



# City of Laramie

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## MINUTES

### Laramie/Albany County Environmental Advisory Committee Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 6:00 PM

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting convened at 6:01 PM

Members present: Ramsey Bently, Evelyn Hill, Rhiannon Jakopak, Eric Krszjzaniek, Kayla Matlock, 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 and Nancy Bartholomew.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

MOTION BY JAKOPAK, seconded by Krszjzaniek, to approve the agenda be approved as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote and raised hands.

##### 2-B. Thursday, December 1, 2022 Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

MOTION BY JAKOPAK, seconded by Matlock, to approve the Minutes from December 1, 2022 as written.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote and raised hands.

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

Ellen Currano has net metering on her house.

#### 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. City of Laramie Reports

Evelyn Hill- saving land as open space out of the city expansion by Pilot Hill.

Parkin- Sailor Solar Energy project update.

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**5.B. Albany County Reports**

Gosar- Growth Plan.

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

**6.A. Legislative Update, Senate File 92, Small Customer Electrical Generation - Claire Deuter, Net Metering Coalition, PRBRC**

**Speaker/Presenter: Clair Deuter- Powder River Basin Resource Council**

Deuter explained the bill and how it will affect roof top solar. Benefits and costs of net metering in Wyoming could be another resource. Deuter will send more resources to Darren

Deuter thought City representation could be helpful.

Currano recommended a general statement saying that they do not support the repeal of net-metering.

Public comment:

Jarad O'Brien- supports Environmental Advisory Committee's position and recommends Council representation.

Ed Koncel- supports Environmental Advisory Committee's position.

MOTION BY JAKOPAK, seconded by Krszjzaniek, to appoint Chair Currano, committee member Jakopak, and committee member Matlock to consist of a subcommittee to act on behalf of EAC to revise the current net metering statement to the Laramie City Councilors and Albany County Commissioners, making the letter stand in perpetuity.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote and raised hands.

**6.B. Pronghorn Behavior in Relation to Wind Turbines - Rhiannon Jakopak**

**Speaker/Presenter: Rhiannon Jakopak**

Jakopak discussed migration patterns. Darren will send out an article from Jakopak.

**7. OLD BUSINESS:**

**7.A. City Of Laramie Municipal Emissions Plan Update - Corrinne Scieszka**

**Speaker/Presenter: Corrinne Scieszka**

Scieszka gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Discussed possible opportunities to get involved in the future. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

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**7.B. CAPP Technical Subcommittee Report - Ramsey Bentley**

**Speaker/Presenter: Darren Parkin**

Parkin- February 17<sup>th</sup> deadline to submit comments on the updated CAPP plan. The updated plan will be coming forward soon.

Bently- will provide a report on the technical subcommittee then EAC will take a vote on recommending the CAPP Plan.

**7.C. City/County CAPP Update Report - David Gertsch / Darren Parkin**

Discussion occurred in previous item.

**8. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING – April 6, 2023**

**9. ADJOURN**

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

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote and raised hands.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Approved on \_\_\_\_\_

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Secretary (Title)