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**MEETING MINUTES  
MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT BOARD  
November 22, 2019  
1:00 P.M.  
State Capitol Building, Room 309  
490 Old Santa Fe Trail  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501**

**Members present:** John Volkerding, Chair  
Phoebe Suina, Vice Chair  
Amanda Trujillo Davis, Secretary

Barry Bitzer, Member  
Karl Cates, Member  
Dr. Benjamin Duval, Member  
Karen Garcia, Member

**Members absent:**

**Others present:** Cody Barnes, Board Administrator  
Rebekah Martinez, Board Administrator  
Marah deMeule, Board Counsel  
Stephanie Stringer, Director, Resource Protection Division  
Janine Kraemer, Hazardous Waste Bureau  
Dave Cobrain, Hazardous Waste Bureau  
William Chavez, Environmental Health Bureau Chief  
Michael Broussard, Environmental Health Bureau  
Chris Vigil, NMED Assistant General Counsel

**The following items are for discussion and possible action:**

The Chair called the Board into order at 1:06 P.M.

**Item 1. Roll call.**

**Action:** Roll was called; a quorum was present.

**Item 2. Approve the agenda.**

**Action:** Chair Volkerding moved to approve the agenda as amended. Member Duval seconded the motion. The Chair called a voice vote. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**Action:** Board Administrator Martinez 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 October 25, 2019.**

**Action:** Member Bitzer moved to approve the meeting minutes from the meeting on October 25, 2019. Member Garcia seconded the motion. The Chair called a voice vote. The motion passed unanimously.

**Item 5. Public comment unrelated to agenda items.**

**Action:** Joni Arends of the Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Safety provided public comment.

**Item 6. Resource Protection Division introduction and presentation. Stephanie Stringer; Resource Protection Division Director, NMED. Time estimate: 30 minutes.**

Resource Protection Division Director Stephanie Stringer provided the board with an overview of the Resource Protection Division and its bureaus. Director Stringer answered questions from the board.

**Item 7. Hazardous Waste Bureau introduction and presentation. Janine Kraemer, Dave Cobrain, and John Kieling; Hazardous Waste Bureau, NMED. Time estimate: 30 minutes.**

**Action:** Janine Kraemer and Dave Cobrain of the Hazardous Waste Bureau provided the board with an overview of the Resource Protection Division and its bureaus. Director Stringer answered questions from the board.

**Item 8. Update on public meetings and discussion on time, date and location of hearing. EIB 19-42 (R). In the matter of the Petition to Repeal and Replace 20.7.11 NMAC, Liquid Waste Treatment and Disposal Fees. Chris Vigil; New Mexico Environment Department, Assistant General Counsel. Time estimate: 20 minutes.**

**Action:** Chris Vigil; NMED Assistant General Counsel, William Chavez; Environmental Health Bureau Chief, and Michael Broussard; Environmental Health Bureau,

provided an update on the public involvement meetings and anticipated scheduling needs for the upcoming hearing.

Board Secretary Trujillo Davis moved to start the February 28, 2019 meeting at 10:00 AM. Member Garcia seconded the motion. The Chair called a voice vote. The motion passed unanimously.

**Item 9.**        **Next meeting is scheduled for December 20, 2019. There will be a public hearing on EIB 19-35 (R), in the matter of proposed amendments to 20.4.2 NMAC.**

**Action:**        No upcoming items were discussed.

**Item 10.**        **Adjournment**

**Action:**        The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 P.M.

  
Amanda Trujillo Davis, Secretary