

MINUTES OF THE
THE CITY OF SANTA FE & SANTA FE COUNTY
BUCKMAN DIRECT DIVERSION BOARD MEETING

October 7, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting of the Santa Fe County & City Buckman Direct Diversion Board meeting was called to order by Chair Anna Hansen at approximately 4:15 p.m.

In accordance with the Public Health Emergency Order issued by the State of New Mexico, and pursuant to the New Mexico Attorney General's Open Government Division Advisory during COVID-19, public entities are authorized to conduct virtual meetings. All votes were conducted by roll call.

[For clarity purposes, repetitive identification and confirmations of those on the line and their audibility have been eliminated and/or condensed in this transcript.]

2. ROLL CALL: Roll was called and a quorum was present as shown:

BDD Board Members Present:

Commissioner Anna Hansen, Chair
Councilor Carol Romero-Wirth
Commissioner Anna Hamilton
J.C. Helms, Citizen Member
Councilor JoAnne Vigil Coppler

Member(s) Excused:

Tom Egelhoff, Las Campanas

Others Present:

Rick Carpenter, BDD Facilities Manager
Kyle Harwood, BDD Legal Counsel
Bernardine Padilla, BDD Public Relations Coordinator
Randy Sugrue, BDD Operations Superintendent
Antoinette Armijo-Rougemont, BDD Financial Manager
Monique Maes, BDD Contract Administrator
Jay Lazarus, Glorieta Geoscience
Marcos Martinez, City Assistant Attorney
Greg Shaffer, County Attorney
Regina Wheeler, City Public Works Director
Caryn Grosse, City Project Administrator
Michael Mikolanis, DOE-EM-LA, Manager
Cheryl Rodriguez, DOE-EM-LA, Program Manager

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Vigil Coppler moved to approve the agenda and Mr. Helms seconded. The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] roll call vote.

4. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

CHAIR HANSEN: As I mentioned earlier, Mr. Mikolanis is trying to join the meeting but he does not have the Zoom link invite. He has the links to all the documents but no Zoom ID number or password to the meeting.

KYLE HARWOOD (BDD Board Counsel): Madam Chair, Cheryl is in the meeting and perhaps what we can do is ask Cheryl to coordinate with her supervisor Mr. Mikolanis while we proceed through the agenda. There is a little bit of time before we get there.

CHAIR HANSEN: Is that possible Cheryl, can you help with that?

CHERYL RODRIGUEZ (DOE-EM-LA, Program Manager): Yes.

MR. HARWOOD: As you might know we don't really have this item set up for a LANL presentation.

CHAIR HANSEN: It's not a LANL presentation but they requested to be at the meeting. Okay, so are there matters from the public? Did anybody call in or ask for – is there anybody who would like to make comments under matters from the public?

BERNARDINE PADILLA (Public Relations Coordinator): Jamie-Rae indicated that there was no emails that she received based on matters from the public.

CHAIR HANSEN: Okay. I'm going to close matters from the public.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items presented under Consent Agenda.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. October 7, 2021 Buckman Direct Diversion Board Meeting

There were no changes offered and Mr. Helms moved to approve. Commissioner Hamilton seconded. The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] roll call vote.

MR. HARWOOD: Madam Chair.

CHAIR HANSEN: Yes.

MR. HARWOOD: Madam Chair, as you know, I am serving both in my normal role on specific topics but also for Ms. Long as she is out of town this week. I would like to just remind you that we do need to make a statement into the minutes regarding our last executive session. Would you like me to read that into the minutes or would you like –

CHAIR HANSEN: That happens at the end, Kyle.

MR. HARWOOD: Well, it is actually better here, Madam Chair.

CHAIR HANSEN: Okay. Nancy usually has us do it at the end. I am happy to add it now.

MR. HARWOOD: Would you like me to do it or would you like to read that statement?

CHAIR HANSEN: I don't have that statement so if you would please read it into the record that would be great.

MR. HARWOOD: Okay, very good. I would like to state for the record in these minutes that the only matters discussed in the executive session of the October 7, 2021, BDD Board meeting were the matters contained in the motion for closure and in the public notice and that no action was taken.

CHAIR HANSEN: And so do I have a – oh, we don't need to approve anything? You are just stating it for the record.

MR. HARWOOD: That's correct, Madam Chair.

CHAIR HANSEN: Okay, thank you, Mr. Harwood.

7. PRESENTATION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a. Monthly Update on BDD Operations

CHAIR HANSEN: Mr. Randy Sugrue, welcome, and we look forward to hearing your monthly presentation.

