

Minutes  
**WYOMING INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY**  
**PUBLIC BOARD MEETING**  
**CONFERENCE CALL—7:00am**  
**June 8, 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, Jackie Crespo and Tom Dennis with Cassidy and Associates, Colin McKay and Shawn Reese with the Governor's Office.

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 May 10 Board Meeting and May 25 Board conference call

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

V. Report from the Staff

a. **Comment opportunity for Shawn Reese:**

Shawn covered a variety of issues including Governor Mead's recently released Executive Order relative to Sage Grouse; wind taxation issues and the E3 model; and the proposed transmission task force.

b. **Comment opportunity for Rob Hurless:**

Rob provided a brief report which included the current disparity of power prices across the U.S ranging from some negative spot prices in Texas to \$0 to \$.15/MWh in the Pacific Northwest to \$172/MWh on PJM's system.

c. **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 had requested that the Board convene in an executive session to discuss the taxation issue further and will get with Chairman Easley next week to set a date and time.

• **Conferences/Meetings:**

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

Those in attendance will be rep's from Governor's Policy Office; DEQ; Industrial Siting Division; BLM, Renewable Energy Coordination Office; Wyoming Infrastructure Authority; Office of State Lands and Investment; Wyoming County Commissioners Association; Wyoming Game and Fish; Fish and Wildlife Service. Loyd plans to attend. This committee is for expediting generation projects.

▪ **Southeastern Wyoming RC&D Council meeting in Wheatland on June 10<sup>th</sup>:**

Loyd plans to attend

- **Carbon County Development Conference on June 15 in Rawlins:**  
Staff plans to attend and will give an update on transmission development.
  - **Western Transmission Roundup in Denver on June 16-17:**  
Staff plans to attend. Board Members are welcome to attend. Please contact Holly for registration purposes.
  - **Joint Minerals Committee Meeting on June 20-21:**  
Staff has been asked to appear before the Committee together with the WPA and WREA. Loyd will only be at the meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> due to the WAPA meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Loyd distributed an agenda for the meeting and would recommend that some of the Board Members attend if possible. There are some very interesting topics on the agenda.
  - **WAPA's Meeting Transmission Challenges in the Rocky Mountain Region on June 21<sup>st</sup> in Fort Collins:**  
Staff plans to attend and will speak at the event. Board Members are welcome to attend. No fee but registration is required. Contact Holly.
  - **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.
  - **Joint Revenue Committee Meeting on August 25-26 in Buffalo:**  
Staff 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 has made tentative plans 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 distributed a draft news release for the Board's review and approval. Staff forwarded the draft to the Governor's office as well. Staff would like to issue the document to the press early next week.
- **Press release—Environmental Panel discussion at the May Board Meeting:**  
Staff distributed a draft news release for the Board's review and approval. Staff forwarded the draft to the Governor's office as well and would like to issue the document by late next week.
- **End of the current budget year ends on June 30<sup>th</sup>:**  
Staff will provide a report on estimated funds as of the 30<sup>th</sup> on the next Board Call.

- **Possible dates and location for the Board Retreat:**

Staff asked the Board for suggestions for the date and location. Holly will distribute some recommended dates for Board consideration.

- **Next Board Call:** June 22, 2011

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 8:08 am.