



County of Los Alamos

1000 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Minutes

Board of Public Utilities Work Session

*Robert Gibson, Chair; Eric Stromberg, Vice-chair
Matt Heavner, Charles Nakhleh and Jennifer Hollingsworth, Members
Philo Shelton, Ex Officio Member
Anne Laurent, Ex Officio Member
Theresa Cull, Council Liaison*

Wednesday, August 7, 2024

5:30 PM

Municipal Building, Council Chambers

Public Participation: In person or <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89412512522>

1. CALL TO ORDER

This work session of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos Board of Public Utilities was held on Wednesday, August 7 2024 at 1000 Central Ave., Council Chambers. Board Chair Robert Gibson called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Members of the public were notified of the ability to attend and provide public comment either in person or over Zoom. The following board members were in attendance:

Present 6 - Members Gibson, Stromberg, Nakhleh, Heavner, Hollingsworth, and Laurent

Absent 1 - Member Shelton (*Mr. James Alarid, Deputy Utility Manager - Engineering attended in his place.*)

1.a. 19070-24

Statement Regarding Closed Session

Pursuant to Pursuant to NMSA 1978, 10-15-1 (H)(7) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, the Board of Public Utilities and County Council met in closed session at 4:30 p.m. on August 6, 2024 to discuss information pertaining to Threatened or Pending Litigation.

Member Nakhleh moved and Member Stromberg seconded that the Board of Public Utilities approve the following statement for inclusion in the minutes: *"The matters discussed in the closed session held at 4:30 pm on August 6, 2024 were limited only to those topics specified in the notice of the closed session, and no action was taken on any matter during the closed session."* The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Members Hollingsworth, Heavner, Nakhleh, Stromberg and Gibson

No: 0

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Gibson provided an opportunity for public comment on any item; there was none. However, he did state that the department became aware of a public safety issue that he would like to board briefed on. Mr. James Alarid,

Deputy Utility Manager - Engineering was serving as the Acting Utilities Manager and provided the board with details regarding a recent leak survey of the natural gas system in the Elk Ridge neighborhood at 2025 East Jemez Road. The inspection, which took place from July 15-17, did not identify any immediate gas leaks in the areas that crews were able to inspect. DPU is now continuing inspections for the areas that they were not able to fully access. The department began contacting Elk Ridge residents the afternoon of August 7th and will continue to update the BPU and Council on the status of this event. Ms. Anne Laurent, County Manager also commented that her communications with the NNSA and Triad regarding the situation were positive and appreciated.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Stromberg moved and Member Heavner seconded that the agenda be approved as presented. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Members Hollingsworth, Heavner, Nakhleh, Stromberg and Gibson

No: 0

4. PRESENTATIONS

There were none scheduled from organizations or individuals outside of the department.

5. BUSINESS

5.a. [18774-24](#) Presentation of the 2025 Energy Coordination Agreement

Deputy Utility Managers Ben Olbrich (Power Supply) and Karen Kendall (Finance & Administration) presented. They provided a high-level overview of the purpose, functions, stakeholders, resources and invoicing operations that Los Alamos County (LAC) and the Department of Energy National Nuclear Security Administration (DOE/NNSA) perform through the Electric Coordination agreement. A copy of their presentation slides were included in the meeting packet. Chair Gibson provided opportunities for board members to comment and ask questions.

The following individuals spoke after Mr. Olbrich's portion of the presentation:

Ms. Kendall, DUM-F&A

Member Heavner

Member Nakhleh

Mr. Wyman, Assistant County Attorney

Member Hollingsworth

Member Gibson

The following individuals spoke after Ms. Kendall's portion of the presentation:

Member Heavner
Member Hollingsworth
Member Gibson

No action was taken on this item.

5.b. [18783-24](#) Annual Update on Electric Production - Hydroelectric Facilities

Mr. Adam Cooper, Hydroelectric Plant Supervisor presented. He provided a detailed overview of DPU's hydroelectric facilities and operations (his presentation slides were included in the meeting packet.) Chair Gibson provided an opportunity for board members to comment or ask questions. The following individuals spoke:

Member Gibson
Member Heavner
Member Hollingsworth

No action was taken on this item.

5.c. [19020-24](#) Transactional Survey Report: January - June 2024

Ms. Catherine D'Anna, Public Relations Manager presented. She reported that DPU's Transactional Survey is now being reported twice a year rather than quarterly. This report covered the first half of calendar year 2024. The survey is conducted by Great Blue Research and investigates: 1) reasons for contacting DPU; 2) methods of interaction with DPU; 3) the number of times customers must contact DPU to resolve their issue; 4) how DPU's staff is rated by customers; and 5) demographic profiles of those responding to the survey. A copy of the full report was provided in the meeting packet. Chair Gibson provided an opportunity for board members to comment or ask questions; there were none.

