mendoza-A	
GRANGER		Ryan Stonemetz – M; Susie Munoz - A
HARRAH	Pat Krueger – M	
MABTON		Arturo Dela Fuente – M; Andy Carrasco - A
MOXEE		David Roy – M; Greg Spurgin - A
NACHES		Paul Williams – M; Suzanne Williams – A
SELAH	Sherry Raymond – M; Clifford Peterson – A; Jeff Peters - PC	
SUNNYSIDE	Julia Hart – M;	Vicki Ripley – A; David Rand - PC
TIETON	Ed Marquand-M	Matt Riddle - A
TOPPENISH	Clara Jimenez-M; Al Hubert-PC	Naila Duval – A
UNION GAP	James Murr – M; Dave Hansen – A; Jeff Shoemaker - PC	
WAPATO		Margaret Estrada – M; Elizabeth Villa - A
YAKIMA CITY	Patricia Byers - M	
YAKIMA CO.	Ron Anderson – M;	Amanda McKinney-M; LaDon Linde-M
ZILLAH		Janice Gonzales-M; Doug Stewart-A; Ardele Steele- PC/A

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

Additional Attendees:	Speakers: Washington State Senator Curtis King and Representative Gina Mosbrucker; Richard Evans for US Senator Maria Cantwell, Raquel Crowley for US Senator Patty Murray, and Vicki Holleman-Perez from the Office of Congressman Dan Newhouse (4 th Congressional District)
	Others: Mike Battle (HLA); Elizabeth Alba, Jim Restucci (Sunnyside); John Clary, George Garcia, Heidi Riojas, Debbie Zabell (Toppenish); John Hodgkinson (Union Gap); Sharon Bounds (Zillah); Todd Trepanier (WSDOT);
YVCOG Staff	Alan Adolf; Shane Andreas, Vicki Baker, Byron Gumz, Tami Hayward, Jeff Watson, and Chris Wickenhagen.

CALL TO ORDER: James Restucci, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 6:01 p.m.
INTRODUCTIONS AND The meeting was hosted via ZOOM. A quorum was present.
ROLL CALL

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 Gloria Mendoza, Mayor of the City of Grandview, welcomed the General Membership and guests to YVCOG's September meeting.

BUSINESS

Senator Jim Honeyford Service Award James Restucci, Chair, on behalf of YVCOG, paid tribute to Senator Honeyford, recognizing his numerous honors and accomplishments over his many years of service to Washington state (see Page 4).

Senator Honeyford has served as a state legislator since 1994 and will be retiring at the end of this year's term.

Senator Honeyford was unable to attend the meeting, but a plaque recognizing his service will be presented to him at a later date. Several of his peers, along with Yakima County citizens, paid him high compliments and expressed their appreciation of him as a person and for all that he has accomplished in the state of Washington and Yakima Valley.

Approval of Minutes – May 18, 2022 General Membership Meeting

Bill Moore moved to approve the Minutes from May 18, 2022. Patricia Byers seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Byron Gumz (Planning Manager) – provided a high-level update on YVCOG land-use planning activities.

- Housing Action Plan presentations have been given in Union Gap and Zillah;
- Various meetings, including Central Washington Home Builders Association and a Realtors meeting;
- Processing various land-use permits, subdivisions, annexations, rezones, etc.

Alan Adolf (Transportation Program Manager)–

- Traffic counts are wrapping up.
- Working on HSTP and transit study.
- Moving forward with Naches/Hwy 12 pedestrian/bicycle safety enhancements;

Vicki Baker (Regional Program Manager) –

- Recent Kresge meeting – discussed how we can stretch our budget by combining projects with other funding sources (CDBG Low Income Senior Citizen Emergency Home Repairs, Housing Action plans, etc.)
- Housing Action Plans – recently held a regional CWHBA forum and putting together a realtor forum; lots of community outreach going on.
- Law Enforcement – community engagement events will continue through the Central Washington State Fair; we have received over 800 survey responses (100 in Spanish); National Night Out events are completed, etc.
- Regional Crime Intelligence Center – working on scope of work and contract with Yakima County. The general outline puts Sheriff in the position to manage the ARPA grant on behalf of Yakima County. We will begin hiring, procurement, and training once we receive the ARPA funds.