RANDY SUGRUE (Operations Superintendent): Thank you, Madam Chair, members of the Board. My BDD operations report for the month of October 2021, consists of raw water diversions of approximately 5.68 million gallons per day, drinking water deliveries through our Booster Stations 4A and 5A about 5.28 million gallons per day. Raw water delivery to Las Campanas from Booster Station 2A was about 170,000 gallons of water per day. Our onsite treated and non-treated storage about 230 million gallons per day. BDD provided about 67 percent of the water supply to City and County for the month.

Our year-to-date diversions are seen on the graph on page 1. Item 4, our regional demand drought summary is shown on page 2. The metered regional water demand for the month of October 2021 was approximately 9 million gallons per day. Rio Grande flow for October 2021, averaged around 375 cubic feet per second. That is increasing. Earlier today it was up to 442 cubic feet per second. Water quality is good. Turbidity is quite low in the vicinity of 15 to 25 NTU, so treatment is reasonably good and chemical usage down a bit. The storage in McClure and Nichols reservoirs have shown approximately a bit earlier in the month, watershed inflow a bit over 1 million gallons per day. Our total San Juan-Chama storage is shown in the graph for October and our El Niño summary dated October 18th shows that we are now continuing into a La Niña period for this fall and early winter. On page 3, we see our annual numbers and with that I am open for questions.

CHAIR HANSEN: Okay, are there any questions from the Board? Okay, seeing no questions. Thank you very much, Randy.

MR. SUGRUE: You're welcome.

7. b. Report from the Facilities Manager

CHAIR HANSEN: Rick Carpenter, welcome, nice to see you.

RICK CARPENTER (BDD Facilities Manager): Thank you, Madam Chair and good evening members of the Board.

A couple of updates from the Facilities Manager the first of which has to do with some vacancies. I had an extended meeting yesterday with the City's Human Resources Department on a number of vacancies that we have and not the least of which are the maintenance repairman intermediate and basic, that's been a topic of discussion for awhile. The information I got back from HR was that by next week they would have what we need in order to go ahead and advertize those positions, I hope. Then the instrumentation and control technician, I've reported on that to the Board in the past a couple of times, that is moving forward. If the Board will recall, we've had a hard time filling that position. People just don't apply for it and we've asked to increase the salary and that has been reviewed and management approved the process at the City. So that's good news as well. Also, the administrative assistant that we have discussed many times at this Board actually advertised and is out and hopefully we'll get a response of potential candidates and I will report back to the Board on that. But that is actually moving forward, Madam Chair, and I know that was an important position that you have raised many times. And then lastly we have a vacancy in our operations group, an operator basic and that was just filled. The gentleman will be starting in a little bit less than two weeks from now. So we are moving forward on all of those fronts.

One more update, the City and County had two scoping meetings pursuant to NEPA requirements for the return-flow pipeline project they are proposing. They were well attended and there was a lot of feedback from the public. A lot of comments from the City and the County to work through with their consultant. And it is my understanding that when that takes a little bit more form that they will report to the Board on the status of that project. With that, Madam Chair, I would stand for questions.

CHAIR HANSEN: Are there any questions from the Board? Thank you, Rick. I am very happy to hear that we have advertised the administrative assistant and that we are moving forward with as many hires as possible in this difficult time.

MR. CARPENTER: Thank you.

CHAIR HANSEN: Any other updates? I see no questions. Okay, thank you.

8. ACTION ITEMS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION

a. Update on Solar and Lighting Improvements at Buckman Direct Diversion Project

CHAIR HANSEN: Regina Wheeler, I see that you are on. Welcome and thank you for joining us.

REGINA WHEELER (City Public Works Department Director): Thank you so much, Madam Chair and members of the Board. Actually, Caryn Grosse is the project administrator for this project and she'll be giving you the update.

CARYN GROSSE (Project Administrator): Thank you. Good afternoon, Madam Chair and members of the Board. Periodically, we like to provide updates on the progress for this project. As you know, there will shortly be voting on the permit for these additional solar at BDD Booster 1A and the raw water lift station. So the Forest Service reviewed the applications, we made separate applications for each site. They opted to combine them into a single permit. The annual cost that is anticipated for this additional permit is \$87.25 per year. There are some additional bills related to cost recovery for the permit application, the construction monitoring and then 2021 land use fee which will be paid for out of the project. So we wanted to bring this to you and give you a little bit of an update on the progress that we've made. So we've actually started implementing some of the water conservation measures that were part of this bigger package since the BDD facility is already being water efficient in terms of restroom fixtures. We do not need to make any updates there. We will be doing some lighting retrofits at your facility next year to update any ones that are not already LEDs inside the building.

So that's the gist of the three-page memo that we included in your packets. I would be happy to provide more details or answer any questions you might have.

CHAIR HANSEN: Are there any questions from the Board? I was very happy to see that the permit is so reasonable.

