

BISHOP AREA WASTEWATER AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
June 18, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair 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 Schwartz

3. ROLL CALL

Present:

Chair Muchovej

Vice Chair Schwartz

Board Member Stone

Board Member Pachucki

Others Present:

Nora Gamino, Authority Administrator

Michele Rhew, Authority Secretary

Matt Bullis, Assistant Administrator via Zoom

Ward Simmons, Legal Counsel via Zoom

Deston Dishion, City of Bishop Administrator

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.

No public comments were 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. Board of Directors of the Bishop Area Wastewater Authority Meeting Minutes – May 5, 2024 – Special Meeting Minutes

No comments were made by the Board or received from the Public.

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

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

Noes: None

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Election of Officers

Chair Pachucki opened the item and nominated Vice Chair Muchovej for Chair and Board Member Stone seconded the motion. No other nominations were made. A roll call was taken for Muchovej to serve as Chair and the motion was approved 4-0.

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

Noes: None

Muchovej will serve as Chair for one year.

Chair Muchovej opened nominations for Vice Chair and Pachucki nominated Board Member Schwartz and Board Member Stone seconded the motion. No other nominations were made. A roll call was taken for Schwartz to serve as Vice Chair and the motion was approved 4-0.

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

Noes: None

Schwartz will serve as Vice Chair for one year.

b. Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Final Budget

Chair Muchovej opened the item and turned it over to Assistant Administrator Bullis.

Bullis reviewed the item with the Board.

Chair Muchovej asked if there will be costs associated with LAFCO for changing the jurisdictional boundary of the land parcel. Authority Administrator Gamino explained that the bulk of the cost would be charged to staff time and under the Professional / Technical line item, there is \$25,000 for undefined expenses that could be used.

No public comment was received.

Vice Chair Schwartz made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Final Budget and Board Member Pachucki seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

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

Noes: None

7. STAFF AND BOARD REPORTS

Vice Chair Muchovej opened the item and asked for reports from the Board.

Muchovej asked what the Board could do to address what can be perceived as degradation in the spirit of a collaboration. Muchovej explained that he attended a recent Eastern Sierra Community Service District (ESCSD) Board meeting and was caught off guard that there was an agenda item on Tribal discussion after the BAWA Board agreed to wait until more background information was received before sharing with the ESCSD Board and the City of Bishop City Council.

Board Member Stone disagreed with Muchovej and recalled Pachucki bringing up the topic in a recent BAWA Board meeting. Muchovej pointed out in the minutes approved in item 5 where it mentioned waiting for background information.

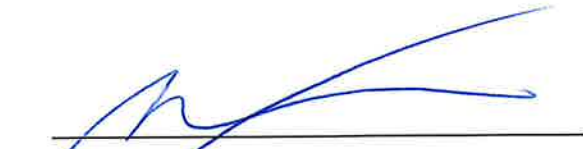
Pachucki said that it was the ESCSD's intent to initiate discussion related to pros and cons.

Muchovej suggested all board members keep each other better informed. Pachucki added that part of open discussion is also at staff level and Gamino is working with the District to schedule a meeting with staff. Gamino confirmed that the plan is to start scheduling bi-monthly meetings to discuss what is going on jointly in the sewer system.

No further reports were made.

9. ADJOURNMENT: The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Bishop Area Wastewater Authority Board of Directors will be September 17, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. in the Bishop City Council Chambers, 301 West Line Street, Bishop.

Chair Muchovej adjourned the meeting at 8:17 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on September 17, 2024.



Chair Muchovej



Michele Rhew, Authority Secretary