



**New Albany Sustainability Advisory Board  
September 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

**I. Call to Order**

The New Albany Sustainability Advisory Board held a regular meeting on September 10, 2025 at the New Albany Village Hall. Mr. Schumacher called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and asked to hear the roll.

**II. Roll Call**

Those answering roll call:

Mr. Schumacher	present
Mr. Barnes	present
Ms. Gallo	present
Ms. Scott	absent
Mr. Kocian	present
Ms. Kopelman	absent
Ms. Lopez	present
Council Member Kist	present
Student Representative Griffith	absent

Staff members present: Public Services Manager, Angela Hobart  
Planner II, Chelsea Nichols

**III. Action of Minutes:**

Mr. Schumacher moved to approve the August 13, 2025 minutes, with one notes typo correct. Seconded by Ms. Gallo and the Sustainability Advisory Board voted with 5 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 0 abstention to approve the minutes.

**IV. Additions or Corrections to Agenda:**

The revised order of agenda items will be as follows:

- i. Student Leaders in Sustainability Grant
- ii. Potential partnership with New Albany Community Foundation
- iii. 2026 Planning
- iv. Pilot Food Waste Curbside Pick-up Program Update
- v. Potential SWACO Partnership

**V. Hearing of Visitors for Items Not on Tonight's Agenda**

Mr. Schumacher asked whether there were any visitors present who wished to address the board for an item not on tonight's agenda. Seeing none, he closed the Hearing of Visitors.

**VI. Business:**

**Student Leaders in Sustainability Grant:**

Alexa Briggs:

In 2025, the Board issued grant funds to Alexa Briggs to complete her Eagle Scout project. One of the requirements for receiving the funds is to give a final presentation to the Board once the project has been completed. Alexa was present to give her presentation. Alexa, along with several



volunteers, built and installed new bird boxes for the E3 Learning Lab at the New Albany High School.

Teddy Fellrath:

The Board also discussed whether another student, Teddy Fellrath, would be eligible to receive 2025 grant funds for their potential new Eagle Scout project even though the grant cycle ended on Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025. After discussing the matter, the Board members decided that they are willing to accept an application and hear their presentation at the October SAB meeting with the stipulation that the project be completed before December 1<sup>st</sup>. The student would need to submit their grant application by October 1<sup>st</sup> and would need to make a presentation to SAB at their October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Barnes is going to discuss this potential opportunity with Teddy and will notify staff of their decision.

Starting in 2026, should city council approve the budget request to continue the program, the new approval process would still have a “cut-off” date for when staff and the Board will stop accepting applications, but the application period will be open at the beginning of the year and staff/the Board will take applications as they receive them until perhaps June.

**Potential Partnership between the City, New Albany Community Foundation, and New Albany-Plain Local Schools:**

Craig Mohre and Nanette Nardi Triplett were present, on behalf of the New Albany Community Foundation, to assist Chairman Schumacher in discussing the idea of a potential partnership between various entities in New Albany that are all focused on Sustainability initiatives. The idea is that stakeholder would meet on a quarterly basis to collaborate on their Sustainability initiatives. This group would include one or two members from the SAB. The board decided that Pete Barnes and Charles Schumacher would attend the meetings and report back to the SAB.

**2026 Planning:**

Mr. Schumacher moved to approve the proposed 2025 Annual Review & 2026 SAB Work Plan and recommend the proposed 2026 SAB Budget to city council, with the understanding that Pocket Prairies may be removed from the proposed budget prior to city council’s formal acceptance of the request items.

Seconded by Mr. Barnes, and the Sustainability Advisory Board voted with 5 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 0 abstention to approve the minutes.

**Pilot Food Waste Curbside Pick-up Program Update:** 41 Windsor residents have signed up for the program. The pick-up services will begin on Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Services will be provided weekly for 12 months. The city is still accepting applications to participate!

**Potential SWACO Partnership:** SWACO has approached city staff about the potential for New Albany to participate in a 3-year pilot program for a city-wide food waste curbside pick-up program.

**VII. Other Business:** Explanation of no Green Guardians at the Oktoberfest event.

**VIII. Poll Members for Comment:** Ms. Gallo stated she would be interested in receiving a map of households that have registered for the Pilot Food Waste Curbside Pick-up Program.

**IX. Adjournment:** Having no further business, Mr. Schumacher moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00p.m. Without objection, the September 10, 2025 New Albany Sustainability Board Meeting was adjourned.