



# County of Los Alamos

1000 Central Avenue  
Los Alamos, NM 87544

## BCC Meeting Minutes Environmental Sustainability Board

*Joseph Chandler, Chair; Hermann Geppert, Vice-Chair; Sue Barns; Shannon Blair; Jyl DeHaven; Jesse Deringer, and Rebecca Paley*

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Thursday, July 18, 2024

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue, Council Chambers

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**1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL**

5:40 p.m. Member Pesenson absent

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve agenda by Member Geppert, second by Member Loechell the motion passed unanimously.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

[18974-24](#) Approval of the June 20, 2024, Environmental Sustainability Board Minutes

**Presenters:** Joseph Chandler

Motion to approve by minutes as presented Member Loechell, second by Member Groffman the motion passed unanimously

**5. BOARD BUSINESS**

[18977-24](#) Recognition of Outgoing Environmental Sustainability Board Members

**Presenters:** Joseph Chandler

Chair Chandler and Sustainability Manager Angelica Gurule recognized outgoing Board Members Blair, Groffman, Loechell, McNaughton, and Pesenson and thanked them for their service.

18978-24 Baling Twine Working Group Presentation and Possible Action

Presenters: Shannon Blair

Member Blair gave an update on the Bailing Twine Working Group, presentation was attached to agenda. Several members of the working group thanked Shannon Blair for the excellent work she has done with the group, they also asked if they could extend the working group for three months more.

Member Loechell motioned that Environmental Sustainability acknowledged the Bailing Twine Group thank them for the recommendations, ask staff to share final report with Parks and Recreation Board and Community Service Director, and further move to extend the Bailing Twine Working Group term by 90 days from July 18, 2024 to explore storage locations second by Member Geppert. – The motion passed unanimously.

18975-24 Presentation of Draft Climate Action Plan

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Sustainability Manager Angelica Gurule gave an update on the presentation that Cascadia gave to Council, and asked the board to take a look at the Climate Action Plan in more detail.

**6. REPORTS**

**A. Chair's Report - Joseph Chandler**

Chair Chandler reported that there were going to be multiple interviews for new board members hopefully having them for next meeting. On the sustainability front it is good to take some steps back and look at where the board has come from and to where it is today, appreciates everything the board has done.

- 1). Board of Public Utilities - Armand Groffman/Erik Loechell

None

- 2). Transportation Board - Hermann Geppert/Erik Loechell

None

- 3). Parks and Recreation Board - Shannon Blair

None

## 4). County Council Liaison - Randall Ryti

Councilor Ryti thanked outgoing board members and gave an update on Council meetings and what is coming up at Council meetings. Reported that he attended the 2024 NACO Annual Conference in Florida, some topics were affordable housing and global efficiency in voting processes.

**B. Team Reports**

## 1). Bee City Team/Seed Library - KokHeong McNaughton

Member McNaughton reported that the Bee City participated in the 2024 Science Fest shared a booth with Seed Library. 75 applications were received for pollinator kits, will be giving out 42. Bee City has finished planting everything in the demo garden, there will be a ribbon cutting on September 10, 2024, 4:00 p. m. – 6:00 p.m. with refreshments everyone is invited. Community Seed participated in Science Fest with activities. August program will be a tour of the J&L Farm in Espanola on Monday, August 9th at 9:00 a.m. In September Sam Loftin will give a presentation on native weeds on Pajarito Plateau at 6:30 p.m. on September 3rd at the PEEC.

## 2). Los Alamos Sustainability Alliance - Angelica Gurule

Sustainability Manager Angelica Gurule reported that the Alliance has spent their time at the Farmer's Market inviting people to provide comments on the Climate Action Plan and recruiting for ESB members.

**7. STAFF REPORT**

[18979-24](#) Sustainability Manager Updates

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Sustainability Manager Angelica Gurule reported the Climate Action Plan comments closes on August 9th and will be presenting the final report to Council in October. Still working on food composting. Gave an update on recruitment of board members, will be appointed at the July 30th Council meeting. Clean-up Los Alamos Day will be on September 21st . ESB presentation to Council will be in October.

**8. PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS****9. ADJOURNMENT**

8:04 p.m.

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