

**CITY OF LARAMIE/ALBANY COUNTY
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 406 IVINSON AVE, LARAMIE, WY 82070**

DECEMBER 4, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chair Jakopak at 6:00 pm.

Members present: MaryGrace Bedwell, Jennifer Coolidge, Ellen Currano, Eric Hayes, Ronald Marrs, Kyle McDonald, and Rhiannon Jakopak.

Members absent: none.

There was a quorum present at all times.

Council Liaison: Erin O'Doherty (present)

County Liaison: Pete Gosar (absent)

Staff Present: Ben Levin, Natural Resources Program Administrator; Ryan Shoefelt, Deputy City Clerk; Cody Boman, Albany County Water/Wastewater Specialist; and Brannen Moan, Management Analyst.

2. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EAC MEMBERS

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. Election of Chair

1. Nominations

Member Coolidge nominated Rhiannon Jakopak.

2. Election

MOTION BY COOLIDGE, seconded by Marrs, to appoint Rhiannon Jakopak to be Chair of the Environmental Advisory Committee for this next year.

MOTION CARRIED by raised hands.

B. Election of Vice Chair

1. Nominations

Member Currano nominated Kyle McDonald.

2. Election

MOTION BY CURRANO, seconded by Coolidge, that Committee Member McDonald be appointed as Vice-Chair.

MOTION CARRIED by raised hands.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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4-A. Changes and Approval of Agenda

MOTION BY CURRANO, seconded by Marrs, to approve the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED by raised hands.

4-B. Thursday, October 2, 2025 EAC Meeting Minutes

MOTION BY MARRS, seconded by Coolidge, to approve the minutes as published.

MOTION CARRIED by raised hands.

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

Member Currano's students are presenting this evening for their final class project.

Member Hayes- his company preformed the remediation work on the area discussed in the presentation.

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

No Citizen Comments.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND STAFF: REPORTS AND COMMENTS

7.A. Ben Levin – NRPA

Update on the Well Monitoring Network project with Trihydro, planning a spring presentation.

Emissions inventory survey for employee daily commutes. County Hazard Mitigation Plan for February. Nedlog update meeting Thursday December 11 at Fire Station 2 from 6:30-8:30 pm.

Public Works will start a waste characterization study in the spring. Public Works also presented Recycling Stores to Council.

Chair Jakopak asked about committee interest for a tour of the City Municipal Ranches. Would also like to align 2026 goals with City Council's goals.

Levin provided an update on the Dowlin Diversion Project wrapping up by Christmas.

Cody Boman, County Water/Wastewater Specialist- County is looking at grants for more research on the Casper Aquifer.

Chair Jakopak provided a Comprehensive Plan revision update, and possible communication efforts about the Aquifer.

Councilor O'Doherty- provided an update from National League of Cities Conference on waste diversion sessions, energy efficiency and some federal funds are still available, and issues with data centers on communities and resources.

8. OLD BUSINESS

No items.

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9. NEW BUSINESS:

9.A. Pilot Hill Pipeline Scar Restoration

Dillon Romero – Master of Science Soil Science Student and Ryan Strother – Master of Science Botany Student presented on the Pilot Hill Pipeline Scar Restoration. The Committee asked questions related to the reseeding efforts by the Botany classes over the past few years. Member Hayes provided additional information related to the remediation efforts that was done at the beginning.

10. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING – February 5, 2026

11. ADJOURN

MOTION BY MCDONALD, seconded by Coolidge, to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM.

Approved,

 _____ Ryan Shoefelt, CMC, Deputy City Clerk City of Laramie	 2/6/2026 _____ Date:
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