



# City of Laramie

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## MINUTES

### Laramie/Albany County Environmental Advisory Committee Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 6:00 PM

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting convened at 6:03 PM

Members present: Mary Grace Bedwell, Ramsey Bently, Rhiannon Jakopak, Eric Krszjzaniek, Harry Plendl, and Ellen Currano.

Members absent: Evelyn Hill.

There was a quorum present at all times.

Council Liaison: Erin O'Doherty

County Liaison: Pete Gosar

Staff Present: Darren Parkin, Nancy Bartholomew, and David Gertsch.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

##### 2-B. Thursday, September 9, 2021 Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

MOTION BY JAKOPAK, seconded by Krszjzaniek, to approve the agenda and minutes as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote and raised hands.

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

Ed Koncel- Thank you for work on renewable energy.

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

O'Doherty- shared that City Council awarded hybrid vehicles and electric drive dozer bids.

Gertsch- another wind farm application received.

Gosar- ARPA funding researching solar opportunities.

##### 4.A. City of Laramie's Participation in The US Department of Energy's SolSmart Program - Darren Parkin / Joseph Shahidi

Joseph Shahidi, City Planning Intern- provided an overview of the SolSmart Program.

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

No disclosures.

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**6. OLD BUSINESS:**

**6.A. Support Mrs. Ommen's 3rd-5th Grade Class Recommendations to City Council - Harry Plendl**

MOTION BY PLENDL, seconded by Jakopak, to follow up with Ms. Ommen and see what environmental awareness they will do with her class.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote and raised hands.

**6.B. Albany County Renewable Energy Subcommittee Report - Mary Grace Bedwell, Chair**  
Sent out current policy for commercial renewable energy. Sierra Club provided feedback.

**6.C. Landfill Emissions Update - Landfill Subcommittee, Rhiannon Jakopak Chair**  
Settled on municipal composting. Learned a lot about these processes. Emailed out to different folks about composting.

Currano- best practices fact sheet.

O'Doherty- educate more people about composting.

Krszjaniek- WyoFarm Composting, Hannah Dunn knows a lot about composting.

Gosar- Laramie River Conservation District- Trish Penny.

Plendl-YouTube: Growing Near Greens, Uncle Jim's worms.

Bently- personally compost.

O'Doherty- Compost tour.

Bedwell- Electric composter suggestion, find campus partner or example.

**6.D. Albany County Casper Aquifer Protection Regulation Update - Pete Gosar / David Gertsch**  
Draft on website for Albany County. Public Hearing on November 2, 2021, receiving public comment until then.

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

**7.A. City/County CAPP Selection Committee Report - Ramsey Bentley / Harry Plendl / Erin O'Doherty / Darren Parkin**

Interviews were held, still in the decision process and notifications.

Commissioner Gosar left at 7:36 pm.

**7.B. Climate Action Planning Taskforce - Mary Grace Bedwell / Erin O'Doherty**

Mission aimed at emissions reduction. Looking at new programs to promote across the state.

**8. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING - December 2, 2021**

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**9. ADJOURN**

MOTION BY BEDWELL, seconded by Plendl, to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Minutes taken by: Nancy Bartholomew