

Minutes
WYOMING INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
CONFERENCE CALL—7:00am
January 28, 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, Ryan Fitzpatrick Wyoming Wind and Power, and Cheryl Riley with Wyoming Power Producers.

II. Approve Agenda

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

III. Approve Minutes from January 14, 2011 Board Meeting

J.M. made a motion to approve the minutes from January 14, 2011. Kyle seconded that motion. The minutes were approved with unanimous assent.

IV. Items for Formal Board Action

a. **Comments from Rob Hurless:**

Rob provided an update to the Board on his activities.

b. **NREL Study:**

Staff has distributed the presentation that NREL will share at our Board Meeting in Jackson. A revised deployment schedule has been adopted with additional minor changes. Staff forwards an electronic copy to chairman Lockhart for his distribution to the members on his committee.

• **2011 Study Request to TEPPC:**

Staff distributed a draft request document for review and comments. Bill Pascoe participated at 7:30am to lend his view on this issue.

J.M. made a motion to allow WIA staff to pursue recommendations to move forward with the TEPPC study request. Bryce seconded that motion. Motion passed.

• **Presentations:**

Staff gave a presentation to a turbine gear manufacturer on 1/25 at Cheyenne LEADS offices and plans to follow-up with conference calls with the manufacturer and some of our transmission & generation developers in the next few weeks; a scheduled presentation at Cheyenne LEADS offices on 2/3 with a client that is considering a Wyoming-based data center; a scheduled presentation at a Wyoming Engineering Society meeting in Cheyenne on 2/4 at Little America. Staff has been successful in getting 2 slots on the agenda at the Global New Energy Summit at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs on April 17-19. Mark Willis, COO, WY Business Council was instrumental in making this work. Staff is working on a 3rd slot on the agenda whereby ICF can present the Phase 2 Collector System Report. Interior Secretary Salazar is on the agenda. The link for the Summit is at: <http://gnes.rmtech.org>

- **Future Conferences:**
Staff plans to attend an AWEA-sponsored transmission conference in Omaha on FEB 9-10; and 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.
- **WCI Project:**
A Management Committee Meeting is scheduled for 5:00 pm in Jackson on JAN 31 in the Summit One Room at the Snow King Resort. WIA Committee members Kyle White, J.M Shafer and Drain are planning to attend with LS Power members. Staff reported on a meeting on Jan 26, 2011 with a pump storage developer out of Idaho, Gridflex Energy. They have 4 proposed projects in WY and one of interest is relative to the WCI project is near Glenrock which is about 30 miles north LRS. The project is up to 500 MW with the understanding that pump storage projects are often cost prohibitive. Staff has asked Matthew Shapiro to analyze some wind data from the Wheatland/Chugwater area which the WIA will furnish and give a report at the Spring Board Meeting on how his storage project could address the variability of wind. One significant benefit that could be derived from bringing pump storage into the equation is that it would provide great home for possible power purchaser's off-peak power. LS Power is on board with this plan and we will discuss it further at the WCI management meeting in Jackson on Monday.
- **Upcoming Board Meeting in Jackson on 2/1/2011:**
The agenda is complete. Holly has distributed confirmations for room reservations; and info on dinner on the evening of JAN 31. Holly has reserved a room for side-bar discussion as needed. Staff would like to recommend that dinner reservations be moved from 7:30 to 8:00pm to allow more time for the attendees at the reception to visit with the Board.
- **Media Update:**
Staff will report on press releases that are planned for the NREL Study and the ICF Phase 2 Report. In addition, the media will be present at the 2/1 Board Meeting.
- **New Brochure:**
A revised WIA brochure has been printed and a proof has been distributed to the Board members. TWE is distributing copies at their Scoping Meetings which commenced on Tuesday in Vernal, UT.
- **Next Board Call:**
The next regularly scheduled Board Call will be on FEB 11.

V. New Business

No new business was offered.

VI. Public Comment Opportunity

No public comment was offered.

VII. Adjournment

Bret made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bryce seconded that motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:43am.