MS. GROSSE: As were we.

1. Discussion and possible approval of U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service Special Use Permit for solar projects at BDD Booster Station IA and BDD Lift Station, for a twenty (20) year term with an annual fee of \$87.25

CHAIR HANSEN: If there's no questions, then we have a discussion and possible approval of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service Special Use Permit for solar projects at BDD Booster Station 1A and BDD lift station for a 20-year term with an annual fee of \$87.25. What is the pleasure of the Board?

COUNCILOR ROMERO-WIRTH: Move to approve.

MR. HELMS: Second.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR HANSEN: Okay, I have a motion by Councilor Carol Romero-Wirth. A second by Commissioner Hamilton and JC Helms. Could you please take a roll call vote, Karen.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] roll call vote.

b. Consideration and Possible Action on an Extension to the 2017 LANL MOU from December 1, 2021 until February 9, 2022

CHAIR HANSEN: This is the Facilities Manager and Kyle Harwood.

MR. HARWOOD: Thank you, Madam Chair. Bernie, can you enable the screen share for me?

MS. PADILLA: I believe I did.

MR. HARWOOD: Okay. Sure enough you did. Is that convenient for everybody to see the revised version that was sent out? Madam Chair, can you see that?

CHAIR HANSEN: Yes, if you wanted to make it a little bit bigger but I think everybody can read it. Does anybody have any issues?

MR. HARWOOD: How's that? Let me just remind the Board quickly, we are currently coming up on the end of the fourth year of our three-year MOU. We did extend the MOU last year to December 1st of this year. And we are working hard with the Environmental Management staff up at the Los Alamos field office in conjunction with that staff we have identified that we do need to do another extension in order to allow for the lab to fully respond to our latest draft MOU. And so since the current extension expires on December 1 we have this on your agenda for today because there's not another meeting between now and December 1.

This is a little different than the one that went out in the packet last week. I'm sorry for any confusion around that. There were some edits requested by LANL that I did not get out to the Board until today. They are all in the nature of correcting addresses and job titles. The only substantive change that you'll see in this version is that instead of extending until March of next year, we decided to extend to about the Wednesday after our February Board meeting. So we're hoping that between December, January and February Board meetings we can get through to an executable replacement MOU with LANL. We anticipate bringing you the draft MOU in December and hopefully we can act on it in January or February.

So this is a shorter term extension than the one we've been operating under for 2021. With that I would stand for any questions that the Board may have.

CHAIR HANSEN: Thank you, Kyle. I wanted to let everyone know that I have actually met our new Environmental Management, Mike Mikolanis. He came to the town hall that I held on nuclear weapons transport and I have talked to him a few times and it sounds like we are moving forward in a positive way for this MOU to be done as soon as possible. With that, could I have a motion please or if there is any more discussion.

MR. HELMS: Move to approve.

CHAIR HANSEN: Okay, a motion to approve by J.C. Helms.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR HANSEN: Second by Commissioner Hamilton. Other discussion? Okay, I hear nothing under discussion. With that, Karen, can I have a roll call vote and can we go back to the full screen? Thank you.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] roll call vote.

MR. HARWOOD: Madam Chair, I don't know if you noticed but Mr. Mikolanis did join our meeting.

CHAIR HANSEN: Yes. I don't know if he wants to say anything but Mr. Mikolanis would you like to say a few words to the Board?

MICHAEL MIKOLANIS (DOE-EM-LA): Thank you, ma'am. It's a pleasure to observe and participate as a member of the public. I think you captured it correctly per our last conversation. We are working to try and finalize the MOU itself. You indicated what your timetable was and we are very interested. And we understand

that the Board is and we at the Department are interested in supporting it and we will get this in place as rapidly as we can. I appreciate the opportunity to speak. It's a pleasure to see everybody, thank you.

CHAIR HANSEN: Thank you very much, Mr. Mikolanis. We look forward to working with you on this MOU and I believe we will be bringing forward a copy at our next Board meeting. That was at least what Kyle and I spoke about earlier that we could provide a copy at our next meeting.

MR. MIKOLANIS: Thank you.

9. MATTERS FROM THE BOARD

None were presented.

10. NEXT MEETING: Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

CHAIR HANSEN: Thank you all for being so efficient and getting through this meeting in record time. I am grateful.

11. ADJOURN

Commissioner Hamilton moved to adjourn and Councilor Vigil Coppler seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote and this meeting adjourned at approximately 4:40 p.m.

Approved by:

Anna Hansen, Board Chair

Respectfully submitted:

Karen Farrell, Wordswork

ATTEST TO

KATHARINE E. CLARK
SANTA FE COUNTY CLERK