

**Minutes**  
**WYOMING INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY**  
**PUBLIC BOARD MEETING**  
**CONFERENCE CALL—7:00am**  
**Feb 11, 2011**

I. Roll-call, Establish Quorum

Board Members in attendance included Mike Easley, 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, Rob Hurless, Shawn Reese with Governor Meads office, Tom Dennis and Jackie Crespo with Cassidy & Associates.

II. Approve Agenda

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

III. Approve Minutes from January 28, 2011 and February 1, 2011 Board Meeting

J.M. made a motion to approve the minutes. Bret seconded that motion. The minutes were approved with unanimous assent.

IV. DC Update: Tom Dennis with Cassidy & Associates

Tom Dennis gave an update to the Board on climate change and transmission developments in Washington.

V. Items for Formal Board Action

- ***A change in the scheduling for Board Calls:***

- Loyd spoke with Shawn Reese at the Governor's Office, Fridays won't work for him but Wednesday's will. Staff recommends that the Board agrees to changing Board Calls to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month commencing with 2/23 at 7:00am.*

- ***WCI Project:***

- A Management Committee Meeting was held in Jackson last week. Thanks to Bryce for sitting-in for J.M. and staff along with Kyle. As a result of the meeting, staff recommends that the Board approve an expenditure of WIA's share of \$66,000 (or \$33,000) through June 30, 2011. There is a possible development that could be positive and could result in increased expenditures in the future.*

*Kyle made a motion to approve an expenditure of WIA's share of \$66,000 (or \$33,000) through June 30, 2011. Bryce seconded that motion. Motion passed with unanimous assent.*

VI. Report from the Staff

a. ***Comments from Rob Hurless:***

*Rob provided an update relative to his activities.*

b. ***NREL Study:***

*Two additional presentations were made this week to the WPPC and to the WY Business Council and others. NREL's next scheduled presentation is in April.*

- ***2011 Legislative Session Review:***

- Staff provided an update including the Stubson Tax Bill, Eminent Domain and HB109 & HB113. John Masterson joined the call for discussion.*

- ***2011 Study Request to TEPPC:***

- Requests to both NTTG and TEPPC were submitted prior to the deadline pursuant to Board approval.*

- **Presentations:**  
*Staff gave a presentation at the Wyoming Engineering Society meeting in Cheyenne on 2/4 at Little America which was well attended by 75+ people; and staff has assisted with a number of slots on the agenda at the Global New Energy Summit at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs on April 17-19--- one for a presentation by NREL; a transmission panel with will include a WIA representative and John Dunn, TransCanada; EnCana on a natural gas panel; and with the able assistance of Tom Dennis, John Graham with BP is on the agenda. Mark Willis, COO, WY Business Council was instrumental in making this work—Interior Secretary Salazar is on the agenda—the link for the Summit is at: <http://gnes.rmtech.org> . In the event that any member of the Board wishes to attend, staff will make the necessary reservations.*
  
- **Interior Dept. Workshop in DC this week:**  
*Loyd provided an update and followed-up with a separate document.*
  
- **Future Conferences:**  
*Staff is scheduled to attend a Wartsila sponsored Power Symposium in Colorado next week. As most of the Board knows, Wartsila manufacturers reciprocating gas fired generation units that address the variability of wind with the ability to go from start-up to full power output in 5 minutes. They have over 200MW of units on PSCo's system in Colorado and they are scheduled to present at our Spring Board Meeting.*  
  
*The AWEA annual meeting (25,000+ attendances expected) is scheduled for MAY 22-25 in Anaheim, CA. The WIA is planning to co-sponsor a booth with the WY Business Council. Some of the Board members have expressed an interest in attending.*
  
- **WIA Spring Board Meeting:**  
*Staff recommends that the Spring Meeting be held in Cheyenne on Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> in Cheyenne at the Little America Resort with a reception the evening before. Staff recommends that an invitation be sent to Governor Mead to give the keynote address.*
  
- **Media Update:**  
*Staff has forwarded a draft press release to the Governor's Office relative to the ICF Phase 2 Study for review & comments. Staff sent the draft to the Board earlier in the week. As soon as the NREL Study is completed, staff will draft a press release for that Study as well.*
  
- **Next Board Call:**  
*Subject to the Board's approval of a prior recommendation, the next regularly scheduled Board Call will be on February 23, 2011.*

VII. New Business  
 No new business was offered.

VIII. Public Comment Opportunity  
 No public comment was offered.

IX. Adjournment  
 Kyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting and go into executive session. J.M. seconded that motion. Board went into executive session to discuss a sensitive topic with no formal actions. Bryce made a motion to adjourn and J.M. seconded that motion.