

YVCOG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, August 21, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jim Restucci called the August 21, 2023, meeting of the YVCOG Executive Committee to order at 2:29 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
- **Members absent:**  
 Jose Trevino, Mayor of Granger: Area 3 – Mabton, Granger, Grandview\*
- **YVCOG Staff:**  
 Vicki Baker, Byron Gumz, Albert Miller, Maria Lopez, Shane Andreas, Alma Rabadan, Jodi Smith
- **Others Present** – None.
- **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**  
 July 17, 2023, YVCOG Executive Committee Meeting
  - 2. YVCOG July 2023 Budget**  
 Revenue: \$586,405.49; Expenditures \$309,311.11; Cash Revenue Balance of \$1,550,158.45.
  - 3. Approval of Payroll Voucher**  
 As of July 31, 2023, approve payroll EFTs in the amount of \$155,232.94.
  - 4. Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers**  
 As of July 31, 2023, approve claim vouchers numbered JUL-23-002 through JUL-23-0027 in the total amount of \$154,078.17.  
 As of June 30, 2023, approve claim vouchers numbered JUN-23-002 through JUN-23-033 in the total amount of \$415,642.61
- Action: Decision – Patricia Byers, City of Yakima, moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Janice Gonzales, Area 2 Representative, seconded. The motion carried.**

*Executive Director's  
Correspondence*

- Vicki Baker, Deputy Director,** presented information
- Local Crime Lab Ribbon Cutting Event on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - Yakama Nation LCL Meeting: Possibility of joining Operations Board, member jurisdiction, partnering with Federal agencies, Missing Murdered Indigenous People efforts.
  - Grandview's Board Retreat Facilitation – August 28 & 29: Chris, Vicki and Byron
  - CLEP Award: Community Law Enforcement Partnership grant awarded to YVCOG. Will help to fund community outreach efforts such as Block Watch, Domestic Violence Coalition, neighborhood cleanup coordination, community involvement in graffiti cleanups and crime prevention
  - CDBG Backfill Award/Amendment: will include all municipalities, except City of Yakima
  - Union Gap LCL vehicle: surplus vehicle being acquired by Crime Lab.
  - Technical Update: Transferred domain/email from “.org” to “.us”. Will transition from ZOOM to TEAMS for virtual meetings, calendar invitations and meetings are also in transition.

**Information**

*Staff Reports\**

- Byron Gumz, Regional Planning Manager**
- Land Use & Regional Planning Program:

- Housing Action Plans are being presented each City Councils for approval.
- Working with City of Sunnyside on their Housing Needs Assessment
- Comprehensive Plans need to be updated in the next year. 2-year process.
- There is a new Commerce grant announced for local parks preservation and deferred maintenance.
- Community assistance to Grandview, Granger, Harrah, Mabton, Tieton, Union Gap.

**Alma Rabadan for Angelica Saldivar, Housing Program**

- Housing Program updates include:
  - CDBG housing assistance: surveys and outreach efforts continuing
  - Kresge grant: referrals and applicant approved

**Vicki Baker for Kathy Geil**

- Meetings with each member jurisdiction’s Police Department
- NIBIN, Matchpoint, Brass Tacks installed.
- Still researching LIMS (Laboratory Information Management) system tracking.
- Policy Manual completed
- Budget appropriations
- Awaiting Rapid Hit DNA
- Possible funding for crime lab innovations: \$150,000
- Policy, forms and insurance for surplus vehicle

**Information**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. 2024 YVCOG Draft Budget: Preliminary Review**

*John Hodkinson, Budget Subcommittee*

2024 Budget Schedule Budget Subcommittee Report: Member increases or decreases dependent on population, budget for 4% COLA, depending on numbers from member jurisdictions, added funds for Crime Lab vehicle, insurance, fuel and maintenance, not yet confirmed.

**Information**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**General Membership meeting, September 20<sup>th</sup> in Grandview**

- Legislative updates from State and National elected officials
- Recognizing Barb Harrer’s years of service

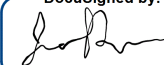
The next Executive Committee meeting will be Monday, September 18, 2023.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** None.

**ADJOURN**

With no other business, YVCOG Executive Committee Chair Jim Restucci adjourned the meeting at 3:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

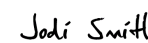
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for James A. Restucci, YVCOG Executive Committee Chair

9/18/2023

Date signed

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Jodi Smith, Communications Specialist