

Minutes  
**WYOMING INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY**  
**PUBLIC BOARD MEETING**  
**CONFERENCE CALL—7:00am**  
**June 22, 2011**

I. Roll-call, Establish Quorum

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

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 June 8, 2011 Board conference call

J.M. made a motion to approve the minutes. Bryce 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:** Colin McKee offered comments in Shawn's absence.

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

• **Conferences/Meetings:**

▪ **Wyoming Renewable Energy Coordination Committee meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup>:**

This group is tasked with expediting the permitting and siting process for generation. Staff is working with the Governor's Office to create a task force to address the expediting of the same permitting and siting process for transmission.

▪ **Carbon County Development Conference on June 15 in Rawlins**

▪ **Western Transmission Roundup in Denver on June 16-17:**

Loyd attend and will file a report later this week.

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

Loyd attended on June 20<sup>th</sup> and provided a summary on the Call. Loyd presented an update of WIA activities. There is some follow-up to be done including a call with Chairman Lockhart later this week and a email to Chairman Bebout on the things that the Committee can do to assist with promoting new transmission infrastructure.

▪ **WAPA's Meeting Transmission Challenges in the Rocky Mountain Region on June 21<sup>st</sup> in Fort Collins:**

Loyd attended and provided a summary on the Call. There were about 75 people in attendance with presentations from a number of WAPA people; RETA; CEDA; WIA; and NREL with a good discussion following

- **WPPC/AWEA Road Show 2011 Meetings in Laramie on 7/28 and in Wheatland on 8/17:**  
Staff plans to attend. These events are being funded by AWEA.
  - **Wold Companies Energy Conference on June 24-25:** Loyd plans to attend
  - **2011 WGA/SER Summer Energy Institute for Wyoming Teachers on Monday, June 27 in Laramie at the University of Wyoming:**  
Staff has been asked to be part of a panel discussion.
  - **Sage Grouse Executive Order Funding Meeting on June 29<sup>th</sup> in Cheyenne:**  
Staff plans to attend.
  - **Joint Revenue Committee Meeting on August 25-26 in Buffalo:**  
Loyd has made tentative plans to attend to continue to monitor the wind taxation issue. Board Members are welcome to attend.
  - **Western Governors Association on June 29-July 1 in Idaho:**  
Staff does not plan to attend
  - **Transmission Summit West in San Francisco on September 19-20:**  
Staff has made tentative plans to attend.
- **Press release--NREL Study for Wyoming:**  
Staff released the News Release last week and there has been some media coverage. One article has been distributed to the Board with others to follow this week.
- **Press release—Environmental Panel discussion at the May Board Meeting:**  
Staff owes a revision as a result of a conversation with the Chairman which will be distributed this week with an anticipated release to follow final review by the Board. Staff will distribute a draft by COB today.
- **End of the current budget year ends on June 30<sup>th</sup>:**  
Loyd provided a report on the Call.
- **Possible dates and location for the Board Retreat:**  
Holly provided an update. Date is set for August 22-23, 2011 in Cody Wyoming.
- **Next Board Call:**  
Staff made a recommended change to the Board last week with no objections to proposed dates. Tentative Calls for July are 7/6 and 7/20. Scheduled Calls for August and beyond will revert to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays. Staff recommends an executive session to follow both Board Calls in July and will discuss such on the Call. The executive session for 7/6 will address the wind taxation issue and Loyd will redistribute the report he sent last month. The executive session on 7/20 will be the time that we'll hear from our counsel, John Masterson.

- **Biennium Budget process for next year:**  
Staff has received a packet detailing the requirements and dates for the next budget period. Staff will provide a detailed report to the Board prior to the Board Call on 7/6.
- **Joint Revenue Committee and taxation of wind issue:**  
Staff distributed a comprehensive report to the Board on May 30<sup>th</sup> for review and comment by the Board. Staff provided an update on the Call.

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. J.M. seconded that motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 am.