



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, November 6, 2024

5:30 PM

Municipal Bldg., 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, November 6, 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 - 4: Members Gibson, Stromberg, Heavner, and Shelton

Remote - 2: Members Hollingsworth and Nakhleh

Absent - 1: Member Laurent (Juan Rael, Public Works Director was acting CM)

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Gibson called for public comment for any item not included on the agenda. There was none.

No action was taken on this item.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Gibson commented that the agenda had been amended to include a Statement Regarding the Closed Session on November 4, 2024. He then called for discussion or a motion.

Member Stromberg moved and Member Heavner seconded that the agenda be approved as amended.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

No - 0:

3.a. Statement Regarding Closed Session

Chair Gibson called for a motion on the Discussion Regarding Threatened or Pending Litigation - Closed Pursuant to NMSA 1978, 10-15-1 (H)(7).

Member Heavner 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 Joint Closed Session with County Council held on November 4, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. 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**

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.a. [19326-24](#) Elk Ridge Update

Mr. Shelton introduced Mr. Mike Askins of Yes! Communities. Mr. Askins provided a detailed update on the natural gas situation at the Elk Ridge mobile home park.

Chair Gibson then provided an opportunity for comments or questions from the board.

The following individuals spoke:

1. Member Hollingsworth
2. Member Nakhleh
3. Member Gibson

Chair Gibson then provided an opportunity for public comment. The following individuals spoke:

1. Mr. Jonathon Ernst
2. Ms. Christina Pendergraft
3. Ms. Sandra Mendieta Perez
4. Mr. Ken Mack
5. Ms. Stephanie Duffield
6. Mr. Steve Johnson
7. Mr. Richard Cottrell
8. Ms. Katie Rosenbaum (Zoom)

Mr. Shelton then provided a brief overview of the DPU's involvement in Elk Ridge. He reviewed the DPU's proposed next steps and how they would affect Elk Ridge residents.

Chair Gibson provided another opportunity for comments or questions from the board.

The following individuals spoke:

1. Member Nakhleh
2. Member Heavner
3. Mr. Clay Moseley

No action was taken on this item.

4.b. [18793-24](#) Annual Update - Gas Distribution System

Mr. Clay Moseley, Deputy Utility Manager - GWS Services presented. His presentation slides were included in the meeting packet.

Chair Gibson called for comments or questions from the board. The following individuals spoke:

1. Member Hollingsworth

- 2. Member Nakhleh
- 3. Member Heavner
- 4. Member Stromberg
- 5. Member Gibson

Chair Gibson then provided an opportunity for public comment. The following individuals spoke:

- 1. Mr. Richard Cottrell
- 2. Ms. Christina Pendergraft

No action was taken on this item.

5. BOARD BUSINESS

5.a. 18794-24 Annual Self Evaluation of the Board of Public Utilities

Chair Gibson addressed late distribution of survey and apologized for the short window to respond. He then led the discussion regarding the survey and responses. He called for board comments and the following individuals spoke:

- 1. Member Heavner
- 2. Member Hollingsworth
- 3. Member Stromberg
- 4. Ms. Karen Kendall
- 5. Member Nakhleh
- 6. Council Vice Chair Cull
- 7. Member Gibson

No action was taken on this item.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Gibson provided an opportunity for public comments on any item; there was none.

No action was taken on this item.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm

APPROVAL:

Board of Public Utilities Chair

Date Approved by the Board

**Minutes transcribed by:
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