

BISHOP AREA WASTEWATER AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
January 18, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pachucki called the Bishop Area Wastewater Authority Board of Directors Meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, 301 West Line Street, Bishop, California via video conference.

It is noted that Board Member Stone had technical difficulties at the beginning of the meeting and was present but unable to comment at times.

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
Michele Rhew, Authority Secretary
Ward Simmons, Legal Counsel
Jennifer Krafcheck, Eastern Sierra Community Service District
Todd Thornburg, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

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 – October 19, 2021
 2. Extend Resolution 2021-01 for another 30 days, allowing for the Board to conduct teleconference and virtual meetings pursuant to AB 361 due to the continuing Statewide COVID-19 State of Emergency which continues to directly impact the ability of the members of the Board to meet safely in person.

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

No comments were made.

Vice Chairman Muchovej made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar and Board Member Schwartz seconded the motion. Motion approved 3-0. Board Member Stone was unable to vote due to technical difficulties.

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

Noes: None

Abstain: Board Member Stone; due to technical difficulties

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Staff and Board to Discuss Potential Wastewater Treatment Options

Chairman Pachucki opened the item and turned it over to Authority Administrator Dishion to review with the Board.

Todd Thornburg shared that Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP) is currently working in-house on the property appraisal. A preliminary map for the survey has been completed and the survey is in the process to determine the monument to verify the acreage. Pachucki asked if there will be a meeting between DWP and BAWA regarding the appraisal and Thornburg said that he does not believe a meeting will be necessary and if there are questions, they will be directed to BAWA. Pachucki then asked when the first phase of the appraisal may be completed, and Thornburg believes it could be possibly around 60 days and will find out a more concrete answer and get back to Dishion.

After extensive discussion, the Board directed Authority Administrator Dishion to contact Jonathon Lesperance of Lumos and Associates to request a proposal summarizing completed work and to proceed with additional work to advance the feasibility study.

Pachucki mentioned that Steve Nixon from Eastern Sierra Community Service District was not in attendance today and asked if he was notified of the meeting and Jennifer Krafcheck said that she was in touch with Nixon, and he was not feeling well. Pachucki stated that he feels Nixon would be on board with the discussion and process being taken.

No further comments were made.

7. STAFF AND BOARD REPORTS

Authority Secretary Rhew mentioned that Form 700 will be due April 1st and asked that everyone please do their form and let her know when they are complete.

No additional reports were made.

8. ADJOURNMENT: The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Bishop Area Wastewater Authority Board of Directors will be April 19, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. in the Bishop City Council Chambers, 301 West Line Street, Bishop.

Chairman Pachucki adjourned the meeting at 9:05 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on April 19, 2022.

Chairman Pachucki

Michele Rhew, Secretary