

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair 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 in-person and via Zoom.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Member Schwartz

3. ROLL CALL

Present:

Chair Pachucki

Vice Chair 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

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

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

No comments were made.

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

Ayes: Vice Chair Muchovej, Board Members Schwartz and Stone, and Chair Pachucki  
Noes: None

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Officers

Chair Pachucki opened the item and turned it over to Authority Administrator Gamino.

Gamino called for nominations for Chairman. Board Member Stone renominated Pachucki to serve as Chair and Board Member Schwartz seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made.

Rhew took roll call to close nominations for Chair. Motion passed 3-0.

Ayes: Vice Chair Muchovej, Board Member Stone, and Board Member Schwartz  
Abstain: Chair Pachucki  
Noes: None

Rhew took roll call to re-elect Pachucki for Chair. Motion passed 3-0.

Ayes: Vice Chair Muchovej, Board Member Stone, and Board Member Schwartz  
Abstain: Chair Pachucki  
Noes: None

Pachucki will serve as Chair for another year.

Pachucki called for nominations for Vice Chair. Board Member Stone renominated Muchovej to serve as Vice Chair and Board Member Schwartz seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made.

Rhew took roll call to close nominations for Vice Chair. Motion passed 4-0.

Ayes: Vice Chair Muchovej, Board Member Stone, Board Member Schwartz, and Chair Pachucki  
Noes: None

Rhew took roll call to re-elect Muchovej for Vice Chair. Motion passed 4-0.

Ayes: Chair Pachucki, Vice Chair Muchovej, Board Member Stone, and Board Member Schwartz  
Noes: None

Muchovej will serve as Vice Chair for another year.

B. Adopt Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget

Chair Pachucki opened the item and turned it over to Authority Administrator Gamino who asked Authority Secretary Rhew to go through the item.

Rhew reviewed the budget presented and she and Gamino answered questions from the Board.

Board Member Schwartz made a motion to adopt the proposed Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget as presented and Board Member Stone seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Ayes: Chair Pachucki, Vice Chair Muchovej, Board Member Stone, and Board Member Schwartz  
Noes: None

C. Review Lumos Flow Assessment

Chair Pachucki opened the item and turned it over to Authority Administrator Gamino. Gamino gave an introduction and then turned the item over to Jonathan Lesperance and Lauren Frei of Lumos and Associates. Lesperance and Frei answered questions from the Board and Staff pertaining to the data provided in their report.

Gamino stated she would follow up on data from the Bishop Paiute Tribe and incorporating Eastern Sierra Community Service District's (ESCSD) meter data. Lumos has filled their requirement under their current contract and additional work would require a scope change, not included in the adopted budget. Gamino added she would write a scope for approval from Lumos for the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER).

Vice Chair Muchovej requested a more accurate estimate from Lumos representing usage in our greater region.

In summary, Pachucki verified Lumos had the guidance needed and will be on stand-by for the follow up from Gamino. And that Gamino will work with the Bishop Paiute Tribe to receive their data.

Pachucki asked if the Bishop Paiute Tribe Representatives present would like to comment.

Gloriana Bailey, Bishop Paiute Tribe CEO, stated that the Tribe has a contract with ESCSD and an understanding to notify the district in the event of any future development that may impact flows. Bailey added that the Tribe does stay under the 325,000 gallon per day limit, knowing there were some flow meter discrepancies last

year that were corrected. The Tribe is happy to work with the city and district to provide any information on development the Tribe may be looking at.

No additional comments were made.

D. Land Acquisition and Permit Update

Chair Pachucki opened the item and turned it over to Authority Administrator Gamino.

Gamino gave an update on where BAWA stands with the land acquisition from Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) and what needs to happen concurrently with the land acquisition.

After lengthy discussion among the Board and staff, Vice Chair Muchovej made a motion to establish two ad-hoc committees. One committee dealing with the issue of how BAWA will handle future land and ranch leases, composed of Board Members Stone and Schwartz. The other committee handling how to come up with an agreement of how to deal with potential discharge violations, composed of Chair Pachucki and Vice Chair Muchovej and Board Member Stone seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

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

Noes: None

7. STAFF AND BOARD REPORTS

Authority Administrator Gamino suggested there be future discussion regarding the capacity and pace the Board would like to move forward.

Board Member Schwartz encouraged everyone to comment on the City of Bishop's Whitney Alley Project.

No further reports were made.

8. ADJOURNMENT: The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Bishop Area Wastewater Authority Board of Directors will be October 17, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. in the Bishop City Council Chambers, 301 West Line Street, Bishop.

Chair Pachucki adjourned the meeting at 9:24 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on October 17, 2023.

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Chair Pachucki

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Michele Rhew, Authority Secretary