

YVCOG General Membership Meeting February 21, 2024, Minutes

JURISDICTION	PRESENT	ABSENT
GRANDVIEW	Bill Moore-M	Ashley Lara – A
GRANGER	Ryan Stonemetz – M (Zoom)	Israel Bustamante - A
HARRAH	Pat Krueger – M	
MABTON		Mary Alvarado – M; Vera Zavala - A
MOXEE	Rob Layman – M	David Roy – A
NACHES	Tiffany Sigler – A	Denny Carrell – M;
SELAH	David Monaghan – M;	Michael Costello – A
SUNNYSIDE	Vicki Ripley – M; Vicki Frausto – A	Trevor Martin - PC
TIETON	Ed Marquand – M (Zoom)	
TOPPENISH	Naila Duval – M	George Garcia
UNION GAP	Jack Galloway – M; Julie Schilling - A Jeff Shoemaker - PC	
WAPATO		Margaret Estrada – M; Elizabeth Villa - A
YAKIMA CITY	Reedy Berg - A	Patricia Byers - M
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: People for People: Madelyn Carlson; Mid-Valley TV: Sean Davido; Harrah: Ann Glover; Selah: Kevin Wickenhagen; Sunnyside: Dean Broersma, Julia Hart, Jim Restucci, Karen Vazquez; Toppenish: Dan Ford (Zoom); Union Gap: Sharon Bounds, John Hodkinson; WSDOT: Randy Giles; Yakima: Dave Zabell; Zillah: Michael Eklund-Grayum, Scott Carmack

Others: Ron Anderson, Mary Anderson, Larry Krueger, DeLeesa Restucci, Ron Bounds, Lodia Galloway, Sandee Hodkinson, Sandra Linde, Merry Daley, David Gonzales

YVCOG Staff Alan Adolf, Shane Andreas, Vicki Baker, Kathy Geil, Byron Gumz, Tami Hayward, Albert Miller, Maria Lopez, Alma Rabadan, Angelica Saldivar, Jodi Smith, Chris Wickenhagen

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Jim Restucci called the meeting to order at approximately 7:04 p.m.
INTRODUCTIONS AND Zillah hosted the hybrid meeting at the Zillah Civic Center. A quorum was
ROLL CALL present.

PUBLIC COMMENT It is the policy of the YVCOG General Membership to accept public comment
POLICY 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 Mayor Scott Carmack, welcomed the General Membership and guests to the City of Zillah, providing a very interesting update on what has been happening around the area lately.

BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes – Janice Gonzales moved to approve the Minutes from December 12, 2023. Bill Moore seconded. The motion carried.
December 12, 2023, General Membership Meeting

*Election of 2024-2025
YVCOG Executive Committee*

Chris Wickenhagen, YVCOG Executive Director

Ms. Wickenhagen announced the YVCOG Executive Committee would be voted for this evening and asked for any nominations from the floor – there were no nominations. The Executive Committee will serve for a period of two years – they will deal with all day-to-day activities of YVCOG.

Voting General Membership members cast their ballots for Areas 1, 2, and 3.

The results of the election were:

- Area 1 – John Hodkinson (SE, NC, UG, MX, TT)
- Area 2 – Janice Gonzales (TP, AL, WP, HR)
- Area 3 – Bill Moore (GV, GR, MB)

Appointed Executive Committee members will be:

- Sunnyside – Julia Hart
- Yakima – Patricia Byers
- Yakima County – Commissioner LaDon Linde

The Member-at-Large position will be selected by the Executive Committee at Monday’s meeting. This person represents all the communities and is not required to be an elected official.

PROGRAM

Chris Wickenhagen, YVCOG Executive Director

Ms. Wickenhagen addressed the new General Membership members and explained some of the services available to their communities through YVCOG.

She asked Randy Giles to update the membership on what is going on with I-82. He reported what the issue was (corroded culverts) and WSDOT’s plan to get it taken care of.

YVCOG’s program managers provided updates on recent and upcoming program activities.

People for People - Madelyn Carlson, CEO - Ms. Carlson provided a presentation on what People for People is and the many ways they assist people who are in need of training, support, transportation, etc., throughout Yakima County.

People for People began in Yakima 59 years ago and has grown to cover 35 counties throughout Washington. All of the programs are available in Yakima County. Their current budget is approximately \$23 million and supports 170 staff members.

The employment and training program is their first and main program. This program serves about 1,700 individuals each year. In 1984 they began providing door-to-door senior transportation, which helps them remain in their own home

and their own community. They also provide Community Connectors which are free for everyone, in addition to their Valley Shuttle, etc.

She spoke about the 2-1-1 program, which gives information on any of their programs and services. Housing and food are the top needs. The community even provides pet food to deliver for cats and dogs whose owners receive Meals on Wheels.

Information

UPCOMING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The City of Moxee will be hosting YVCOG’s March 20, 2024 General Membership meeting at the Moxee Square and Round Dance Center.

OTHER

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

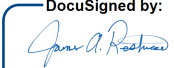
None.

ADJOURN

With no further business, Chairman Restucci adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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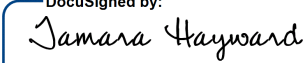


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James A. Restucci, YVCOG Chairman

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Tamara Hayward, Financial Specialist