

Minutes
WYOMING INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
CONFERENCE CALL—7:00am
December 10, 2010

- I. Roll-call, Establish Quorum
Board Members in attendance included Bret Jones, J.M. Shafer, Kyle White and Bryce Freeman. A quorum was established. Also participating were Loyd Drain, Executive Director, Holly Martinez, Administrative Manager, Tom Dennis and Jackie Crespo with Cassidy & Associates, John Masterson, Steve Ellenbecker, Rob Hurless and James Childress, WIA Auditor.
- II. Approve Agenda
Bryce made motion to approve agenda as amended. Bret seconded that motion. The agenda was approved by unanimous assent.
- III. Approve Minutes from November 19, 2010 meeting
J.M. made a motion to approve the minutes from November 19, 2010. Kyle seconded that motion. The minutes were approved with unanimous assent.
- IV. DC Update: Tom Dennis, Cassidy & Associates
Tom Dennis gave an update to the Board on climate change and transmission developments in Washington.
- V. Items for Discussion and Possible Formal Action
 - **Report from James Childress, WIA's Auditor:**
Staff will have a recommendation on the future payment of invoices. The Board agreed that we need to initiate a policy that requires 2 signatures for checks in excess of \$2,500. Also, a monthly report will be provided by staff which will show all of the checks written. The report will be initiated in January, 2011.

Bryce made a motion to approve and finalize the audit. Bret seconded that motion. Motion passed.
 - **Remarks from John Masterson:**
John recently met with one of his clients where future projections of possible coal plant displacement with natural gas facilities were discussed, the numbers are significant. Staff distributed the slides that John will address.
 - **Joint Minerals Issues:**
Staff distributed the latest status on this issue.

- **Possible Data centers for Wyoming:**
Staff met with Scott Sutherland with LEADS this week. Scott asked for some rough cost estimates for electric infrastructure necessary to deliver up to 80MW each of power to both facilities to be possibly located in either Laramie or Cheyenne.
- **NREL Study:**
The study is progressing nicely and we still expect a final draft during the first week of January, 2011. Staff will be scheduling some review sessions with key stakeholders including representatives from all of Wyoming's transmission developers, Wyoming Power Producers Coalition and key transmission planning stakeholders in the west (this will be with the assistance of Steve Ellenbecker who has offered his assistance). With the approval of the Board, staff plans to schedule review sessions with members of the Wyoming Legislature and members of the Governor's staff. Staff emailed a report on eminent domain/taxation issues and the NREL Study to the Board last week which included some remarks by Senator Anderson who recommend that we reach-out to all the committee co-chairs to post them of the review sessions. As the review sessions are scheduled, staff recommends that no more than two (2) Board members attend a session to avoid a quorum and thus make the study available to the public before it is thoroughly vetted as there will be some tweaking of the study based on comments and recommendations by the reviewers. There is a review session with the collector system task force and other who would like to attend on 1/10 in Loveland.
- **ICF Phase 2 Collector System Study:**
The draft study is available and was discussed at the recent Collector System Task Force Meeting in Loveland on 11/30 (Bryce Freeman was in attendance) in addition, staff, Shannon Stanfill and Laura Ladd met with Robert Henke (ICF) on 12/3 to review the study and address other issues relative to the study. WAPA has funded a \$35,000 Corridor map which will be a companion piece to the Phase 2 Study. A presentation by ICF is scheduled for our 2/1/2011 Board Meeting in Jackson. ICF to incorporate changes discussed in the 2 meetings and will be finalizing the Study before the end of the year and staff will distribute the study to the Board as soon as the final draft is available.
- **Geographical Diversity Study by the Univ. of WY:**
Dr. Jonathan Naughton gave an update on the progress of the WIA commissioned study at the recent Collector System Task Force Meeting in Loveland on 11/30 (Bryce Freeman was in attendance). The study addresses the correlation between different points on either side of the Laramie Range and the work to-date is promising and will be of interest to a number of our stakeholders. A 2nd review session is scheduled with the task force on 1/12/2011 to review the final draft. Dr. Naughton is scheduled to present his findings at our 2/1/2011 Board Meeting.
- **Meeting with Carol Statkus (member of Governor-elect Mead's transition team):**
Bret, Bryce and staff met with Carol on 11/23 and provided her with a number of documents which addresses the activities of the WIA together with the historical support provided to the Governor's Office.

- **Bonding opportunity:**
The Treasurer's Office has responded with some competitive rates and a willingness to consider the \$35 million bonding opportunity on which J.M, Bret and staff is working. A meeting has been set for 12/21 with the potential client to discuss the opportunity.
- **December Conferences:**
Staff attended a Transmission Planning Conference in San Diego on Dec. 7-8 where the FERC, SDGE, Con Edison, SCE, SRP and Anschutz presented. Staff will provide a report on the meeting in the next few days. The POWERGEN 2010 Conference is being held in Orlando during the week of December 13th with 15,000 + attendees expected.
- **California Transmission Planning Group (CTPG):**
Bryce called this to staff's attention. The group still has 3,000 MW of power coming from out of state in its plans to purchase renewable energy. Anschutz is following the group's activities and staff will do the same. The CAISO supports the CTPG plan
- **Winter Board Meeting in Jackson on 2/1/2011:**
Staff provided the Board with a draft agenda for review and discussion. Tom Dennis is working on a speaker. The Board agreed to an 8:00am start so we can make sure we adjourn by 2:30 or 3:00pm---flights at 5:30 & 6:30pm for those leaving on 2/1.
- **HPX Stage 3 MOU:**
The 3rd Stage MOU is on the early stages of drafting which should be ready for Board review in the next few weeks. There will be no new expenditures and staff expects all 12 current participants to continue in the pre-development activity.
- **Next Board Call:**
The next regularly scheduled Board Call will be on 1/14.

VI. New Business

No new business was offered.

VII. Public Comment Opportunity

No public comment was offered.

VIII. Adjournment

Kyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bryce seconded that motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:45am.