

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Northwest Clean Air Agency was held at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, September 9, 2010, at 1600 South Second Street, Mount Vernon, Washington.

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Skagit County  
Ron Wesen  
Joe Lindquist  
Island County  
Cathy Rosen  
John Dean for Angie Homola  
Whatcom County  
Carl Weimer  
Member-At-Large  
Terry Nyman

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Angie Homola, David Webster

### ALSO PRESENT:

NWCAA Staff Members  
Mark Asmundson, Bob Uhrich, Dan Mahar, Julie O'Shaughnessy, Laura Curley, Axel Franzmann, Margarita Smith  
Advisory Council  
No one present  
Legal Counsel  
Loch Clark

### CALL TO ORDER

Cathy Rosen, Board Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:34 pm.

### APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

On motion by Ron Wesen, seconded by Terry Nyman, the minutes of the August 12, 2010 Board meeting were approved. Joe Lindquist and Carl Weimer arrived just after the vote.

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### PRESENTATIONS

#### *Business Recognition Platinum Awards Presentation – Bob Uhrich*

Uhrich described the “Partners for Clean Air” program which emphasizes stronger partnerships with our Registered Sources and is designed to recognize businesses in Island, Skagit, and Whatcom counties that are working to reduce emissions and improve air quality in our communities. Thirty businesses were awarded the Silver level award, 10 were awarded the Gold for going above and beyond regulatory requirements, and two were singled out for a Platinum award for their exemplary efforts to improve air quality.

To qualify for the Gold award, a business must have implemented clean air practices over the last 3 years in two of four pollution prevention categories, such as energy efficiency, emissions reductions, sector specific pollution prevention practices, or transportation.

Uhrich presented platinum awards to two businesses who not only qualified for the Gold award, but which voluntarily took risks and went above and beyond what is required to help keep our communities a healthier place to live.

Olsen Auto Body & Collision in Bellingham switched from solvent-based to a water-based paint in 2009. The new water-based paints offer a substantial decrease in volatile organic compounds (VOCs) content compared to traditional high VOC content paints. By switching

to water-based paint the business was able to reduce air emissions of hazardous pollutants. The Anacortes Wastewater Treatment Plant creatively reduced their diesel usage. When conditions forced the plant to switch from using biodiesel to using regular diesel as fuel for the sludge incinerator, they used a comprehensive team approach to figure out changes to their operations that that have resulted in reducing diesel usage by over 50%. Dan Schindler of Olsen Autobody and John Franz of the Anacortes Waste Water Treatment plant in Anacortes were presented with a special plaque, acknowledged on the NWCAA website, and informed that a press release announcing this recognition will be sent out to local media this month. In addition, a Business Recognition plaque with their names is hanging in the NWCAA lobby.

#### **STAFF REPORTS**

##### ***Fiscal Year 2010 Year-End Financial Report – Mark Asmundson***

Asmundson presented the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures & Changes in Fund Balances for the year ended June 30, 2010. The ending fund balance is excellent, since revenues were higher than expected. Expenses were as expected and not over budget. He drew attention to the other NWCAA reserve accounts which reflect interest added and inter-fund transfers as expected.

##### ***Director's Report – Mark Asmundson***

Asmundson reported to the Board on the following matters:

The regular, ongoing business of the Agency is going well. As mentioned in his pre-meeting memo, the BP application for a new hydrogen plant has been received and

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is now complete. The Agency will be issuing a Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance for the project by tomorrow. The preliminary OAC is expected to be issued in mid October.

A special circumstance involving the fire warden program and Island County has arisen. Island County voters rejected a property tax lid lift in August. The County is now re-scrutinizing every program. On the block is the Fire Warden program, which is shared with Skagit County. The ripple effect of Island County ceasing this funding is very bad. Asmundson would request Board authorization for \$13,000 to be remitted to Island County to maintain this program for the remainder of 2010. Motion to authorize \$13,000 to cover the Island County Fire Warden program through the remainder of 2010 made by Terry Nyman, seconded by Joe Lindquist, was passed unanimously. Nyman commented on how valuable the Fire Warden program has been over the years.

The Agency has now received 4 requests from per capita paying entities for the grant program. We anticipate the dollar amount available will be oversubscribed by the deadline for submission which is Sept. 30.

**As you know, the multi-agency effort to address the naturally-occurring asbestos deposit at Sumas Mountain in Whatcom County continues with field testing undertaken during the week of August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our Agency continues to be an active and central participant in these ongoing efforts.**

The NWCAA will be hosting a multi-organization climate change workshop on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> at the Padilla Bay Center and anticipate extensive participation by local governments and not-for-profit organizations.

