



County of Los Alamos

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Minutes

Environmental Sustainability Board

John Bliss, Chair; Sarah M. Terrill, Susan Barns, Rebecca Chamberlin, Erik Loechell, James Robinson, and Danny Katzman, Members

Thursday, May 25, 2017

5:30 PM

ECO Station - 3701 East Jemez Rd., Los
Alamos, NM

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

The ESB Chair, John Bliss, called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

The following members were in attendance:

Present: Member Chamberlin, Member Loechell, Member Katzman, Board Chair Bliss

Abstained: Member Terrill

Absent: Member Barns and Member Robinson

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

The motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the April 20, 2017, Environmental Sustainability Board Minutes

Presenters: John Bliss

Attachments: [A - Draft ESB Minutes April 20, 2017](#)

A motion was made by Member Chamberlin, seconded by Member Loechell, that the April 20, 2017 minutes be approved as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. BOARD BUSINESS

Review and Approve the Proposed Environmental Services Rate Increase and Rate Change

Presenters: John Bliss

Attachments: [A - Ordinance No. 02-274](#)

Staff Liaison Angelica Gurule shared the most recent rate increase version that was reviewed by legal counsel. The Solid Waste Ordinance was rewritten and assigned code ordinance number 02-274. All documents will be uploaded to Legistar on Friday May 26, 2017. The first reading will be at the June 6th County Council meeting with action to be taken on June 27th.

Member Chamberlin suggested that the following verbiage be added to Brush and/or Bulk Item Collection: "size, material and schedule limitations apply". Section 3 and section 5 of the code ordinance needs to be amended to clarify what items are and are not included in the 12 free loads per year.

A motion was made by Member Chamberlin, seconded by Member Katzman, to approve the Proposed Environmental Services Rate Increase and Rate Changes as amended and subject to attorney feedback.

Select Finalists for the 2017 Business Recycler of the Year

Presenters: John Bliss

Attachments: [B - 2017 Business Recycler of the Year Nominees](#)

The board discussed the pros and cons of having non-profit in their own category. A consensus was reached that commercial and non-profit should be one category and educational institutions will be the second category.

Member Katzman suggested the voting criteria should be defined by how much diversion and recycling is done by the nominees, with the focus on the three R's (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle). Board Chair Bliss added that sustained commitment as well as investment of time and effort should be considered.

Staff Liaison Angelica Gurule suggested that the award be announced at a County Council meeting, school board meeting and/or Gordon's concert instead of at Chamberfest as originally planned.

A motion was made by Member Chamberlin, seconded by Member Loehelle, to approve all nominees as finalists in two categories, Educational Institutions and Commercial/Non-profit, for 2017 Business Recycler of the Year Award.

Review Revisions to the FY18 ESB Work Plan

Presenters: John Bliss

Attachments: [E - FY18 ESB Work Plan - Revised](#)

Revisions to FY18 ESB Work Plan were reviewed and discussed.

6. REPORTS

A. Chair's Report - John Bliss

Board Chair Bliss reported that items covered during the BOC luncheon included: The board of public utilities is working on our electrical supply, the Waste Treatment plant in White Rock needs replaced, water production and distribution.

Board Chair Bliss reported that items discussed during the Council Briefing/Work Session included: Definition of Environmental Sustainability, Bulk and Brush pick up, results of second waste audit, ESB work plan, rate increase, Business Recycler of the Year, upcoming events and ESB presence at events.

B. Liaison's Reports

1). Board of Public Utilities - Sue Barns

No report provided

2). Planning and Zoning Commission - James Robinson

No report provided

3). Transportation Board - Rebecca Chamberlin

No report provided

4). Parks and Recreation Board - Erik Loechell

No report provided

5). County Council Liaison - Pete Sheehey

No report provided

C. Los Alamos Public Schools Subcommittee - Angelica Gurule

Staff Liaison Angelica Gurule reported that items covered during the meeting included: A RAID (Recycling and Illegal Dumping) grant application has been submitted to develop a Zero Waste lunch video with PAC8 that will run at the local movie theatre.

7. STAFF REPORT

14th Annual Clean Up Los Alamos Day Update

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Staff Liaison Angelica Gurule provided an update on the 14th Annual Clean Up Los Alamos Day which included: 339 participants, 60 luncheon participants, 1000 pounds of material were collected in the roll-off at Ashley Pond and 10.5 tons of material were collected at the Eco Station from residents participating in the clean up initiative.

April 2017 Residential Sustainability Report

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Attachments: [C - Residential Sustainability Report - April 2017](#)

Staff Liaison Angelica Gurule reported that the residential diversion rate is up from 23% in March to 24% in April. 521 tons of material were collected, 91 tons was recyclable and 37 tons were compostable.

8. PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Save as You Throw (SAYT)
2. Work Plan: Working with NMRC on construction and demolition (C & D)
3. ScienceFest
4. Call for New ESB board Members

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Chamberlin, seconded by Member Katzman, that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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