



# County of Los Alamos

1000 Central Avenue  
Los Alamos, NM 87544

## Minutes

### Environmental Sustainability Board

*Lisa Cantrup, Chair; Heather Ward, Vice-Chair; Alesia Benson; Amanda MacDonald; Erik Loechell; Brendon Parsons; and Heidi Rogers; Members*

Thursday, December 17, 2020

5:30 PM

Due to COVID-19 concerns, meeting will be conducted remotely. Public can view the proceedings at <http://losalamos.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> or via Zoom.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

Chair, Lisa Cantrup, called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm. The following members were in attendance:

Present: Chair Cantrup, Vice-Chair Ward, Member Benson, Member Loechell, Member MacDonald, Member Parson, and Member Rogers.

#### 2. PUBLICCOMMENT

None

#### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Member Loechell, Seconded by Vice-Chair Ward, that the agenda be approved as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the November 19, 2020, Environmental Sustainability Board Minutes

Presenters: Lisa Cantrup

Attachments: [A - Draft ESB Minutes November 19, 2020](#)

A motion was made by Member Loechell, seconded by Vice-Chair Ward, that the November 19, 2020 minutes be approved as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

#### 5. BOARDBUSINESS

Election of Environmental Sustainability Board Chair and Vice-chair

Presenters: Lisa Cantrup

Staff Liaison, Angelica Gurule, previously conducted a poll for Chair and Vice

Chair nominations. Based on a unanimous vote Erik Loechell was selected as the ESB Chair and Alesia Benson was selected as the ESB Vice-Chair. The change will go into effect at the January 2021 ESB Meeting.

A motion was made by Member Rogers, seconded by Chair Cantrup that Erik Loechell be appointed Environmental Sustainability Board Chair, with term date January 2021 and ending December 2021.

The motion passed unanimously.

A second motion was made by Member Rogers, seconded by Member Loechell that Alesia Benson be appointed Environmental Sustainability Vice-Chair, with a term date Beginning January 2021 and ending December 2021.

The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the 2021 ESB Meeting Schedule

**Presenters:** Lisa Cantrup

**Attachments:** [B - 2021 ESB Meeting Dates](#)

The Environmental Sustainability Board reviewed and approved the 2021 ESB meeting schedule.

A motion was made by Member Rogers, seconded by Vice-Chair Heather that the Environmental Sustainability Board approve the 2021 Meeting Schedule as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Discards Hierarchy Presentation

**Presenters:** Lisa Cantrup

**Attachments:** [C - The Discards Hierarchy Presentation by Sarah Pierpont](#)

New Mexico Recycling Coalition Executive Director, Sarah Pierpont provided an update on the local and global recycling market to the Environmental Sustainability Board. In the presentation she delved into where the exported recyclable materials are going since China closed its doors. She also provided solutions for this dynamic recycle market such as reduce, reuse, and zero waste.

## 6. REPORTS

### A. Chair's Report - Lisa Cantrup

Chair, Lisa Cantrup commented that she appreciated the knowledge that was shared with her over the last couple of years. She has great memories and love the time spent with the ESB. She hopes to come back at a later time when she is able to.

**B. Board Member Reports**

None

**C. Liaison's Reports****1). Board of Public Utilities - Erik Loechell**

Member Loechell reported that the County is exploring utilizing FEMA funds in the County to restore the reservoir. Due to past fires, every time it rains the soil erodes in the utility corridor that runs up to the reservoir gets knocked out and cost the county money. With FEMA funds and grants they hope to look into installing low impact controls similar in Graduation Canyon. The Board of Public Utility passed a motion to go to the County Council \$250K to start planning and get the work going for grants. BPU talked about COVID in the waste water and being able to map COVID concentration to see it grow. BPU talked about people that recently pitched going to zero waste/ zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. The County is still on board with the NU scale modular nuclear reactor. The Department of Public Utility has solid sustainability goals that parallels what Environmental Sustainability Board is working towards.

Greg White, 600 San Ildefonso Rd Unit 225, commented about the presentation given earlier by Sarah Pierpont.

**2). Planning and Zoning Commission - Vacant**

Member Parson reported that the Planning and Zoning Board discussed the building proposal for development in the new parcel of land that was granted by LANL to the County. That is a 57 unit structure adjacent to the White Rock Visitor Center. There are concerns about pedestrian crossing on State Road 4 from north to south. The recommendation is to have a single crossing by the library to redirect pedestrian crossing.

**3). Transportation Board - Heather Ward**

Public Works Director, Anne Laurent reported that the presentation about street connection 35th and 36th St. Trinity Dr. have parcels that the County owns. There is a plan to realign the intersection that will be done by the developer of the old LASO site. The council wanted Public Works to look into connecting through to the medical center and potentially make the improvements to that access off of Trinity.

**4). Parks and Recreation Board - Heidi Rogers**

Member Rogers reported that the board gave updates on the work they are doing and the new staff changes. The board wants to collaborate with ESB around partnering with the County to help look for replacement for pesticide and herbicides. Member Rogers gave her board report about a group of citizens petition to the County Council to build an energy resiliency sustainability plan.

## 5). Community Development Advisory Board - Vacant

None

## 6). County Council Liaison - David Izraelevitz

None

**D. Team Reports**

## 1). Los Alamos Public Schools Team - Angelica Gurule

Angelica reported that part of the county council budget was allocated to purchase reusable utensils. The utensils have arrived and will be delivered to the school at the beginning of the year. She also reported that Los Alamos Public Schools were offered compost bins as part of the backyard composting program that will launch on Earth Day 2021.

## 2). Zero Waste Los Alamos - Alesia Benson

Office Specialist, Sara Martinez reported that the Zero Waste team had a work meeting to plan out the next year including videos, articles, and events that the team can participate in. She also reported that Sue Barns gave a report on a National Strategy to Reduce Food Waste at the Consumer Level. The team discussed that restaurants could save a lot of money if they asked customers if they want the disposable utensil in their take out. Sue Barns is working with the Zero Waste team to bring non-perishable food to the Khalsa Family Farm for those in need in Northern New Mexico.

**7. STAFF REPORT**

Environmental Services Business, Operation and Event Update

**Presenters:** Angelica Gurule

Environmental Service's Manager Angelica Gurule have an update to the ESB about the Environmental Service's business and operations.

November 2020 Residential Sustainability Report

**Presenters:** Angelica Gurule

**Attachments:** [D - Residential Sustainability Report - November 2020](#)

Environmental Service's Manager Angelica Gurule reviewed and discussed the November 2020 Residential Sustainability Report with the ESB.

**8. PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Bear roll cart ordering process
2. Process for the volunteer for the new energy task force

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

With no objections the ESB meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.

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