

**YVCOG General Membership Video Conference
Meeting Minutes
December 14, 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	Clifford Peterson – A;	Sherry Raymond – M; Jeff Peters - PC
SUNNYSIDE	Julia Hart – M (Z)	Vicki Ripley – A David Rand - PC
TIETON		Ed Marquand-M; Matt Riddle - A
TOPPENISH	Clara Jimenez-M (Z); Naila Duval – A (Z); Al Hubert-PC	
UNION GAP	James Murr – M;	Jeff Shoemaker - PC
WAPATO		Margaret Estrada – M; Elizabeth Villa - A
YAKIMA CITY	Patricia Byers - M	Matt Brown - A
YAKIMA CO.	Ron Anderson – M;	Amanda McKinney-M; LaDon Linde-M
ZILLAH	Doug Stewart-A	Janice Gonzales-M; Ardele Steele-PC/A

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

Others: David Diaz, Edalina Diaz, Joan Souders (Grandview); Rachel Ruelas (Z) (Mabton); Kevin Wickenhagen (Selah); Jim Restucci (Z) (Sunnyside) Derek Ripley, Debbie and Dave Zabell (Toppenish); John and Sandee Hodkinson, Stephanie Murr, and Sharon Bounds (Union Gap); Harold Byers; Merry Daley (Zillah); Madelyn Carlson (People for People), LaDon Linde (Yakima County Commissioner), Sandra Linde, Bob Udell (Yakima County Sheriff), Tracy Udell, Dan Christman (Selah Police Chief), Tish Christman, Nolan Wentz (Wapato Police Chief), Joe Brusic (Yakima County Prosecuting Attorney), Andrea Hochleutner (CWBHA), Victor Rodriguez, Cas Miller, Brenda Hubert, Mary Anderson.

Additional Attendees:

YVCOG Staff Alan Adolf; Shane Andreas, Vicki Baker, Byron Gumz, Tami Hayward, Albert Miller, Maria Lopez, Alma Rabadan, Angelica Saldivar, Jodi Smith, Jeff Watson, and Chris Wickenhagen.

CALL TO ORDER: James Restucci, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:04 p.m.
INTRODUCTIONS AND ROLL CALL The meeting was hosted in person and 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 Chairman Restucci welcomed the General Membership and guests to YVCOG’s December meeting, held at the Oxford Suites in Yakima.

BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes – October 19, 2022 General Membership Meeting Ron Anderson moved to approve the Minutes from October 19, 2022. Patricia Byers seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Amendment to the YVCOG 2022 Balanced Budget Chris Wickenhagen, YVCOG Executive Director Ms. Wickenhagen presented a proposed Amendment to the YVCOG 2022 Balanced Budget for review and discussion. This amendment increases YVCOG’s 2022 budget to \$3,291,500. This does not affect any of the cities, it is just additional funding we have received this year.

Decision: Patricia Byers moved to approve Resolution 2022-04 adopting the proposed Amendment to the YVCOG 2022 Balanced Budget. Ron Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PROGRAM

Jim Restucci, YVCOG Chairman

2022 Outstanding Service Award - YVCOG Director, Chris Wickenhagen, presented the Outstanding Service Awards to Yakima County Sheriff Robert Udell and Selah Police Chief Dan Christman. Their many hours of service and travel have greatly contributed to making the Yakima Valley Local Crime Lab a reality.

Vice Chairman Hodkinson recognized Chris Wickenhagen and Vicki Baker for their tireless efforts in accomplishing the formation of the Local Crime Lab.

Executive Director Wickenhagen introduced the YVCOG Executive Committee and thanked them for their service to YVCOG and our members.

Ms. Wickenhagen also introduced YVCOG staff members, including new staff members Albert Miller (Land Use Associate Planner), Alma Rabadan (Housing Specialist), and Angelica Saldivar (Housing Manager), and spoke briefly on YVCOG's various programs and some of the services (mapping, GIS, facilitations/retreats, etc.) YVCOG can provide our cities.

YVCOG Presentations:

Byron Gumz spoke briefly about what has been going on in our communities in relation to land use planning, such as the Housing Action Plan, code review, development proposals, and many other activities in 2022.

Chris Wickenhagen provided a short presentation on some of the many accomplishments of the YVCOG Transportation Program and several of our upcoming projects over the last year.

Vicki Baker gave recognition to Yakima County Commissioners Ron Anderson and LaDon Linde for their assistance in securing funding for the Local Crime Lab. She also recognized YVCOG Outreach Coordinator, Maria Lopez, for the wonderful job she has done in outreach for YVCOG's various programs, including conducting numerous surveys in our communities. She also spoke on the Housing Action Plan, Senior Assistance grant, the Kresge grant, and how we are working to address the need for affordable housing in our Valley. She also provided additional information on development of the Local Crime Lab program.

Information

2021 Outstanding Service Award

Director Wickenhagen recognized Al Hubert as the recipient of YVCOG's 2021 Outstanding Service Award. Al has been active in YVCOG for many, many years including serving as the Chairman of YVCOG's Executive Committee and Policy Board. Al spoke about his appreciation for what YVCOG does and the great staff there.

Goodbye and Thank You

John Hodkinson extended thanks on behalf of YVCOG to retiring County Commissioner Ron Anderson. Commissioner Anderson is a member of the YVCOG Executive Committee and MPO/RTPO Policy Board and was

instrumental, along with Commissioner Linde, in helping to secure County ARPA funding for the realization of the Yakima Valley Crime Lab.

UPCOMING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

The February General membership meeting location is still to be determined. Union Gap volunteered to host the March 15th meeting, Selah volunteered to host the May 17th meeting, Grandview will host the September 20th meeting, and Sunnyside will host the October 18th meeting.

OTHER

Table centerpieces were raffled off as door prizes to meeting guests.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURN

With no further business, Vice Chair Hodkinson adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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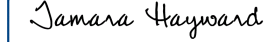


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James A. Restucci, YVCOG Chairman

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Tamara Hayward, Financial Specialist