



County of Los Alamos

1000 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Minutes

Environmental Sustainability Board

Dina Pesenson, Chair; Erik Loechell, Vice-Chair; Shannon Blair; Hermann Geppert; Armand Groffman; and KokHeong McNaughton, Members

Thursday, January 19, 2023

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue, Council Chambers
or ZOOM

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1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

Vice-Chair, Erik Loechell, called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm. The following members were in attendance:

Present: Chair Pesenson, Vice-Chair Loechell, Member Blair, Member Geppert, Member Groffman, and Member McNaughton.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Member Geppert, seconded by Member McNaughton, that the agenda be approved as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[16862-23](#)

Approval of the December 15, 2022, Environmental Sustainability Board Minutes

Presenters: Dina Pesenson

Attachments: [A - Draft ESB Minutes December 15, 2022](#)

A motion was made by Member Groffman, seconded by Member Geppert, that the Environmental Sustainability Board approve the December 15, 2022 minutes as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. BOARD BUSINESS

16869-23 Election of Environmental Sustainability Board Chair and Vice-chair

Presenters: Dina Pesenson

The Environmental Sustainability Board received nominations for Dina Pesenson and Shannon Blair to serve as Chair and received nominations for Erik Loechell and Herman Geppert to serve as Vice-Chair.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Loechell, seconded by Member McNaughton, that Shannon Blair be appointed Environmental Sustainability Board Chair, with a term date beginning January 2023 and ending December 2023.

The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Loechell, seconded by Member McNaughton, that Herman Geppert be appointed Environmental Sustainability Board Vice-Chair, with a term date beginning January 2023 and ending December 2023.

The motion passed unanimously.

16868-23 Open Meetings Act and Inspection of Public Records Presentation

Presenters: Katie Thwaites

Attachments: [OMA Training for ESB 2023](#)

The ESB received a presentation from Deputy County Attorney Katie Thwaites on the New Mexico Open Meetings Act (OMA) and the Inspection of Public Records Act (IPRA). This presentation was provided to inform the ESB on the processes in place to ensure that all meeting and records are open and available to the public.

16870-23 Approval of the 2023 ESB Meeting Schedule

Presenters: Dina Pesenson

Attachments: [B - 2023 ESB Meeting Schedule](#)

A motion was made by Member Pesenson, seconded by Member Loechell, that the Environmental Sustainability Board approve the 2023 Meeting Schedule as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

16867-23 Review and Revise the FY24 ESB Work Plan

Presenters: Dina Pesenson

Attachments: [FY24 Environmental Sustainability Board Work Plan](#)

The ESB reviews the Draft FY24 Work Plan (Fiscal Year 2024: July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024) for the Environmental Sustainability Board. A detailed summary of the ESB activities and accomplishments for the fiscal year 2023 were discussed and are included in the work plan. Future work plans, current and proposed special projects or assignments and guiding documents for the ESB were included and updated. The ESB will review and approve the final work plan February 16, 2023.

16872-23**Revise and Appoint Liaison Assignments**

Presenters: Dina Pesenson

The ESB discussed and approved liaison assignment for calendar year 2023.

A motion was made by Member Loechell, seconded by Member Geppert, that the Environmental Sustainability Board remove/add the following liaison assignments: None; Additionally, the ESB appoints the following liaison assignments: Board of Public Utilities, Armand Groffman with Erik Loechell as backup; Transportation Board, Herman Geppert with Erik Loechell as backup; Parks and Recreation Board, Dina Pesenson with Shannon Blair as backup; Bee City, KokHeong McNaughton; Zero Waste Los Alamos, KokHeong McNaughton.

16874-23**Approval of Letter of Support for Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) Grant Application to Develop Food Composting Program**

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Attachments: [D - ESB Letter of Support for EPA SWIFR GRANT](#)

A motion was made by Member Loechell, Seconded by Member McNaughton that the Environmental Sustainability Board approve the Letter of Support for the EPA SWIFR grant application to develop a food composting program as amended.

Amendment to change letterhead to reflect Shannon Blair ESB Chair and Hermann Geppert ESB Vice-Chair

The motion passed unanimously.

6. REPORTS**A. Chair's Report**

None

B. Board Member Reports**1). Board of Public Utilities**

Member Groffman reported that during their January meeting the BPU discussed the Carbon Free Power Project and the role that Los Alamos County will have in the project. They also discussed a proposal from San Ildefonso Pueblo to develop a solar array.

2). Planning and Zoning Commission - Vacant

None

3). Transportation Board - Vacant

Member Geppert reported that the Transportation Board received a presentation on Bike Infrastructure in Los Alamos County.

4). Parks and Recreation Board - Dina Pesenson

Chair Blair reported that the Parks and Recreation Board discussed the shared gym/recreation space that is proposed at the Los Alamos Middle School. The board plans to make a presentation to the School Board on January 26, 2023. They discussed the effort to place new trail maps at the start of many of the trails around town, the ongoing concern of feral cows on Red Dot and Blue Dot trails. The Board also worked on their FY24 work plan.

5). County Council Liaison

No Council liaison present

D. Team Reports

1). Los Alamos Public Schools Team Subcommittee - Angelica Gurule

None

2). Zero Waste Los Alamos - Angelica Gurule

None

7. STAFF REPORT

[16871-23](#) Environmental Services Business & Operation Updates

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Attachments: [C - Residential Sustainability Report - December 2022 NEW](#)

Staff Liaison Angelica Gurule provided the Board an update on current Environmental Services operations and upcoming items that staff is working on.

8. PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

- 1) Update on Glyphosate use in Los Alamos County from Cory Styron
- 2) Review liaison assignment to Planning and Zoning Board
- 3) Review and approve FY24 Work Plan

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no objections the meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.

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