

BISHOP AREA WASTEWATER AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
*January 17, 2023*

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pachucki called the Bishop Area Wastewater Authority Board of Directors Meeting to order at 8:03 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:

Nora Gamino, 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 (LADWP)

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 – July 19, 2022
2. Appoint Nora Gamino, City of Bishop Director of Public Works, as Administrator for the purposes of managing and administering the Authority.
3. Appoint Deston Dishion, City of Bishop City Administrator, as Treasurer/Controller to the Authority.

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

No comments were made.

Board Member Stone made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar and Vice Chairman Muchovej seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Mid-Year Budget Review

Chairman Pachucki opened the item and turned it over to Authority Administrator Gamino for review and Gamino asked Authority Secretary Rhew to review the mid-year budget with the board.

Rhew pointed out changes made to the current budget since the adoption in July 2022. Vice Chair Muchovej asked a few clarifying questions regarding grants and consultant line items.

No further comments were made.

Chairman Muchovej made a motion to approve the Mid-Year Budget and Board Member Schwartz seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Authority Administrator Gamino gave an update on the land acquisition.

Board Member Stone asked if the appraisal is available for review and Gamino said she would contact Todd Thornburg of LADWP about sharing the review with the board.

Additional discussion and questioning took place regarding the acquisition, deed restrictions, and the possibility of a community garden.

No further comments were made.

7. STAFF AND BOARD REPORTS

Authority Secretary Rhew reminded the Board about filing their Form 700 before the deadline of April 3, 2023.

Authority Administrator Gamino mentioned that staff is compiling information for Lumos to be able to continue their work on the Feasibility Study.

No further reports were made.

8. ADJOURNMENT: The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Bishop Area Wastewater Authority Board of Directors will be April 18, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. in the Bishop City Council Chambers, 301 West Line Street, Bishop.

Chairman Pachucki adjourned the meeting at 8:30 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on April 18, 2023.



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Chairman Pachucki



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Michele Rhew, Authority Secretary