



County of Los Alamos

1000 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Minutes

Environmental Sustainability Board

*James Robinson, Chair; Heidi Rogers, Vice-Chair: Susan Barns; John Bliss; Sarah Terrill,
and Heather Ward, Members*

Thursday, February 15, 2018

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue, Suite 110

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

The ESB Chair, James Robinson, called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. The following members were in attendance:

Present: Board Chair Robinson, Vice Chair Rogers, Member Barns, Member Bliss and Member Terrill

Absent: Member Ward

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

William Schueler, NMED Solid Waste Bureau Permit Officer, advised that due to the China Ban, Friedman Recycling is having more difficulty finding end markets and have been rejecting loads that are highly contaminated. Mr. Schueler suggested that the ESB make a plan to keep the public informed.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

The motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. [10421-18](#) Approval of the January 18, 2018, Environmental Sustainability Board Minutes

Presenters: James Robinson

Attachments: [A - Draft ESB Minutes January 18, 2018](#)

A motion was made by Member Rogers, seconded by Member Barns, that the minutes be approved as presented.

The motion passed with four votes. Member Bliss abstained, he was not present at the January meeting.

5 BOARD BUSINESS

10424-18 Review and Approve FY19 ESB Work Plan

Presenters: James Robinson

Attachments: [F - Draft FY19 ESB Work Plan](#)

The Environmental Sustainability Board reviewed and discussed the FY19 ESB Work Plan.

A motion was made by Member Bliss, seconded by Member Rogers that the Environmental Sustainability Board approve the FY19 ESB Work Plan as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

10427-18 Discuss the 2018 Business Recycler of the Year

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

The Environmental Sustainability Board discussed and began planning the 2018 Business Recycler of the Year Award. Items discussed included: Business Recycler of the Year and School Recycler of the Year, defining sustainability requirements in press release prior to soliciting nominations, gathering nominations at Earth Day, window decal for winners and possible recognition from the Chamber of Commerce. The tentative award date is June 8th at Chamber Fest. This item will be discussed further at the March ESB meeting.

10429-18 Update from County Council Work Session on February 6, 2018

Presenters: James Robinson

Board Chair Robinson reported that feedback received from the presentation given to County Council at the Work Session on February 6th included: Council is impressed with the ESB and John Bliss was recognized for his outstanding service as Board Chair. Council is excited about the Incentive Based Sustainability Program RFP and the Yard Trimming roll cart program. Councilors expressed interest about Save As You Throw and where it might go. They also asked for a reminder schedule if recycle and yard trimmings are collected alternately. Recommendations included feasibility of donating free loads to residents and quarterly clean ups.

10430-18 Discuss Liaison Assignments

Presenters: James Robinson

Member Bliss and Member Terrill volunteered to team up to cover the Planning and Zoning Commission until their terms end in July. Don Machen is a Transportation Board Member and can continue to report on that board, so that Member Ward might be available for another assignment. Board Chair Robinson will attend the Parks and Recreation Board meetings until a new member is assigned. The board agreed that Member Rogers will no longer be the liaison for the Arts in Public Places Board, so that she is available to cover the other boards when members are unable to attend. Board Chair Robinson mentioned that both the Tourism and Citizen in Action Boards will be established soon and a liaison from the ESB could be beneficial.

6. REPORTS**A. Chair's Report - James Robinson**

Board Chair Robinson reported that the ESB is being given as an example of excellent board/staff relationships and cooperation. Additionally, five applications were received for the ESB and interviews have been completed. The recommendation to Council will be to offer the position to three applicants to cover the current vacancy and the vacancies coming in July.

B. Board Member Reports

No Report Provided

C. Liaison's Reports**1). Board of Public Utilities - Sue Barns**

Member Barns reported that items discussed at the Small Modular Reactor public meeting January 25th included: Questions and answers from public, a decision will be made soon how much more money to invest in the project, which could be between \$500,000 and \$3,500,000. There will be a joint meeting of County Council and the Board of Public Utilities on February 27th. March 5th staff is scheduled to make a decision on whether to move forward and March 6th the DPU will make their recommendation to County Council. An open forum survey is live now.

