

Southwest Clean Air Agency

Board of Directors Minutes

February 2, 2017

The regular meeting of the Southwest Clean Air Agency Board of Directors was held in the Southwest Clean Air Agency office, Vancouver, Washington on February 2, 2017.

Those present were: Don Jensen, Chair, City of Longview
Bob Hamlin, Director, Skamania County
Eileen Quiring, Director, Clark County
Ben Shumaker, Director, City of Stevenson
Army Davis, Member at Large
Bonnie Canaday, Director, City of Centralia
Joe Gardner, Director, Cowlitz County
Ryan Smith, Director, Town of Cathlamet
Bobby Jackson, Director, Lewis County
Alishia Topper, Director, City of Vancouver
Blair Brady, Director, Wahkiakum County

Excused: None.

Also Present: Staff: Uri Papish, Executive Director
Paul Mairose, Chief Engineer
Traci Arnold, Office Administrator

Guests: Rachel O'Malley, WA Department of Ecology

Call to Order

Mr. Jensen called the meeting to order. A quorum was confirmed to exist.

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Mr. Jensen asked for consideration of the January 5, 2017 minutes. Mr. Brady moved. Mr. Smith requested two corrections be made. Change from City of Cathlamet to Town of Cathlamet and that Minette Smith is a resident of Wahkiakum County not Lewis. Ms. Quiring also noted Mr. Mielke was listed as an attendee for January, which he was not. Mr. Smith seconded that the minutes for the January 5, 2017 Board meeting be approved with the requested corrections. Ms. Quiring abstained from the motion. Motion passed.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Jensen asked for approval of the Consent Agenda including voucher numbers 284 through 320, 22, 323, and 325 through 330 in the amount of \$11,071.38 which have been approved for

payment by the Executive Director and voucher numbers 321 and 324 in the amount of \$25,262.84, December 2016 Salaries in the amount of \$95,880.82, December 2016 Benefits in the amount of \$40,421.85, December 2016 Activity Report. Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Davis seconded approval of the Consent Agenda. Motion passed.

Changes to Agenda

None.

Info Items & Public Comment

Public Hearing

None.

Unfinished Business/New Business

Mr. Jensen opened discussion on the election of Chair and Vice Chair for calendar year 2017. Mr. Jensen asked for volunteers or nominations for the Chair and Vice Chair.

Mr. Brady nominated Mr. Jensen for Chair of the SWCAA Board of Directors. Ms. Topper seconded the motion. Mr. Jensen asked if there were any further nominations for the positions. Mr. Smith nominated Ms. Canaday. There was no second. Mr. Jensen moved to close the nominations. Mr. Hamlin, Ms. Quiring, Mr. Shumaker, Mr. Davis, Ms. Canaday, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Jackson, Ms. Topper and Mr. Brady voted for Mr. Jensen to be the Chair of the SWCAA Board of Directors. Mr. Jensen was named Chair of the SWCAA Board of Directors.

Mr. Davis nominated Ms. Canaday for Vice Chair of the SWCAA Board of Directors. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. Mr. Jensen asked if there were any further nominations for the Vice Chair position. There were none. Mr. Jensen moved to close the nominations. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed. Ms. Canaday was named Vice Chair of the SWCAA Board of Directors.

Mr. Jensen and Ms. Canady expressed their gratitude for the approval of their nomination and thanked the Board members.

Executive Session

None.

Control Officer Report

Mr. Papish offered to answer any questions in the Control Officer Report.

Congressman Introduces Bill to Revoke Appliance Efficiency Standards (January 4, 2017)
– Representative Michael Burgess (R-TX) introduced the Energy Efficiency Free Market Act of

2017 (H.R. 117) to prohibit a wide range of 5 state and federal appliance energy efficiency standards. The bill would repeal energy conservation provisions in the 1975 Energy Policy and Conservation Act and prohibit both state and federal governments from adopting or implementing “any requirement to comply with a standard for energy conservation or water efficiency with respect to a product.” The bill has been referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. For further information: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/117>

U.S. Power Sector CO2 Emissions May Remain Flat Even Without Clean Power Plan (January 5, 2017) – The Energy Information Administration (EIA) of the Department of Energy projects that even if EPA’s Clean Power Plan (CPP) is never implemented, U.S. CO2 emissions from the power sector may remain flat through 2040. However, with the CPP in place, EIA projects that energy-related CO2 emissions will fall by an annual average rate of 0.2 percent from 2016 to 2040. The findings are contained in the Annual Energy Outlook 2017, a yearly report produced by EIA that models future scenarios for the power sector. The 2017 Outlook includes both a “Reference” case, where EIA assumes that states will adopt mass-based CPP implementation plans and a separate “No CPP” scenario, where the rule is not implemented. Under the Reference case, EIA finds that, when coupled with low natural gas prices and the extension of renewable energy tax credits, “the CPP accelerates a shift toward less carbon-intensive energy generation.” The Reference case also anticipates that coal production will decline to approximately 620 million short tons annually in 2040. In the No CPP case, however, EIA projects annual 2040 coal production at 850 million short tons. For further information: <http://www.eia.gov/outlooks/aeo/>

