

YVCOG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, March 20, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER** Vice Chair John Hodkinson called the March 20, 2023, meeting of the YVCOG Executive Committee to order at 2:54 p.m.

**ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS**

- **Members present:**
  - Patricia Byers: City of Yakima Council Member
  - Janice Gonzales: Zillah City Council Member, Area 2 – Harrah, Toppenish, Wapato, Zillah
  - John Hodkinson, Vice Chair: Mayor of Union Gap, Area 1 – Moxee, Naches, Selah, Tieton, Union Gap
  - LaDon Linde: Yakima County Commissioner
  - Sherry Raymond, Mayor of Selah – Member at Large
  - James Restucci, Chair: City of Sunnyside Deputy Mayor
  - Jose Trevino, Mayor of Granger: Area 3 – Mabton, Granger, Grandview
- **Members absent:**
  - Jose Trevino, Mayor of Granger: Area 3 – Mabton, Granger, Grandview\*
- **YVCOG Staff:**
  - Chris Wickenhagen, Byron Gumz, Angelica Saldivar, Albert Miller, Jodi Smith, Shane Andreas, Tami Hayward
- **Others Present** – Raquel Ferrell Crowley, Senator Murray’s Office
- **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**  
February 15, 2023, YVCOG Executive Committee Meeting
- 2. Approval of Payroll Voucher**  
As of February 28, 2023, approve payroll voucher FEB-23-001 in the amount of \$119,951.49 through electronic fund transfers.
- 3. Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers**  
As of February 28, 2023, approve claim vouchers numbered FEB-23-002 through FEB-23-0022 in the total amount of \$16,132.76..

**Action: Decision – Sherry Raymond, Mayor of Selah, Member Representative at large, moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Patricia Byers, Yakima City Council Member, seconded. The motion carried.**

*Executive Director’s Correspondence*

**Chris Wickenhagen, YVCOG Executive Director**

- **FBI/WSP ORI Application:** Local Crime Lab access to databases, clearance for ORI number.
- **Operations Board / LCL:** Construction on office nearly complete, doors, security coding, equipment ordered, furniture on hold. Staff anticipated start in April.
- **Council Meetings – 2022 Annual Report:** Chris and Vicki meeting with member Councils and the Board of County Commissioners to present the 2022 Annual Report.
- **DRYVE/TRANSACTION:** D.C. trip for in-person meetings with elected officials. YVCOG cannot attend due to conflicts of interest and lobbying rules.
- **Kittitas area “COG”:** request for meeting with Chris & Vicki regarding the benefits of a COG
- **Executive Committee Monthly Meetings:** meeting reminders would be helpful to be sent out by Wednesday prior, then a 2<sup>nd</sup> notice.

**Informational**

*Staff Reports*

***Shane Andreas***

- February 2023 Budget Report: 16% of the year  
Revenues: \$ 24,065.96  
Expenses: \$ \$136,084.25  
Cash Balance: \$ 1,666,902.81. Additional revenues to come.

***Byron Gumz, Regional Planning Manager***

- Housing Action Plans being prepared for City Council presentations; community assistance work in Grandview, Granger, Harrah, Toppenish, Wapato, Union Gap; Land Trust conference workshops and networking.

***Angelica Saldivar, Housing Manager***

- Housing Program work progressing. CDBG in Toppenish; housing gap analysis work continuing for Needs Assessment and barriers. This will apply to the entire Valley. Kresge program outlined, almost ready to begin accepting applications; Qualified Contractors list being developed; Community Land Trust ongoing training includes 2 more conference sessions.

***Informational***

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

The next Executive Committee meeting will be Monday, April 17, 2023.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ADJOURN**

With no other business, YVCOG Executive Committee Chair James Restucci adjourned the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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James A. Restucci, YVCOG Executive Committee Chair

4/18/2023

Date signed

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Jodi Smith, Communications Specialist