

BISHOP AREA WASTEWATER AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
July 20, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pachucki called the Bishop Area Wastewater Authority Board of Directors Meeting to order at 8:04 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 Schwartz.

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
Jennifer Krafcheck, Eastern Sierra Community Service District
Steve 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.

There were no public comments 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 – April 20, 2021
 2. Board of Directors of the Bishop Area Wastewater Authority Special Meeting Minutes – June 24, 2021.
 3. NRCS Agreement

Chairman Pachucki opened the item and asked for any comments from the Board.

Vice Chairman Muchovej shared that he is happy to see we received the agreement with NRCS. Authority Administrator Dishion stated that he wanted everyone to read the terms of the agreement before he signs and sends it off.

Chairman Pachucki pointed out a typo in the April 20,2021 minutes.

No further comments were made.

Vice Chairman Muchovej made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar with the correction noted and 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. Authorize Administrator to Meet with Bishop Paiute Tribe

Chairman Pachucki opened New Business and turned it over to Authority Administrator Dishion to review the first three items with the Board. Dishion explained that the Bishop Paiute Tribe is a major contributor to the flow at the Eastern Sierra Community Service District Plant and in the past has been a willing partner in financial support for a new sewer plant.

Chairman Pachucki stated that he believes the Board would support and appreciate Dishion meeting with the Bishop Paiute Tribe. Board Member Stone concurred with Pachucki and added that it is a good opportunity and a good neighbor policy. Pachucki added that he does not see the necessity to include an Eastern Sierra Community Service District Board Member at the meeting. Board Member Schwartz and Vice Chairman Muchovej also concurred with Pachucki.

No further comments were made.

The Board gave direction to Authority Administrator Dishion to meet with Bishop Paiute Tribe.

B. Authorize Administrator to Sign Proposal for Appraisal Services

Authority Administrator Dishion reviewed the item with the Board.

No comments were made.

Board Member Stone made a motion to authorize Administrator Dishion to sign an agreement with Cheryl Bretton for appraisal services not to exceed \$10,000 and Board Member Schwartz seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

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

Noes: None

C. Approve Proposal for Lumos and Associates

Authority Administrator Dishion reviewed the item with the Board.

Chairman Pachucki asked if Los Angeles Department of Water and Power has a concern about a new Waste Discharge Report on the lands. Dishion said yes and explained the process of revising the report.

Regarding the Assumptions and Exceptions in the contract, Vice Chairman Muchovej asked how many of the items listed could need to be completed and what the increase cost to the contract could be. Dishion stated that if a full-scale model was required, the cost could increase to \$45,000.

Vice Chairman Muchovej made a motion to approve the proposal from Lumos and Associates in the amount of \$33,000 and 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

D. Election of Officers

Chairman Pachucki opened the item and turned it over to Authority Administrator Dishion. Dishion asked Authority Secretary Rhew to conduct the Election of Officers.

Rhew called for nominations for Chairman. Board Member Stone renominated Pachucki to serve as Chairman. No other nominations were made.

Rhew took roll call to close nominations for Chairman.

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

Noes: None

Rhew took roll call to re-elect Pachucki for Chairman

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

Abstain: Chairman Pachucki

Noes: None

Pachucki will serve as Chairman for another year.

Rhew called for nominations for Vice Chairman. Board Member Schwartz renominated Muchovej to serve as Vice Chairman. No other nominations were made.

Rhew took roll call to close nominations for Vice Chairman.

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

Noes: None

Rhew took roll call to re-elect Muchovej for Vice Chairman

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

Abstain: Vice Chairman Muchovej

Noes: None

Muchovej will serve as Vice Chairman for another year.

7. STAFF AND BOARD REPORTS

Authority Administrator Dishion updated the Board on the CEQA process with Fish and Wildlife.

Chairman Pachucki mentioned that at the last Eastern Sierra Community Service District Board meeting efforts on the diversion structure at the canal were discussed. Pachucki asked Dishion for an update. Dishion gave an update and said he hopes to have the project out to bid in August with construction possibly starting in November.

No further reports were made.

8. ADJOURNMENT: The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Bishop Area Wastewater Authority Board of Directors will be October 19, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. in the Bishop City Council Chambers, 301 West Line Street, Bishop.

Chairman Pachucki adjourned the meeting at 8:38 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on October 19, 2021.

Chairman Pachucki

Michele Rhew, Secretary