EPA Releases Annual Environmental Enforcement Results for 2016 (December 19, 2016) – EPA has released the results of its environmental enforcement and compliance activities for FY 2016. The agency highlighted two significant cases, including a \$14.7-billion settlement with Volkswagen (VW) for Clean Air Act violations related to the alleged use of defeat devices on diesel vehicles and a \$20.8-billion settlement with BP for Clean Water Act violations related to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. EPA reports that in FY 2016 enforcement cases resulted in over \$13.7 billion in investments in actions and equipment to control pollution; \$207 million in criminal fines and restitution; a total of 93 years of incarceration for criminal violations of federal laws; \$31.6 million for supplemental environmental projects that will directly benefit local communities; and over \$6 billion in combined federal administrative, civil judicial penalties and criminal fines. For further information: <https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/enforcement-annual-results-fiscal-year-2016>

President-elect Taps Oklahoma AG Scott Pruitt to Head EPA (December 7, 2016) – President-elect Trump announced the nomination of Scott Pruitt to lead the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the next Administration. Pruitt currently serves as Oklahoma’s Attorney General (AG), a position to which he was elected in November 2010. If confirmed, he would succeed Gina McCarthy as EPA Administrator. A biography of the nominee posted on the Oklahoma AG’s website states that Pruitt “established Oklahoma’s first federalism unit to combat unwarranted regulation and overreach by the federal government. He is a national leader in the cause to restore the proper balance of power between the states and federal government, having served two terms as president of the Republican Attorneys General Association.” The biography also highlights that Pruitt “is a leading advocate against the EPA’s activist agenda.”

Pruitt is among the leaders of a lawsuit filed by states challenging EPA's Clean Power Plan. He is also involved in several other lawsuits against EPA. For further information:
[https://www.ok.gov/oag/Media/About the AG/](https://www.ok.gov/oag/Media/About_the_AG/)

Mr. Papish said he is on the Energy Technology Board of TransAlta which has funds dedicated to projects supporting alternative energy projects. They issued their first award to fund an electric charging station for an electric bus. The bus has been ordered and will be part of the Twin Transit system in Centralia. Mr. Jensen said Longview went with two bio-diesel buses instead of electric due to cost. Mr. Papish encouraged all the board members to check out the TransAlta website for application requirements which they can share with anyone interesting in applying for funding.

Mr. Jensen asked if Mr. Papish was aware of past SWCAA discussions regarding installing charging stations for diesel trucks at rest stops and/or plug in stations at railroad yards. These stations would allow the diesel engines to be shut off and use alternate energy to keep the drivers comfortable. Mr. Mairose said Oregon DEQ and WA Ecology partnered on this project. He said the area SWCAA covers doesn't have a large truck stop, so the funds and upgrades went to Oregon and areas in Olympia. Mr. Papish said the Volkswagen settlement may provide opportunities for diesel projects in SWCAA's jurisdiction. Mr. Jensen asked that this project not get lost and be added to SWCAA's long term goals. Mr. Papish said he would add it to a list of potential projects and encouraged the board to bring forward any community projects that SWCAA can assist with.

Mr. Davis asked if Scott Pruitt being put in charge of EPA will impact SWCAA. Mr. Papish said there is a large amount of uncertainty, as well as the possibility of funding reductions.

Mr. Brady asked if the electric charging station is still available at the SWCAA office. Mr. Papish said it is available and used.

Board Policy Discussion Issues

None.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on March 2, 2017 at 3:00 p.m., Southwest Clean Air Agency, Vancouver, Washington.

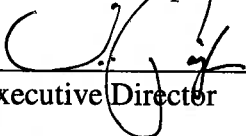
Board Meeting Attendance:

JURISDICTION	J 2017	F 2017	M 2016	A 2016	M 2016	J 2016	J 2016	A 2016	S 2016	O 2016	N 2016	D 2016
Clark County	0	+	0	+	0	+	C	+	+	+	+	C
Cowlitz County	+	+	+	+	+	0	C	+	0	+	+	C
Lewis County	+	+	+	+	+	+	C	+	A	+	0	C
Skamania County	+	+	+	+	+	+	C	+	+	+	+	C
Wahkiakum County	0	+	+	+	0	+	C	+	+	0	+	C
Cathlamet	+	+	+	+	+	+	C	0	0	+	+	C
Centralia	+	+	+	+	+	+	C	+	0	+	+	C
Longview	+	+	0	+	+	+	C	+	+	+	+	C
Stevenson	+	+	+	+	+	0	C	+	+	+	+	C
Vancouver	+	+	+	0	+	0	C	+	+	0	0	C
Member-At-Large	+	+	+	0	+	+	C	+	+	+	+	C

+ = regular member present; 0 = unrepresented; A = alternate present; C = cancelled meeting

Mr. Jensen adjourned the meeting without objection at 3:30 p.m.


Chair


Executive Director