The Tesoro refinery is currently estimated to restart in September.

We are working collaboratively with PSCAA and DOE concerning the Notice of Intention to Sue received by the Agency regarding the refineries and greenhouse gasses.

***New Source Review & Air Operating Permit (AOP) Update – Dan Mahar***  
Permit Actions - 7

Socco, Inc. Installation of Wood Fired Boiler, Two New Lumber Kilns - OAC  
Tesoro Refinery – NSR Determination  
Whatcom Builders, Inc. – Baghouse – OAC  
Wallin Funeral Home and Cremation – OAC  
Evergreen Pet Cremation LLC – crematory - OAC  
Naval Air Station Whidbey Island – temp boiler – OAC  
Darigold – Modify OAC  
Ongoing OAC Projects - **14**  
Port of Anacortes – Loading of prilled sulfur - OAC  
BP Cherry Point Refinery – Clean Fuels Project – OAC  
BP Cherry Point Refinery – ULNB Retrofit – OAC  
Puget Sound Energy Fredonia – Revise OAC  
Farm Power Lynden – Anaerobic Digester – OAC

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Trans-Ocean Products, Inc. – 2 boilers - OAC  
Inland Asphalt – Asphalt plant – OAC  
Puget Sound Refinery (2) – Revise OAC  
Van Dyk-S Holsteins – anaerobic digester – OAC  
Alf Christianson Seed Co. – New Facility – OAC  
Janicki Industries – Spray Booth – OAC  
FPE Renewables - anaerobic digester – OAC  
Brooks Manufacturing – Coating Operation – OAC  
New Applications Received – **3**  
Triton Marine – OAC  
Puget Sound Energy – Encogen – Revise OAC  
Tesoro Refinery – NSR Determination  
Air Operating Permit - **11**  
Chemco – Initial permit underway  
BP Cherry Point Refinery (Blaine) - Renewal underway  
ConocoPhillips Refinery (Ferndale) - Renewal underway  
PSR Shell (Anacortes) – Renewal underway  
Tenaska – Administrative amendment  
PSE – Encogen - Renewal underway  
PSE – Whitehorn - Renewal underway  
PSE – Fredonia - Renewal underway  
PSE – Sumas – Initial Permit underway  
Fibrex Corporation – Burlington – Initial permit underway  
Naval Air Station Whidbey – Renewal underway

**MISCELLANEOUS**

***Advisory Council Vacancy***

Asmundson informed the Board of a vacancy on the Advisory Council. After several years of dedicated service on the Advisory Council, Anne David has resigned due to a job transfer to Monterey, CA. Therefore, the Agency is looking for a qualified candidate from Island County.

***Approval of Bills and Claims***

On motion by Joe Lindquist, seconded by Ron Wesen, the Board approved Bills and Claims for July 2010 - Revised.

On motion by Carl Weimer, seconded by Joe Lindquist, the Board approved Bills and Claims for August, 2010.

***Next Meeting***

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, October 14, 2010 at 1:30 p.m.

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***Request for Open Mike – Steve Mrazek, BP Cherry Point Refinery***  
Steve Mrazek, BP Cherry Point Refinery, requested an open mike to inform the Board about

the BP Clean Fuels Project. This large project includes the construction of a new hydrogen production plant and a new diesel hydro-desulfurization unit. The Clean Fuels project will greatly reduce the sulfur in non-road fuels, especially marine and jet fuel by 2012. It will also make significant reductions in the benzene content of gasoline. Regional benefits from the project include lower SO<sub>2</sub>, particulate and toxic air pollution emissions from mobile sources. In addition, the project will provide a positive economic employment impact during construction and from an increase in employment at the refinery. The air quality permit is being processed by the NWCAA and will be out for public comment soon. In addition, Mr. Mrazek highlighted the excellent safety record at BP Cherry Point Refinery with over 6,000,000 man hours without a lost time injury.

***Future Presentations for the Board – Julie O’Shaughnessy***

O’Shaughnessy asked the Board if they would be interested in hearing more details about particular compliance cases that appear in the Monthly Activity Report. The Board agreed that information about unique enforcement situations would be of interest.

**ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, Cathy Rosen adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify this is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting of the NWCAA Board of Directors held on September 9, 2010, in Mount Vernon, Washington.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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Terry Nyman, Secretary

Cathy Rosen, Chair

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DATED: October 14, 2010