

BISHOP AREA WASTEWATER AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
June 24, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pachucki called the Bishop Area Wastewater Authority Board of Directors Special Meeting to order at 8:32 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 Board Member Stone

3. ROLL CALL

Present:

Chairman Pachucki
Vice Chairman Muchovej
Board Member Stone
Board Member Schwartz

Absent:

none

Others Present:

Deston Dishion, Authority Administrator
Michele Rhew, Authority Secretary
Ward Simmons, Legal Counsel
Jennifer Krafcheck, 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.

There were no public comments received.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Adopt Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget

Chairman Pachucki opened the item and turned it over to Authority Administrator Dishion to review the item with the Board. Dishion mentioned that he sent out an email earlier with an updated budget worksheet noting a few adjustments on some amounts that were in the wrong place.

Chairman Pachucki commented on the CEQA fees shown in the budget and asked if Helix Environmental Planning included an effort to reconcile both processes and documents, to insure what is said in one is consistent in the other, in their cost estimate. Dishion stated that NRCS and Helix will work together.

No further comments were made.

Vice Chairman Muchovej made a motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget with the corrections discussed and Chairman Schwartz seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

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

Noes: None

6. STAFF AND BOARD REPORTS

Authority Administrator Dishion reported to the Board that Los Angeles Department of Water and Power has nearly completed the survey for Phase I and Phase II for the property acquisition. Dishion also shared that Todd Thornburg, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, said that they will be ready for the third-party appraisal this summer. Dishion commented on maybe needing a special meeting to approve the cost of the appraisal if it can be completed prior to the Board meeting in October. Legal Counsel Ward said he would investigate the By-Laws for the policy on what amount can be spent without Board approval. Board Member Schwartz asked if the Board needs to go out to bid for the appraisal service. Dishion stated that BAWA follows the Eastern Sierra Community Service District rules which they do not require a bid process.

Chairman Pachucki commented on the new website suggesting the word “new” in the first sentence be removed from the About page and referring to the fourth bullet point, Pachucki suggests we avoid the word “pollution”. Authority Secretary Rhew said she would make the changes and mentioned that the wording came from other BAWA documents and informational paperwork.

No further reports were made.

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

Chairman Pachucki adjourned the meeting at 8:52 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on July 20, 2021.

Chairman Pachucki

Michele Rhew, Secretary