



# County of Los Alamos

1000 Central Avenue  
Los Alamos, NM 87544

## Minutes

### Environmental Sustainability Board

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

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Thursday, January 21, 2021

5:30 PM

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

Chair, Erik Loechell, called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm. The following members were  
in attendance:

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

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

#### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Member Rogers, seconded by Member MacDonald, that  
the agenda be approved as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the December 17, 2020, Environmental Sustainability Board Minutes

**Presenters:** Erik Loechell

**Attachments:** [A - Draft ESB Minutes December 17 2020](#)

A motion was made by Member Rogers, seconded by Vice-Chair Benson, that the December 17, 2020 minutes be approved as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

## 5. BOARD BUSINESS

### Recycle Market Presentation

**Presenters:** Angelica Gurule

**Attachments:** [Environmental Sustainability Board Meeting Jan 21 2021](#)

Morris Friedman from Friedman Recycling Company provided a presentation about the current state of the local and global recycle market and an outlook for the future.

Friedman Recycle Company currently processes and markets the mixed recycle material from Los Alamos County as well as from neighboring communities across the state.

### Environmental Services Budget Projections

**Presenters:** Angelica Gurule

**Attachments:** [A - LAC Environmental Services Budget Projections for ESB January 21, 2021 JL](#)

Environmental Services Manager, Angelica Gurule, and Senior Office Specialist, Joshua Levings, provided the Environmental Sustainability Board members an overview of the Environmental Services budget projections, including future estimated revenues and expenses.

### Process on How to Procure Bear Carts

**Presenters:** Angelica Gurule

Environmental Services Manager, Angelica Gurule, provided an overview on the process of how to procure bear carts.

## 6. REPORTS

### A. Chair's Report - Erik Loechell

None

### B. Board Member Reports

None

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

Chair Loechell reported that the Board of Public Utilities (BPU) discussed that the NU Scale Modular Nuclear Reactor has lost a few of the original subscribers but is now searching for new ones. Due to Los Alamos County being one of the first to subscribe, LAC has the first right of refusal to increase the subscription. BPU asked if the Environmental Sustainability Board (ESB) would give feedback as to whether it would be a good idea to look into segregation of materials in the recycle stream. The BPU set their environmental goals after public polling to ask LAC residents if they supported these goals. During the polling they found that more residents supported the goals than did not. BPU approved an amendment to the Power Renewable Energy Credit Sales Agreement between Juniper Global Commodities and Los Alamos.

**2). Planning and Zoning Commission - Brendon Parsons**

None

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

None

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

Member Rogers reported that Parks and Recreation Board talked about the updates of many projects going on around Los Alamos County including: Tree replacement for the willow at Ashley Pond, fixtures for arena lighting at the rodeo grounds, the extension of the bike trail from the ski hill to the LA canyon, and resurfacing of tennis courts. They are currently looking for a new contractor for the BMX course to have it done by this summer.

**5). Community Development Advisory Board - Vacant**

None

**6). County Council Liaison - David Izraelevitz**

None

**D. Team Reports****1). Los Alamos Public Schools Team Subcommittee - Angelica Gurule**

Environmental Services Manager, Angelica Gurule reported that County Council approved funding to purchase reusable utensils for the public schools. Environmental Services has received all of them and will be working on getting them to the schools in the next couple of weeks.

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

Vice-Chair Benson reported that the Zero Waste team met with Marvin Hayes from Baltimore Compost Collective. He reported that they have developed a full circle system where they collect compost and they made gardens that provide food for families in areas that need food. They raise live stock and show up at local farmers market. The Zero Waste team is working on getting the backyard composting website up and running.

**7. STAFF REPORT**

## Environmental Services Update

**Presenters:** Angelica Gurule

Environmental Services Manager, Angelica Gurule reported to the ESB updates regarding business and operations, as well as future outreach opportunities.

## December 2020 Residential Sustainability Report

**Presenters:** Angelica Gurule

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

The ESB reviewed and discussed the December 2020 Residential Sustainability Report. The data now includes more data and graphs that will demonstrate overall diversion as a result of the new yard trimming program which began on July 9, 2018.


**8. PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

With no objections, the ESB meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm.

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Chair, Loechell

Date