



LOS ALAMOS

County of Los Alamos

Minutes

Board of Public Utilities

1000 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Cornell Wright, Chair; Steve Tobin, Vice-chair; Stephen McLin, Eric Stromberg, and Carrie Walker Members
Philo Shelton, Ex Officio Member
Steven Lynne, Ex Officio Member
Denise Derkacs, Council Liaison

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

5:30 PM

Remote Meeting:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83672174346>

WORK SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

The work session of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos Board of Public Utilities was held on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom videoconferencing platform. Board Chair Cornell Wright called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. BPU members, staff and the public participated remotely. Members of the public were notified of the ability to watch and submit public comment online. The following board members were in attendance:

Present 6 - Board Member Tobin, Board Member Shelton, Board Member Lynne, Board Member Wright, Board Member Walker and Board Member McLin

Absent 1 - Board Member Stromberg

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Wright opened the floor for public comment on items on the Consent Agenda and for those not otherwise included on the agenda. There was no public comment.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Walker moved that the agenda be approved as presented. The motion passed by the following vote:

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.A. 15592-22

Presentation of PNM-Balancing the Grid from Manuel Sanchez, PNM-Director of Power Operations

Mr. Garcia introduced Manuel Sanchez, PNM-Director of Power Operations

At the request of the Board of Public Utilities, Los Alamos County Power Operations has arranged to have The PNM's Director of Power Operations present on their role as a Balancing Authority (BA).

PNM is the Balancing Authority for NM. As the BA, PNM is responsible for the Bulk Electric System reliability within their service territory. There are approximately 40 Balancing Authorities that establish the Western Interconnect.

Los Alamos County is a Sub-Balancing Area within PNM's BA and has similar responsibilities with balancing generation to load for the Los Alamos Service Territory.

Mr. Sanchez responded to board member inquiries and provided clarifying information as appropriate. Chair Wright opened the floor for public comment - there was none.

RECESS from 7:27 to 7:40 p.m.

4.B. [15272-22](#) Quarterly Update on Utility System - Wastewater System

Mr. Richardson began his presentation by stating that the Board has requested a quarterly system assessment on a different utility each quarter. He provided an update on the wastewater systems which include Wastewater Collection (WC) & Wastewater Treatment (WT). He also reviewed a comparison of key organizational performance measures (KOPM's) trending from FY13 to the latest full FY21. There was some detailed discussion regarding the compost facility included in this presentation and some discussion of successes and failures. In the spirit of continuous improvement certain modifications to various KOPM's were made - some minor and some significant. Mr. Richardson reiterated that the overall report on the current and future condition of both the WC & WT systems is positive.

The presentation also included some discussion regarding the financial condition of the Wastewater (WW) Fund. Some discussion regarding the use of the BPU financial policy goals for cash reserves and how this has evolved over the years is included. Overall, assuming CIP cost and sewer rate projections can remain in balance as currently projected, the financial health of the WW Fund is in excellent shape. A copy of Mr. Richardson's presentation was included in the meeting packet.

Mr. Richardson responded to board member inquiries and provided clarifying information as appropriate. Chair Wright opened the floor for public comment - there was none.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Wright opened the floor for public comment on any items. There was none.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

APPROVAL:

Board of Public Utilities Chair Name

Board of Public Utilities Chair Signature

Date Approved by the Board