DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT BOARD
May 22, 2020
1:00 P.M.
Virtual Meeting on Webex

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Members present: John Volkerding, Chair
Amanda Trujillo Davis, Secretary
Barry Bitzer, Member
Karen Garcia, Member

Members absent:
Karl Cates, Member
Dr. Benjamin Duval, Member
Phoebe Suina, Vice Chair

Others present: Cody Barnes, Board Administrator
Karla Soloria, Board Counsel
Lara Katz, Assistant General Counsel, New Mexico Environment Department
Daniel Timmons, WildEarth Guardians
Samantha Rucavage-Barz, WildEarth Guardians
Mike Wosniak, 3 Bear Delaware Operating – NM, LLC

The following items are for discussion and possible action:

The Chair called the Board into order at 1:16 P.M.

Item 1. Roll call.
Action: The Administrator called the roll; a quorum was present. Chair Volkerding discussed the protocol of the virtual meeting. He provided contact information for any individual experiencing technical issues. He mentioned the items on the agenda were time sensitive, which allowed the Board to meet virtually, per advice from the Open Government Division of the Attorney General’s Office. Chair Volkerding pointed out that Administrator Barnes will video record the meeting and will post the recording on the Board’s website as soon as practicable after the meeting.

Item 2. Approve the agenda.

Action: Member Bitzer moved to approve the agenda. Member Garcia seconded the motion. The Chair called a roll call vote. Member Bitzer: aye; Member Garcia: aye; Secretary Trujillo Davis: aye; Chair Volkerding: aye. The motion passed.

Item 3. How notice requirements were met for the meeting.

Action: Board Administrator Barnes described how notice requirements were met for the meeting consistent with the Board’s Open Meetings Act Resolution.

Item 4. Approval of meeting minutes from February 28, 2020.

Action: Member Garcia moved to approve the meeting minutes from the meeting on February 28, 2020. Member Bitzer seconded the motion. The Chair called a roll call vote. Member Bitzer: aye; Member Garcia: aye; Secretary Trujillo Davis: aye; Chair Volkerding: aye. The motion passed.

Item 5. Public comment unrelated to agenda items.

Action: There was no public comment.


Action: Daniel Timmons and Samantha Ruscavage-Barz, counsel for the Petitioner, WildEarth Guardians; Lara Katz, counsel for the New Mexico Environment Department; and Mike Wosniak with 3 Bear Delaware Operating – NM, LLC., discussed the petition. The Petitioner was willing to waive the 60-day hearing date requirement and was prepared to provide a written motion to that effect. The Board asked questions. Chair Volkerding moved to approve the request for hearing, appoint a hearing date at a later point, and appoint himself as Hearing Officer. Member Bitzer seconded the motion. The Chair called a roll call vote. Member Bitzer: aye; Member Garcia: aye; Secretary Trujillo Davis: aye; Chair Volkerding: aye. The motion passed.
Item 7.  Next meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2020.

Action:  Board Administrator Barnes stated there were no items yet for the June meeting.

Item 8.  Adjournment

Action:  The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 P.M.

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Amanda Trujillo Davis, Secretary