

# BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS MINUTES

February 20, 2019

Service Center Conference Room  
1100 S. Sherman Street  
Longmont, CO 80501

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The February 20, 2019 meeting of the Longmont Board of Environmental Affairs was called to order by Chair Kai Abelkis at 3:31 p.m. at the Service Center Water Conference Room.

## 1. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present at roll call: Kai Abelkis, Amy Schmidt, Kate Collardson, Violeta Manoukian, Wendy Jones, Kay Vollmayer, and Jim Metcalf

City Staff Members Present: Lisa Knoblauch, Annie Noble, Robert Love, Francie Jaffe, Danielle Levine, and Heather McIntyre

Council Liaison Present: Polly Christensen arrived at 3:35 p.m.

Public in Attendance: Citizen's Climate Lobby members Adam Reed, Ginny Black, Karen McCormick, and Kathy Mahnke; and Craig Williams from CU Boulder

## 2. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

There was a quorum present with seven board members in attendance.

## 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 16, 2019

**Chairperson Abelkis moved to approve the January 16, 2019 minutes.**

Board Member Vollmayer stated that her absence was excused rather than unexcused. **Board member Schmidt seconded the motion with this exception. The motion passed 7-0.**

## 4. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

Adam Reed, Ginny Black, and Kathy Mahnke, members from Citizen's Climate Lobby, presented information to the Board about the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, a bipartisan climate solution bill being presented in this year's federal legislative session. Mr. Reed and Ms. Black urged the Board of Environmental Affairs to consider joining a growing list of others in supporting this bill. More information about the bill can be found at the Citizens' Climate Lobby website or <https://energyinnovationact.org/data-sources/>.

The Board members asked some questions for clarification of what the bill includes. After further discussion, the Board agreed to research the bill in more detail and discuss at a later meeting.

**5. AGENDA REVISIONS AND SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS**

Staff Member Knoblauch suggested that, if there was time, the Board could revisit the discussion about the draft document to Council to change the Board's name.

**6. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**A. Button Rock Preserve Management Plan Update**

Staff member Danielle Levine presented an overview of the Button Rock Management Plan recently approved by City Council. Discussion was held about the components of the plan and how the data will be utilized. Natural Resources will bring progress reports to the Board as the Plan continues, and input from the Board will be requested during the process.

**B. Annual Review of Sustainability Plan**

Staff Member Knoblauch reviewed the Sustainability Plan, what changes were made to the plan in 2018, and the areas of focus for 2019.

Staff Member Love added that Longmont Power Company (LPC) surpassed their 2020 goal of 1% energy savings in 2018. LPC saved 8,479 MWh of energy in 2018 through their efficiency programs.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

Staff Member Knoblauch revisited the 2019 BEA Work Plan to finalize topics of interest for this year's meetings. Council Liaison Christensen asked the Board to consider researching ideas of how to transition from using petroleum to make any product (i.e. clothing, moth balls, etc.) to making them with renewable resources.

**8. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

There were no other items from staff.

**9. ITEMS FROM BOARD**

Board Member Collardson stated that the Ready for 100 Campaign has put together a Storage Committee, which is something that the Board had discussed creating. Board member Collardson was invited to join the committee and asked the Board to approve her joining it as a Board liaison. Members of the Board agreed with unanimous consent.

**10. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Longmont Board of Environmental Affairs is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, March 20, 2019, at 3:30 p.m. at the Service Center, 1100 South Sherman Street, Longmont, Colorado 80501.

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**Kai Abelkis, Chairperson**

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**Date**

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**Heather McIntyre, Recording Secretary**

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