



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, October 2, 2024

5:30 PM

Municipal Building, 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, October 2, 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 - 6: Members Gibson, Stromberg, Nakhleh, Hollingsworth, Shelton, and Laurent

Remote - 1: Member Heavner

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

No action was taken on this item.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Gibson called for discussion or a motion.

Member Nakhleh moved and Member Stromberg seconded that the agenda be approved as presented. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

No: 0

4. PRESENTATIONS

[19011-24](#)

Presentation by Luis A. Reyes Jr., Chief Executive Officer, Kit Carson Electric Cooperative, concerning a Green Hydrogen Project

Mr. Ben Olbrich, Deputy Utility Manager - Power Supply gave a brief overview. The Department of Public Utilities (DPU) Electric Production division continues to seek out

and evaluate new electrical generation and energy storage resources to achieve DPU's environmental sustainability objectives and goals. One such candidate resource is a Green Hydrogen Project proposed by Kit Carson Electric Cooperative (KCEC). Hr then introduced Mr. Luis A. Reyes Jr., Chief Executive Officer, KCEC. Mr. Reyes's presentation is included in its entirety as an attachment to this staff report.

Chair Gibson provided an opportunity for clarifying questions from the board. The following individuals spoke:

- Member Stromberg
- Member Hollingsworth
- Member Gibson
- Mr. Shelton

Chair Gibson then provided an opportunity for public comment; there was none.

No action was taken on this item.

5. BUSINESS

5.a. 19010-24 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Implementation Update

Mr. Olbrich reported that it had been six months since the last update. He discussed the efforts of staff to identify, evaluate and develop new generation resources for the Los Alamos Power Pool, in comparison with the generation needs and preferred portfolio identified by the 2022 Integrated Resource Plan. A copy of his slides were included in the meeting packet.

Chair Gibson provided an opportunity for clarifying questions from the board. The following individuals spoke:

- Member Gibson
- Mr. Shelton
- Member Hollingsworth
- Member Stromberg
- Member Nakhleh

Chair Gibson then provided an opportunity for public comment; there was none.

No action was taken on this item.

RECESS - 7:39 to 7:45 pm

5.b. 19219-24 Energy Use & Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Report

Board Member Robert Gibson presented the research that he collected on Los Alamos County over the last 23 years. His complete report and presentation slides were included in the meeting packet. At the conclusion of his presentation he suggested that the research and data collection be taken over by the department.

Chair Gibson then opened the floor for comments and questions from the board and staff. The following individuals spoke:

- Member Hollingsworth
- Member Stromberg
- Member Nakhleh
- Mr. Clay Moseley

Member Heavner
Mr. David Reagor

Chair Gibson then provided an opportunity for public comment; there was none.

No action was taken on this item.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm

APPROVAL

Board of Public Utilities Chair Name

Board of Public Utilities Chair Signature

Date Approved by the Board