2). Planning and Zoning Commission - James Robinson

Board Chair Robinson reported that the Planning and Zoning meeting was cancelled. Angelica Gurule, Staff Liaison reported that items to be discussed at Interdepartmental Review Committee meeting includes: waivers on setbacks and carports.

3). Transportation Board - Heather Ward

Don Machen reported that items discussed during the Transportation Board meeting included: approved proposed two time limited parking spots on Central Avenue in front of post office and Joshua Levings did a wonderful job presenting the Environmental Sustainability Plan.

4). Parks and Recreation Board

Board Chair Robinson reported that items discussed during the Parks and Recreation meeting included updating parks.

5). Art in Public Places Board - Heidi Rogers

No Report Provided

6). County Council Liaison - Pete Sheehey

Councilor Sheehey reported that items discussed during recent County Council meetings includes: Small Modular Reactor wants a decision by April, but could be delayed. Parks and Recreation Board is short members, one applicant to the ESB applied to both boards. Councilor Sheehey is trying to determine which board he is better suited for. Feedback from the Work Session on February 6th was positive, the presentation was good and both ESB and staff are appreciated.

D. Subcommittee Reports**1). Los Alamos Public Schools Subcommittee - Angelica Gurule**

Staff Liaison, Angelica Gurule reported that editing of the Zero Waste Lunch Video is complete and will premiere the LAPS School Board meeting on February 22nd and will begin running at the Reel Deel Theater on Friday, February 23rd. The new solid waste truck will also be presented at the LAPS School Board Meeting on February 22nd, the two students that designed the artwork will be present for pictures. Currently, the LAPS subcommittee has two members, any members interested in joining are asked to let Angelica know.

2). Save As You Throw Subcommittee - Sue Barns

Member Barns reported that items discussed at the February 15th SAYT meeting included: initiatives for coming months to include outreach at local events, Julie Habiger will be invited to an upcoming meeting to discuss gathering public feedback and members will continue calling communities with similar programs/demographics to gather more information.

7. STAFF REPORT**A. [10423-18](#) Review and Discuss the Environmental Services FY18 Quarter 2 Financial Report**

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Attachments: [E - FY18 Budget Performance](#)

The Environmental Sustainability Board reviewed and discussed the Environmental Services financial report for FY18 quarter 2 (October 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017). The most recent rate increase went into effect on September 1, 2017.

B. [10422-18](#) Review and Discuss 2017 NMED Annual Reports

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Attachments: [D - NMED Annual Report Graph](#)
[C - 2017 NMED Annual Report for Landfill](#)
[B - 2017 NMED Annual Report for Eco Station](#)

The Environmental Sustainability Board reviewed and discussed the 2017 NMED Annual Report, which is due annually by February 14th. The report for the Eco Station and Closed Landfill was submitted to NMED in compliance with Solid Waste Rules.

C. [10428-18](#) January 2018 Residential Sustainability Report

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Attachments: [G-Residential Sustainability Report - January 2018](#)

Staff Liaison, Angelica Gurule reported that the residential diversion rate is down from 25% in December to 22% in January due to no quarterly brush collection, however holiday trees were collected in January.

8. PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Upcoming Events: Earth Day, Clean Up Los Alamos Day, Recycle Fashion Show, Science Fest
2. Zero Waste Lunch Video
3. Schedule Trash Audits
4. Business/School Recycler of the Year
5. Yard Trimming Survey Results and Implementation Plan for Yard Trimming Carts
6. Food Waste Collection: Develop Budget and Define Regulatory Hurdles
7. Call Out for Technical Widget Award to Promote Sustainability
8. Discuss National Sword
9. Compost Facility Update: Jack Richardson

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Barns, seconded by Member Terrill, that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.



James Robinson, ESB Chair

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