



County of Los Alamos

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Minutes

Environmental Sustainability Board

Erik Loechell, Chair: Amanda MacDonald; Brendon Parsons; and Dina Pesenson, Members

Thursday, July 15, 2021

5:30 PM

Zoom

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1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

Chair, Erik Loechell, called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm. The following members were in attendance:

Present: Chair Loechell, Member MacDonald, Member Parson, Member Pesenson, Member Rogers, and Member Ward.

Absent: Vice-Chair Benson

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

The motion passed unanimously with Member MacDonald absent at the time.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the May 20, 2021, Environmental Sustainability Board Minutes

Presenters: Erik Loechell

Attachments: [A - Drafted ESB Minutes May 20, 2021](#)

A motion was made by Member Pesenson, seconded by Member Rogers, that the May 20, 2021 minutes be approved as presented.

The motion passed unanimously with Member MacDonald absent at the time.

5. BOARD BUSINESS

Food Waste Composting Feasibility Project Update

Presenters: Erik Loechell

Attachments: [B - Los Alamos County Compost Feasibility Presentation](#)

The Food Waste Composting Feasibility Study and Design contract agreement was approved by County Council on April 6, 2021. The County had a kick-off meeting with SCS Engineers on May 25, 2021 to discuss project scope, background, data needs and desired outcomes. Part of the scope of work is to gather public comment and engage with ESB.

SCS Engineers Michelle Leonard and Tracie Bills presented to the ESB. ESB members then had the opportunity to ask questions about the project.

Waste, Consumption, and Natural Resources Subcommittee Update

Presenters: Heidi Rogers

Attachments: [C- DRAFT WCNR Subcommittee Update to ESB](#)

The Los Alamos Resiliency, Energy and Sustainability Task Force has been chartered for the purpose of recommending ways for the County as a whole, including government, businesses, and residents, to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions and advance other sustainable practices in the face of climate change. Heidi Rogers, member of the Waste, Consumption, and Natural Resources Subcommittee provided an update to the Environmental Sustainability Board on their current work. The ESB members then gave feedback on the work.

Discussion and Consideration of Restarting In-Person Meetings

Presenters: Erik Loechell

A motion was made by Chair Loechell, seconded by Member Pesenson, that the Environmental Sustainability Board utilize a hybrid approach to meetings with public, staff, and/or Board members in person and Zoom meeting link for those public and Board Members that choose to remain remote.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. REPORTS

A. Chair's Report - Erik Loechell

None

B. Board Member Reports

None

C. Los Alamos Resiliency Energy and Sustainability Task Force - Dina Pesenson

Member Pesenson reported that Member Rogers' presentation earlier covered her report and she had nothing else to add.

1). Board of Public Utilities - Erik Loechell

Chair Loechell reported that Utilities Manager, Philo Shelton, reported that County Council was in the process of hiring a new County Manager. Mr. Shelton also mentioned that he has been asked about removing fertilizers and herbicides on multiple occasions. The board talked about and approved a funding increase for the pump houses.

2). Planning and Zoning Commission - Brendon Parsons

None

3). Transportation Board - Heather Ward

Member Ward reported that the Transportation Board's main topic was trails. The Flow Trail project didn't have enough funding and they will be putting that project on hold until more funding is available. Currently, they are looking at creating a multi-use cross country trail that would connect North Mesa to the Down Town area. They also discussed building a skill park for kids with mountain bikes to practice for competitions. The Bicycle Friendly Town certification is about to expire and they discussed whether they would renew it now or wait until more improvements have been made around Los Alamos County. Bandelier shuttles will be resuming soon. The Transportation Board is also looking for new board members to join.

4). Parks and Recreation Board - Dina Pesenson

Member Pesenson reported that there was a comment about the BMX track. There was also questions about the Pine St. play lot. There is work in motion in getting the equipment to upgrade the play lot. County Council approved \$50K for additional trails in the Acid or Pueblo Canyon for beginner mountain bikers and hikers. The Aquatic Center is looking for lifeguards to continue to keep the pool open to the public.

5). Community Development Advisory Board - Carol Kay Carr

None

6). County Council Liaison - Sean Williams

Councilor Williams reported that at the July 13, 2021 meeting County Council approved the hiring of Steven Lynne as the new Los Alamos County Manager. The topic on the well houses has come up in conversations a few times because of the cost increases. There will be more discussion on the Carbon Free Power Project that will include the design and construction of small modular nuclear reactors.

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

None

2). Zero Waste Los Alamos - Sara Martinez/Alesia Benson

None

7. STAFF REPORT**Environmental Services Business & Operation Updates**

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Environmental Services operates as an enterprise fund which provides solid waste services to businesses and residents of the community. Senior Office Specialist, Joshua Levings, gave the routine update to the ESB regarding business and operations, as well as future outreach opportunities.

Senior Office Specialist, Joshua Levings, thanked Member Rogers and Member Ward for their service on the ESB as this was their last meeting due to term limits.

June 2021 Residential Sustainability Report

Presenters: Angelica Gurule

Attachments: [D - Residential Sustainability Report - June 2021](#)

The ESB reviewed and discussed the June 2021 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 July 9, 2018.

Most recent additions to the report include greenhouse gas emissions reduced by recycling and composting.

8. PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

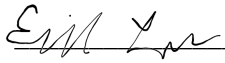
1. Salting the roads
2. Pesticide Presentation
3. Bee City
4. Recycle Coach
5. Bear Cart Exemptions

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Ward, seconded by Member Rogers that the ESB meeting be adjourned. With no objections the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

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Eric Loechell , ESB Chair

10/4/2021

Date