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YVCOG GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE

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Dial: 253 215 8782

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5:00 p.m. – Social Time and Check-in

5:30 p.m. – Dinner - \$25.00 Octoberfest Food

6:00 p.m. – Program

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

James Restucci, YVCOG Executive Committee Chair

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.*

II. WELCOMING REMARKS – City of Sunnyside

James Restucci, Mayor

III. BUSINESS – James Restucci, YVCOG Executive Committee Chair

1. Minutes from September 21, 2022

Discussion and Decision – “I move to approve the minutes”

2. 2023 YVCOG Proposed Budget

Chris Wickenhagen, Executive Director

Discussion and Decision – “I move to approve Resolution 2022-01 adopting the YVCOG 2023 Balanced Budget”

3. General Membership Registration Fee - \$30

Chris Wickenhagen, Executive Director

Catering cost increase from \$25 to \$30. Anyone can attend without reserving a meal. For those who reserve a plate, \$30 proposed fee.

Discussion and Decision – “I move to approve \$30 for General Membership registration fee.”

4. 2022 YVCOG OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD – Jim Restucci

The 2022 Outstanding Service Award will be **awarded at the December General Membership meeting**. Please send nominations to YVCOG Executive Director Chris Wickenhagen, chris.wickenhagen@yvcog.org

V. PROGRAM

Yakima County Development Association Introduces Commercial Development Web Application



Jon Smith, Certified Economic Developer

Jon is a Certified Economic Developer with seventeen years of rural economic development experience. His key accomplishments include recruitment of national and international companies and assisting local businesses with expansions and exporting projects. In total, Smith has helped over twenty-five companies locate or expand new operations. These companies have invested over \$1.6 billion in facilities and equipment and have created approximately

1,700 jobs.

Jon also has experience with infrastructure development and has helped secure over \$40 million of grant and loan funding for job-creating projects. This includes funding for rail, water, sewer, roads, and electrical infrastructure.

Jon serves on the Transportation Policy Board at YVCOG and is a board member of the South-Central Workforce Development Council and Yakima SHRM, the local professional HR Association. He has a master's degree in Communication & Leadership Studies from Gonzaga University and a bachelor's degree in Public Communication with a minor in Economics from the University of Idaho.



Natalie Martinkus, PE, PhD

Natalie is a small business owner of Dry Creek Engineering and Geospatial, where she specializes in stormwater and site design, and providing GIS services for local governments and agricultural clients. Before this, Natalie spent 6.5 years in different civil engineering consulting firms, 5 years in a PhD program at WSU, and 2 years teaching GIS, AutoCAD, and Water Resources at Heritage University in Toppenish WA. Natalie has used

GIS extensively in all these different capacities and is now enjoying learning how to create customized web apps using JavaScript. Natalie is originally from Texas, and has lived in Yakima, WA and now Richland, WA for the last 14 years with her husband and two sons.

III. UPCOMING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING HOSTS

December 14– YVCOG: Location to be announced. ***In person and via Zoom***

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

V. ADJOURN

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