

BISHOP AREA WASTEWATER AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
April 19, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pachucki called the Bishop Area Wastewater Authority Board of Directors Meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, 301 West Line Street, Bishop, California in-person and via Zoom.

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
Steve Nixon, 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
– January 18, 2022

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.

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

Noes: None

Abstain: Board Member Stone

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed Budget Discussion

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

Vice Chairman Muchovej requested that the Proposed Budget spreadsheet include a column with the current year expenditures. Muchovej also suggested to add Land Acquisition to the Capital line items.

Todd Thornburg of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) shared that the appraisal process is in progress with an independent third party and should be complete in about six weeks. After LADWP reviews the appraisal and it is approved internally, it will be presented to BAWA, and that time frame could be around a month. Dishion and Thornburg agreed that a purchase cost should be known before the next BAWA meeting scheduled in July.

Dishion confirmed with Legal Counsel Ward that the 22/23 Fiscal Year Budget can be approved at the July 19th meeting to be adopted by September 1st.

No further comments were made.

Staff has direction from the Board to finalize the 22/23 Budget and bring it back at the July 19th meeting for approval.

B. Staff and Board to Discuss CEQA / NEPA Irrigation Project

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

Discussion included flood irrigation, sprinkler irrigation, new sewer plant, costs for the irrigation project, costs for flood irrigation, current land use, water rights, stock water, and ground leveling.

No further discussion or comments were made.

Staff has direction from the Board and will bring the information back at the July meeting for approval.

C. Wastewater Treatment Plant Feasibility Study Update

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

Discussion included flow rates, population growth, Bishop Paiute Tribe Reservation involvement, treatment plant options, design and location, funding, pasture irrigation, and disadvantage communities.

No further discussion or comments were made.

Vice Chairman Muchovej made a motion to authorize Administrator Dishion to execute the contract, once provided by Lumos, up to \$25,000 and Board Member Stone seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

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

Noes: None

7. STAFF AND BOARD REPORTS

No Staff or Board reports were made.

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

Chairman Pachucki adjourned the meeting at 9:37 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on July 19, 2022.

Chairman Pachucki

Michele Rhew, Secretary