PROGRAM

A legislative update was provided Senator Curtis King and Representative Gina Mosbrucker; Richard Evans for US Senator Maria Cantwell, Raquel Ferrel-Crowley for US Senator Patty Murray, and Vicki Holleman-Perez from the Office of Congressman Dan Newhouse (4th Congressional District)

Numerous topics were discussed such as the 2023 Appropriations bill, including a \$23 million increase to Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project funding over last year; support of Congressionally Directed Spending Requests Yakima’s East West Corridor Project and a request for Save the Children Lower

Yakima Valley reducing food insecurity and increasing child literacy; the Inflation Reduction Act; the CHIPS and Science Act; Washington CARES long-term care payroll tax; Paid Family Medical Leave Program, which is now presenting solvency concerns; the \$16 billion transportation plan passed this past legislative session which will fund \$75 million for the Hood River Bridge, as well as local projects on I-82 and the East-West Corridor; worker's compensation rate increases; removal of the Snake River dams and the possibility of replacing that clean energy source with new small nuclear reactors; protecting markets for our farmers; lowering health care costs; along with many other important topics.

**UPCOMING GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

The October YVCOG General Membership meeting will be held in person and hosted by the City of Sunnyside. The location is yet to be determined.

The December meeting will be held on December 14, 2022 and hosted by YVCOG.

PUBLIC COMMENT

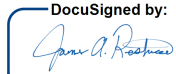
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ADJOURN

With no further business, Chairman Restucci adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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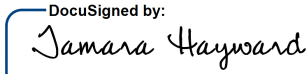


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James A. Restucci, YVCOG Chairman

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Tamara Hayward, Financial Specialist

Yakima Valley Conference of Governments honors **Senator Jim Honeyford**



Personal: Jim was born in Ontario, Oregon, but moved to Sunnyside in 1956; He and his wife, Jerri, are the parents of four grown children.

Employment: Policeman, City of Ellensburg, 1960-66; Teacher, coach, librarian, Sunnyside School District, 1966-1995; Farmer.

Elective Office: House of Representatives 1994; Senate 1998 to current

Legislative Leadership: Republican Deputy Floor Leader 2015, 2013-14, 2011-12, 2009-10; Republican Caucus Chair, 2005-06; Majority Caucus Chair, 2004; Republican Whip, 2001-02.

Special Committees: Joint Legislative Committee on Water Supply During Drought; State Capitol Furnishings and Preservation Committee; Pacific Northwest Economic Region; Co-Chair Heritage Caucus; Law Enforcement Officers' and Fire Fighters' Plan 2 Retirement Board.

Former Special Committee Service: Joint Legislative-Executive Columbia River Partnership; Committee to study Offshore Outsourcing; Joint Executive-Legislative Water Policy and Water Dispute Resolution Committee; Washington State Commemorative Quarter Advisory Commission; State Capitol Legislative Building Rehabilitation/Renovation oversight Committee; Board member Washington State Historical Society; Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Advisory Committee; Washington State Arts Commission.

Awards & Honors: Central Washington University College of the Sciences Alumni of the Year Award 2014, Washington Coalition for Open Government "Key Award" 2011, Association of Washington Business "Cornerstone" award, 2007; 2006 Champions of Free Enterprise Award, Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc.; 2005 Landmark Deeds Award for Public Service, Washington Trust for Historic Preservation; 2005 Jim Matson Award, highest honor presented by the Association of Washington Business; 100 percent voting record on issues important to farmers, Washington Farm Bureau, 2005; 2004-05 Legislator of the Year, Washington Association of Agricultural Educators; Outstanding Legislator Award, National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB), 1997-98; 2000 NFIB Guardian of Small Business Award; 2000 Legislator of the Year Award, Washington Association of Agricultural Educators; 2000 Outstanding Leadership Award, NW Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans of America; 2002 Outstanding Service Award, Prosser School District; 2002 Appreciation Award, Latino/a Educational Achievement Project; 2002 Washington Farm Bureau 100% Voting Record Award.

Civic Activities: Washington State Farm Bureau; Lt. Col. Civil Air Patrol; Sunnyside Daybreak Rotary Club; Gideons; Washington State Farm Bureau; Sunnyside Christian Reformed Church, former council president; Washington State Historical Society, former board of trustees member; former Sunnyside City Councilman; Habitat for Humanity, former board member; Sunnyside Chamber of Commerce, former member; Sunnyside Tennis Club, founder and former president; Washington State Grape Society, former member.