



# City of Laramie

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## MINUTES

### Laramie/Albany County Environmental Advisory Committee Thursday, December 1, 2022 at 6:00 PM

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting convened at 6:04 p.m.

Members present: Ramsey Bently, Evelyn Hill, Rhiannon Jakopak, Eric Krszjzaniek, Kayla Matlock (arrived at 6:19 pm), and Ellen Currano.

Members absent: Mary Grace Bedwell.

There was a quorum present at all times.

Council Liaison: Erin O'Doherty.

County Liaison: Pete Gosar.

Staff Present: Darren Parkin, Natural Resources Manager; and Nancy Bartholomew, City Clerk. J

Guests: Corrine Scieszka and Jarad O'Brien.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

##### 2-A. Changes and Approval of Agenda

MOTION BY KRSZJZANIEK, seconded by Jakopak, to approve the agenda be approved as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote and raised hands.

##### 2-B. Thursday, October 6, 2022, Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

MOTION BY KRSZJZANIEK, seconded by Bentley, to approve the Minutes from October 6, 2022 as written.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote and raised hands.

#### 3. DISCLOSURES -- Ex-parte communications; potential conflicts of interest

No disclosures.

#### 4. CITIZEN COMMENTS - Non-Agenda Related Topics - No Action Can Be Taken

No Citizen Comments.

#### 5. ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND STAFF: REPORTS AND COMMENTS

##### 5.A. EAC Term Extensions - Darren Parkin

Current EAC members terms have been extended until the end the Casper Aquifer Protection Plan (CAPP) update.

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**5.B. Darren Parkin** also updated the committee on extending the contract for Stantec to complete the CAPP, the NextEra project update, and thanked committee members for participating in Tuesday's CAPP meeting. The NextEra project is a 160-megawatt facility with an 80-watt battery backup.

**5.C. David Gertsch** also thanked the committee for their participation in Tuesday night's meeting.

**6. OLD BUSINESS:**

**6.A. City of Laramie/Haub School Graduate Assistantship Report - Corrinne Scieszka**

**Speaker/Presenter:** Corrinne Scieszka

Corrinne Scieszka finished the data for 2021 and has presented it to City Council. Also talked about additional strategies and tools to help further gather data. A draft plan will be out by May or June 2023.

**6.B. Albany County Renewable Energy Subcommittee - Mary Grace Bedwell / David Gertsch**

**Speaker/Presenter:** David Gertsch

David Gertsch talked about moving this project on to the Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission in January. Asked Eric Krszjzaniek if he would present at that meeting.

**6.C. City/County CAPP Update Report - Erin O'Doherty / David Gertsch / Darren Parkin**

**Speaker/Presenter:** Erin O'Doherty

Erin O'Doherty stated that the Steering Committee needs to provide more direction for the sub-committee.

Darren Parkin would like to see the plan adopted soon to allow regulatory adoptions.

Committee member Matlock arrived at 6:19 p.m.

David Gertsch said that they are getting closer to public meetings. The County has some concerns with non-conforming recommendations.

Commissioner Gosar joined @ 6:23 p.m.

Evelyn Hill asked where the money comes from for land purchases in the APO.

Darren Parkin said sometimes it is Specific Purpose Tax (SPT) money specified for purchases in these areas.

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

**7.A. CAPP Subcommittee Appointments - David Gertsch / Darren Parkin**

Two (2) members of Albany County Planning and Zoning Commission (Hinkley & Hanning), Laramie Planning Commission (Moody & Schneider), and Environmental Advisory Committee were appointed to the Casper Aquifer Protection Plan Sub-Committee. The EAC needs to appoint two members.

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MOTION BY JAKOPAK, seconded by Hill, to appoint committee members Bentley and Krszjzaniek to the sub-committee for CAPP.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote and raised hands.

**8. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING – February 2, 2023**

**9. ADJOURN**

MOTION BY KRSZJZANIEK, seconded by Hill, to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote and raised hands.

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Minutes taken by: \_\_\_\_\_ (Print)

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