

Minutes  
**WYOMING INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY**  
**PUBLIC BOARD MEETING**  
**CONFERENCE CALL—7:00am**  
**November 19, 2010**

- I. Roll-call, Establish Quorum  
Board Members in attendance included Mike Easley, 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 and Bill Stafford, Basin Electric Power.
- II. Approve Agenda  
J.M. made motion to approve agenda as amended. Bryce seconded that motion. The agenda was approved by unanimous assent.
- III. Approve Minutes from November 9, 2010 meeting  
Kyle made a motion to approve the minutes from November 9, 2010. J.M. 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
  - **Scenario Planning Steering Group (SPSG):**  
*Bryce Freeman gave a report on the meeting he attended in Phoenix on 11/8 & 11/9. Of particular importance was his reference to the California Transmission Planning Group (CTPG). Staff will get more information on the CTPG and distribute it to the Board.*
  - **Governor-elect Mead's transmission:**  
*Governor-elect Mead's transmission team reached out to us this week to ask if Kyle would like to be reappointed to the Board with his tenure scheduled to expire in March, 2011.*
  - **Board Meeting on November 9, 2010 in Cheyenne:**  
*Staff has received lots of positive comments about our meeting. Holly has posted the presentations on the WIA site.*
  - **Meetings relative to integration issues and operation of DC converter stations:**  
*As a result of the WAPA meeting in Loveland and the presentation by ABB at our Board Meeting, staff is premising that the Board members have satisfactorily resolved any questions they had.*

- **Wyoming Business Council:**

*The one-on-one meetings that staff arranged for the Business Council and the Spanish wind turbine tower manufacturer on 11/8 went well with Anschutz, LS Power, PacifiCorp, Wyoming Wind & Power and Wasatch Wind participating. The Business Council believes that WY has a good chance with this client. They are also optimistic about a data center announcing a new facility in southeastern WY in the near future as well.*

- **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 graciously offered his assistance). With the assistance of the Board, staff plans to schedule review sessions with members of the Wyoming Legislature and members of the Governor's staff. 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.*

*Staff was encouraged by comments by Senator Anderson relative to the study during our Board Meeting last week. This study will be the most comprehensive study conducted by NREL and they have been involved in many studies.*

- **Joint Minerals Committee Issues:**

*Staff had an opportunity to meet with John Masterson yesterday in Cheyenne and we have some new proposed language before the Joint Minerals Committee as a result of a flurry of conversations between our Chairman, Bill Hawks, John Masterson and Committee Co-Chair Lockhart—Chairman Easley provided the details on the conversations. The next meeting of the Committee is on 11/29 & 11/30 and the WIA will be on the agenda at 2:00pm on 11/29---Chairman Easley, Bryce Freeman and staff will be in attendance and possibly other Board members.*

- **Meeting with Carol Statkus (member of Governor-elect Mead's transition team):**

*Bret, Bryce and Loyd are scheduled to have lunch with Carol next Tuesday and will hand-deliver a number of documents at that time including the letter to the candidates that was sent under Chairman Easley's signature in October. Chairman Easley requested that staff prepare a document which outlines the Joint Minerals/Legislative issue as well.*

- **Bonding opportunity:**

*Bret and Loyd met with Joe Meyer, Treasurer; Sharon Garland; and Michael Walden-Newman to discuss the State's interest in financing a \$35 million transmission/substation project on 10/20. Loyd is still waiting on the Treasurer's office for their level of interest and financing cost parameters before scheduling a meeting with the potential borrower.*

- **Wyoming Society of Professional Engineers:**

*Staff was invited to provide a presentation on transmission & generation activities in Wyoming to its members at a meeting in Cheyenne on 11/15 which went well. Staff also gave a presentation at the Community Wind Across America Conference in Denver on October 26<sup>th</sup> which was a well-attended forum on small wind for residential & commercial applications.*

- **December Conferences:**  
Staff plans to attend a Transmission Planning Conference in San Diego on Dec. 7-8 where the FERC, SDGE, Con Edison, SCE, SRP, Anschutz and TransElect are scheduled to present. The POWERGEN 2010 Conference is being held in Orlando during the week of December 13<sup>th</sup> with 15,000 + attendees expected.
- **Winter Board Meeting in Jackson on 2/1/2011:**  
Lots of planning has been accomplished and staff will send a notice of the meeting w/o the agenda via listserve after Thanksgiving. A draft agenda which will include an update on all the transmission projects and CCS issues will be distributed to the Board for approval during the week after Thanksgiving. Staff has asked Tom Dennis to attempt to schedule a high-level policy person from CA or someone from the Department of Interior as the keynote speaker; otherwise, staff recommends a working lunch. In any event, the meeting will adjourn no later than 2:30pm. Chairman Easley requested that staff check with Laura Ladd on possible topics/speakers.
- **Comments relative to Easements for Transmission lines and eminent domain:**  
Chairman Easley has requested that staff prepare some draft comments & recommendations on these issues should we decide to weigh-in on these topics. The Legislative Wind Energy Task Force issued their final report on 11/1 which will likely go to the Joint Revenue Committee for review and recommendations to the Legislature in the upcoming legislative session which convenes on 1/11/2011. Staff has had meetings with a number of stakeholders—primarily transmission and wind developers-- on these issues in the last 2 weeks—in addition, Staff met with Marty Matsen, Assistant Director of State Lands & Investments, Real Estate & Farm Loans Division on 11/15 to get their views—they manage over 3.5 million acres of surface lands in the State. Staff will have a list of comments & recommendations to the Board before Thanksgiving for possible comments by the WIA on these issues.
- **Next Board Call:**  
The next regularly scheduled Board Call will be on 12/10 and is the only scheduled call in December.

VI. New Business

No new business was offered.

VII. Public Comment Opportunity

No public comment was offered.

VIII. Adjournment

Bryce made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kyle seconded that motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:00am.