

Minutes  
**WYOMING INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY**  
**PUBLIC BOARD MEETING**  
**CONFERENCE CALL—7:00am**  
**July 20, 2011**

I. Roll-call, Establish Quorum

Board Members in attendance included Mike Easley, Kyle White, David Sparks and Bryce Freeman. A quorum was established. Also participating were Loyd Drain, Executive Director, Holly Martinez, Administrative Manager, Rob Hurless, Colin McKee and Shawn Reese with the Governor's Office and Tom Dennis with Cassidy and Associates .

II. Approve Agenda

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

III. Approve Minutes from July 6, 2011 Board Conference Call

Bryce made a motion to approve the minutes. David 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 transmission developments in Washington.

V. Report from the Staff

a. **Comment opportunity for Shawn Reese:** Shawn provided an update relative to his activities.

b. **Comment opportunity for Rob Hurless:** Rob provided an update relative to his activities.

• **Conferences/Meetings:**

▪ **Wyo Renewable Energy Coordination Committee scheduled for July 12<sup>th</sup>:**

Loyd gave a report on the meeting. The Committee is working on a fileshare that will allow members to access the progress on permitting & siting for generation projects in the State.

▪ **Joint Minerals Committee Meeting on June 20-21:**

Staff attended on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Email in response to Chairman Bebout's question posed at the meeting was sent last week with a copy to Co-Chair Lockhart.

▪ **WPPC/AWEA Road Show 2011 Meetings in Laramie on 7/28 and in Wheatland on 8/17:** Loyd plans to attend and make presentations at both events. These events are being funded by AWEA.

▪ **Meeting with Kenneth Hall, co-inventor of the SynFuels GTL process on August 1 in College Station:** This process is different from the Fischer-Tropsch process. According to Dr. Hall, the SynFuels process is more efficient and adaptable to small and large applications---the gas is cracked at high temps and converted to acetylene---then via a proprietary catalyst, the acetylene is converted to ethylene at a 98% conversion rate.

- **Electric Transmission 205: Economic Stimulus and Jobs Benefits--Friday, July 15, 2011--10:00 – 11:30 a.m.--Congressional Meeting Room North, Capitol Visitor Center:** Eric Lantz, NREL, made a presentation relative to the NREL Study for Wyoming. Tom had someone provide notes for that meeting which was not as well attended as expected due to the budget ceiling discussions.
  - **Pathfinder Days—Pathfinder Ranch on August 6-7:** Loyd has made plans to attend—Board members are welcome to attend.
  - **CCPG Meeting on August 17<sup>th</sup> at Tri-State’s Office in Westminster, CO:** Due to a conflict with another meeting, J.M. Shafer has agreed to represent the WIA and will provide an update on transmission in WY. With the developments on WCI, LS Power will provide some comments at this forum.
  - **Interim Joint Revenue Committee Meeting on August 25-26 in Buffalo:** Staff has made plans to attend to continue to monitor the wind taxation issue. Board Members are welcome to attend.
  - **Interim Joint Minerals Committee Meeting on September 12-13 in Casper:** Loyd has made plans to attend. Board Members are welcome to attend.
  - **Task Force on Nuclear Energy Production Meeting on September 14-15 in Casper:** Board Members are welcome to attend.
  - **Gas Fair Meeting on Sept 14-16 in Jackson:** Staff plans to attend. Board Members are welcome to attend.
  - **Ecology & Environment Electric Transmission Seminar—September 20-22—Albany, NY:** Loyd plans to attend. No fee to attend the meeting.
  - **Tentative State Authorities Meeting during the week of September 26<sup>th</sup>:** Conference call is to be scheduled with the state authorities to set a date and location.
- **WCI Project Update:**  
Loyd provided a report on the Call. If there are no additional applicants by 8/17 (the requisite 30 day period, pursuant to the WCI OATT), the window of opportunity will close. A TSA will be negotiated and signed. Once we have an executed agreement, the applicant will be named and initiate an application to FERC for approval—at that point we will begin to expedite the development of the Project.
  - **E3 Meeting on 7/8 with the Governor’s Staff:**  
Loyd distributed a report of the meeting last week. Next meeting is scheduled for July 26. We have received some of the updates that have been made as a result of the 7/8 meeting. There are still issues with the Model.

- **Transmission Task Force Initiative:**  
Lloyd provided a report on the Call. Staff has passed on comments as to the structure of the Task Force and has requested a meeting for further discussion. Plans are to meet with those transmission developers that have projects in the NEPA stage---namely Anschutz and PacifiCorp.
- **PAB bonding initiative with RETA:**  
Staff discussed the progress with Jeremy Turner last week and provided an update on the Call.
- **GE Technology for power flow between non-synchronous grids:**  
Lloyd provided a report relative to the GE's VFT (variable frequency transformers) technology on the Call. A possible agenda item for the Fall Meeting—Easton/Basin discussions—Basin went out for bid for a 100MW unit and felt the bid was too high to proceed.
- **NREL Study for Wyoming.**  
Holly printed the one-page fact sheet available and the complete report will be available for distribution to the Board at the end of the week via mail.
- **Additional work on Wartsila's Study on Natural Gas-Fired Generation:**  
Lloyd met with Wartsila last week to set some new premises and an expansion of the work they did relative to their presentation at the Spring Board Meeting in May, 2011---the major change is that the amount of gas-fired generation will be limited to a 600 MW facility for 3,000 MW of name plate wind capacity (the NREL Study for Wyoming used that same ratio)—results should be available in September, 2011.
- **Biennium Budget process for FY2013-2014:**  
Lloyd provided an update on the Call. Draft budget will be furnished to the Board by 7/31. The final draft of the budget is due on 8/31.
- **Board Retreat on August 22-23 in Cody:**  
Meeting room for an executive session on the afternoon of August 21<sup>st</sup> has been reserved— suggestions as to invitees will be requested by staff on the Call together with some recommendations. A draft FY2013-14 Strategic Plan will be distributed to the Board by 7/31.
- **Possible dates for Fall Board meeting:**  
Holly provided a report.
- **Next Board Call is scheduled for August 10, 2011**

VI. New Business

No new business was offered.

VII. Public Comment Opportunity

No public comment was offered.

VIII. Executive Session:

The Board went into Executive Session with John Masterson.

IX. Adjournment