

Minutes
WYOMING INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
May 19, 2010
Little America
Cheyenne, WY

I. Roll-call, Establish Quorum

Board Members in attendance included Mike Easley, Kyle White, Bryce Freeman, J.M. Shafer and Bret Jones. A quorum was established. Also participating were Steve Ellenbecker, Executive Director and Loyd Drain, Project Consultant.

II. Approve Agenda

Staff asked the Board to amend the agenda to include discussion of a ruling by the Deputy State Auditor regarding retention of the current WIA accounting system after June 30, and a legal opinion from WIA Counsel dated May 18 regarding weekly Board conference calls.

Bryce made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. J.M. seconded that motion. The agenda was approved by unanimous assent.

III. Approve Minutes from April 27, 2010 and May 6, 2010

Kyle made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 27 and May 6, 2010 Board meetings. Bryce seconded that motion. The motion was approved by unanimous assent.

IV. Public Comment Opportunity

No public comment was offered.

V. Discussion of Pending Action and Transition Items with staff

The Board discussed a request from the Governor's Office staff that the WIA fund a contract between the State of Wyoming and the consulting firm Energy and Environmental Economics (E3). The proposed contract calls for the development of a model that allows the user to alter input assumptions and understand their impact on the cost of WY wind development. Bryce moved approval of the contract in the amount of \$40,000. J. M. seconded the motion and the contract was approved by a vote of the full Board. The Board instructed staff to explore with E3 the versatility and cost of a more expanded model that might be used for market outreach.

The Board approved staff's draft letter supporting the May 7, 2010 Statement of Interest filing by RetCo with the Western Area Power Administration petitioning

Western's formal involvement in the Wyoming Collector System by utilizing ARRA funds. Authorization for preparing the WIA letter of support was given by the Board in its May 6 meeting.

In preparation for the June 28 meeting of the Legislative Joint Minerals Committee regarding the future structure of the WIA, the Board approved a proposal by staff to complete a draft briefing paper that gives an historical summary of WIA activities and accomplishments and combine it with points of concern and impact raised by WIA Counsel in a briefing memo. The Board also instructed staff to work with WIA Counsel on a discussion draft of a bill that would transition the WIA to a state agency while maintaining its current powers and authority.

The Board received a report from staff that Deputy State Auditor Vicci Colgan has ruled that the WIA is authorized to maintain its current accounting system after June 30 and a check in the amount of half of the approved 2011-12 Biennium Budget would be available for deposit in the WIA operating fund bank account on July 1, 2010.

Following a report by staff on a conversation with Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Phil Nicholas, the Board instructed staff to ensure appropriate contractual agreements are in place on June 30 to support encumbrances of funds on that date to cover WIA legal obligations.

The Board reviewed a May 18, 2010 briefing memo from WIA Counsel and instructed staff to ensure that our website includes appropriate public notice as specified in the Wyoming Open Meeting Law.

The Board received a 3 page document which was drafted by staff for the purpose of familiarizing the gubernatorial candidates. Once the Board has had an opportunity to review the draft, the document will be mailed to each candidate before June 15th with a phone call to follow to ensure the candidates are aware that the document has been mailed.

The Board received a draft revision of the FY 2011-2012 Strategic Plan for review in advance of a Board Strategic Retreat later in 2010.

VI. New Business

No formal action was taken under.

VII. Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session.

VIII. Adjournment