No action was taken on this item.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Gibson provided an opportunity for public comment on any item. The following citizens spoke and their detailed comments are available in the meeting recording:

Mr. Ray Sartor
Mr. Mike Dempsey (*also distributed a chart to the members that is attached to these minutes for the record*)

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm

APPROVAL

Robert Gibson

Board of Public Utilities Chair Name

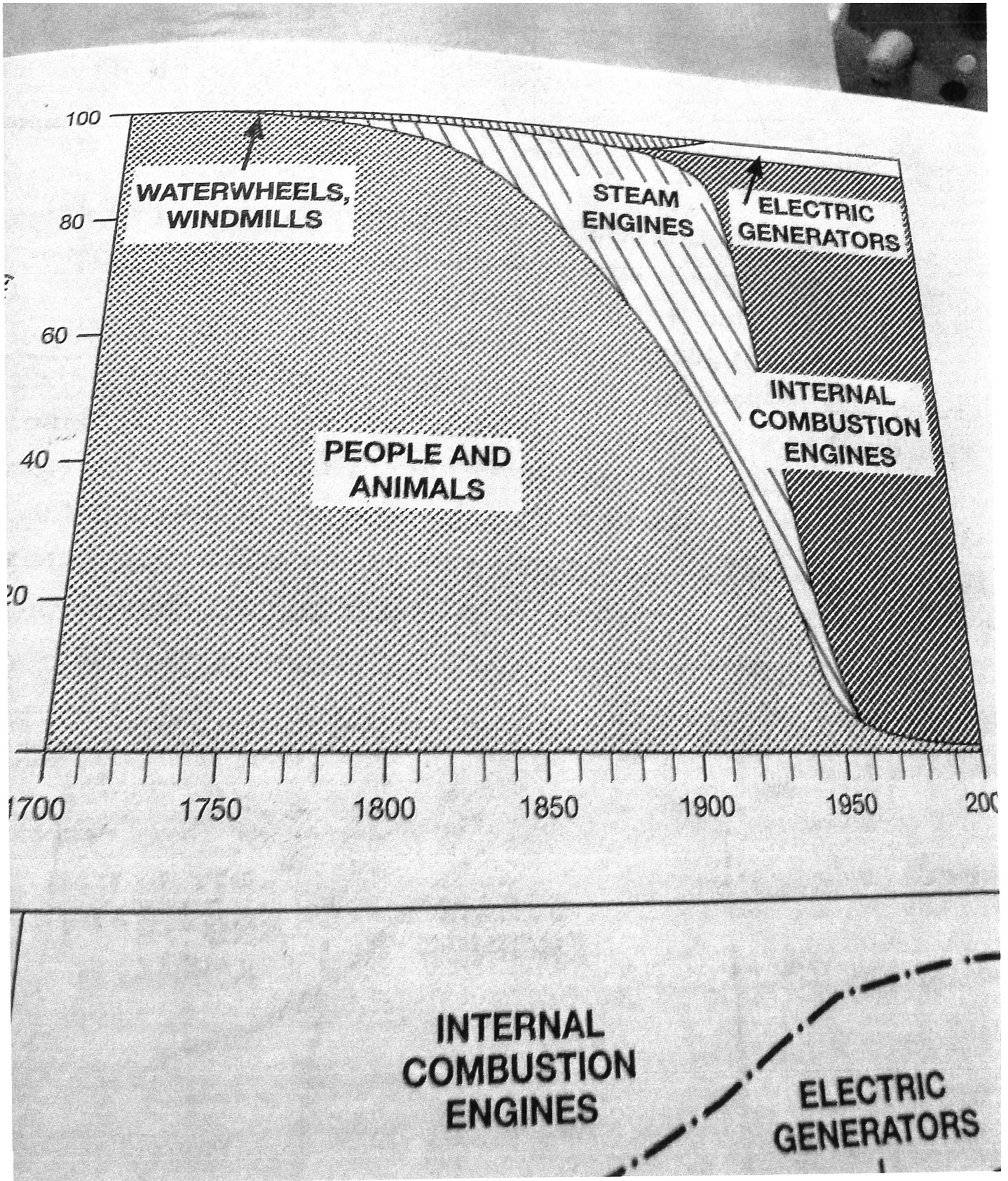
Robert Gibson

Board of Public Utilities Chair Signature

September 18, 2024

Date Approved by the Board

Mr. Mike Dempsey, Citizen
Attachment for Public Comment
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August 7, 2024 ~ 5:30 pm
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Sign-In Sheet

PLEASE PRINT:

NAME	AFFILIATION (Citizen, Business Owner, etc.)	PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL OR MAILING ADDRESS (N/A for Employees)
Ray Sartor	Cit.	505-310-5794	
Mike Dempsey	Citizen	505 5007447	
Alvin Leaphart	County Attorney		LAC EE
Tracey Marid	Mgmt Analyst - DPU		LAC EE
<u>Zoom Participants:</u>			
Joni Arends	Citizen		
Margaret Cooper	Citizen		
Nick Nelson	PPU Power System Supv		LAC EE
Yvonne Quintana	DPU Sr Data Analyst		LAC EE