

**YVCOG General Membership Meeting
March 15, 2023, Minutes**

JURISDICTION	PRESENT	ABSENT
GRANDVIEW	Bill Moore-M	Gloria Mendoza-A
GRANGER	Ryan Stonemetz - M, Jose Trevino - Mayor	Susie Munoz - A
HARRAH	Pat Krueger – M	
MABTON	Diana Casteneda – M	Antonio Moreno - A
MOXEE		Rob Layman – M; David Roy – A
NACHES	Robert Weekes - M	Lorri Schneider – A
SELAH	Clifford Peterson – M; Sherry Raymond – A	
SUNNYSIDE	Vicki Ripley – A	Julia Hart – M
TIETON	Tadeo Saenz-Thompson – A	Ed Marquand-M;
TOPPENISH	Clara Jimenez-M; Naila Duval – A; Elpidia Saavedra - Mayor	Al Hubert-PC
UNION GAP	James Murr – M; David Hansen – A; Jeff Shoemaker - PC	
WAPATO		Margaret Estrada – M; Elizabeth Villa - A
YAKIMA CITY	Patricia Byers - M	Matt Brown - A
YAKIMA CO.	LaDon Linde-M	Kyle Curtis – M; Amanda McKinney-M;
ZILLAH	Janice Gonzales-M	Doug Stewart-A; Ardele Steele-PC/A

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

Additional Attendees:	Sharon Bounds	Larry Krueger	Ryan Stonemetz	Guest Gina
	Madelyn Carlson	Jose Lopez	Iliana Trevino	
	Dan Ford	Stephanie Murr	Kevin Wickenhagen	
	Adele Gumz	Heidi Riojas		
	Beatrix Gumz	Tony Riojas		
	Sandee Hodkinson	Joan Souders		

YVCOG Staff Alan Adolf; Vicki Baker, Byron Gumz, Maria Lopez, Albert Miller, Alma Rabadan, Angelica Saldivar, Jodi Smith, Chris Wickenhagen

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair John Hodkinson called the meeting to order at approximately 6:03 p.m. The City of Toppenish hosted the hybrid meeting at the Mount Adams Country Club.

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 Toppenish Mayor Elipida Saavedra welcomed the General Membership and guests to the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments’ March meeting.

BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes – February 22, 2023, General Membership Meeting Janice Gonzales moved to approve the Minutes from February 22, 2023. Bill Moore seconded. The motion carried.

- Staff Reports*
- Chris Wickenhagen reported on recent YVCOG correspondence
 - Vicki Baker gave a Legislative update, housing and status of Local Crime Lab
 - Byron Gumz provided an update on current land use planning projects in our communities, Housing Action Plan and Needs Assessment

- Alan Adolf reported on current/upcoming transportation projects
- Angelica Saldivar provided an update on recent Land Trust Conference, and the Regional Housing Program

PROGRAM

Jose Lopez, Comprehensive Healthcare

Mr. Lopez is Vice President of Inpatient and Residential Services at Comprehensive Healthcare. He has been working with Comprehensive Healthcare for nearly 13 years. He started his career providing direct client care.

Jose Lopez presented information on the multiple programs and services that are available. He answered many questions our members had regarding Designated Crisis Responders (DCR) staffing and services, and services that are and are not available in the southern Yakima Valley.

Information

UPCOMING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The City of Selah is hosting the May 17, 2023, meeting of the YVCOG General Membership.

OTHER

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

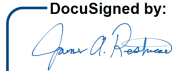
Elpidia Saavedra, Mayor of Toppenish, continued to encourage members to keep asking the County Commissioners to not send back available funding to the State and Federal government, and stated that our communities need every single dollar.

ADJOURN

With no further business, Vice Chair Hodkinson adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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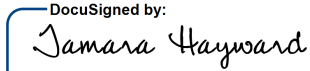


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James A. Restucci, YVCOG Chairman

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Tamara Hayward, Financial Specialist