

BISHOP AREA WASTEWATER AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
January 19, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pachucki called the Bishop Area Wastewater Authority Board of Directors Meeting to order at 8:09 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, 301 West Line Street, Bishop, California via video conference.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Pachucki

3. ROLL CALL

Present:

Chairman Pachucki
Vice Chairman Muchovej
Board Member Stone
Board Member Schwartz

Absent:

none

Others Present:

Deston Dishion, Authority Administrator
Ron Phillips, City of Bishop City Administrator
Michele Rhew, Authority Secretary
Ward Simmons, Legal Counsel
Todd Thornburg, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
Jennifer Krafcheck, Eastern Sierra Community Service District
Steven Nixon, Eastern Sierra Community Service District

4. PUBLIC COMMENT: NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: See modified public comment procedure above. Under California law the Board of Directors is prohibited from generally discussing or taking action on items not included in the agenda; however, the Board of Directors may briefly respond to comments or questions received from members of the public. Therefore, the Board of Directors will be provided with all public comments but will not generally discuss the matter or take action on it.

No public comments were received.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR – NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: All matters under the Consent Calendar are considered routine by the Authority and will be acted on by one motion.
 - A. FOR APPROVAL/FILING
 1. Board of Directors of the Bishop Area Wastewater Authority Meeting Minutes – September 22, 2020
 2. Board of Directors of the Bishop Area Wastewater Authority Meeting Minutes – October 20, 2020
 3. Board of Directors of the Bishop Area Wastewater Authority Meeting Minutes – October 29, 2020

Vice Chairman Muchovej thanked the Secretary for the detailed minutes and made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Board Member Stone seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

Ayes: Vice Chairman Muchovej, Board Member Stone, Board Member Schwartz, and Chairman Pachucki

Noes: None

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Update of Progress with Lumo for Title 22 Engineering Report

Chairman Pachucki opened the item and turned it over to Authority Administrator Dishion to review with the Board. Dishion first introduced Todd Thornburg with Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) and explained why Thornburg will be attending the BAWA meetings going forward. Dishion updated the Board on the progress with Lumo and the Title 22 Engineering Report.

No public comments were received.

There were no comments or discussion from other board members on the item.

B. Update on Progress with LADWP on Property Acquisition

Authority Administrator Dishion updated the Board on progress with Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) regarding property acquisition.

Vice Chairman Muchovej confirmed the time frame of the survey to be 180 days with the appraisal taking place afterwards. Chairman Pachucki voiced his concern over LADWP's timing and getting the process started for the land acquisition. Dishion is confident the process will move along quickly.

No public comments were received.

There were no further comments or discussion on the item.

C. Update on Progress with NRCS on Irrigation Project

Authority Administrator Dishion updated the Board on progress with NRCS regarding the irrigation project.

Board Member Schwartz asked if there was the possibility of solar for the project. Dishion explained that solar could be a cost-efficient way to run the power source and will contact Terra Verde to discuss the idea of solar.

No public comments were received.

There were no further comments or discussion on the item.

D. Bishop Area Wastewater Authority Website

Authority Administrator Dishion shared that he and Board Member Schwartz meet last Friday regarding a website.

Schwartz explained that Robin Picken, City of Bishop City Clerk, was able to create a one-page website through WordPress for free for Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG).

Vice Chairman Muchovej stated that the organization needs a noncomplicated-barebone website.

Jennifer Krafcheck, Eastern Sierra Community Service District, shared information on the District's website. Krafcheck will look into the possibility of adding a page on their website for BAWA.

Dishion will meet with Picken to find out more information on a free website.

No public comments were received.

There were no further comments or discussion on the item.

7. STAFF AND BOARD REPORTS

Authority Administrator Dishion asked Legal Counsel Ward when BAWA will need to have their own financial system such as a bank account. Currently, the City of Bishop pays invoices and then bills the District for half the cost. Ward said that he does not believe it is a legal answer and may be an accounting issue and to speak to the City's auditor. The Board agreed that a bank account may be warranted once large capital expenditures are to be funded.

Newly appointed Board Member Schwartz introduced herself and shared that she is looking forward to working with everyone.

There were no additional staff or board reports at this time.

8. ADJOURNMENT: The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Bishop Area Wastewater Authority Board of Directors will be April 20, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. in the Bishop City Council Chambers, 301 West Line Street, Bishop.

Chairman Pachucki adjourned the meeting at 8:37 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on April 20, 2021.

Chairman Pachucki

Michele Rhew, Secretary