

Minutes
WYOMING INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
CONFERENCE CALL—7:00am
March 23, 2011

I. Roll-call, Establish Quorum

Board Members in attendance included Mike Easley, 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, Bill Stafford, Shawn Reese with Governor Meads office and Jackie Crespo with Cassidy and Associates.

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 March 9, 2011

J.M. made a motion to approve the minutes from March 9, 2011. Kyle seconded that motion. The minutes were approved with unanimous assent.

IV. DC Update: Jackie Crespo, Cassidy & Associates

Jackie Crespo gave an update to the Board on transmission developments in Washington.

V. Items for Formal Board Action

- ***Audit Report (earlier schedule):***

Staff informed the Board that last year the audit for the present year needs to be completed by mid-Nov, 2011 vs. our customary end of year completion; staff requested that James Childress begin his audit in May, 2011 with a projected completion of Sept, 2011. Staff recommends the approval of an expenditure of \$5,500 to be paid in five installments; an agreement letter will be forwarded to Bryce for his signature.

Kyle made a motion for Bryce to execute the engagement letter. J.M. seconded that motion. Motion passed with unanimous assent.

- ***Additional geographical diversity analysis by Dr. Jonathan Naughton, University of Wyoming:***

Staff recommends the approval of an expenditure of \$12,000 to be paid to the University of WY upon completion of the work product which was outlined in correspondence that was distributed to the Board earlier in the week.

Bryce made a motion to approve the expenditure for \$12,000.00. J.M. seconded that motion. Motion passed with unanimous assent.

Report from the Staff

- ***Comment opportunity for Shawn Reese:***

Shawn Reese provided comments at his discretion.

- **Letter of support for TransWest Express:**
 Letter was sent via email and US mail to the BLM. Staff distributed an acknowledgement of receipt from the BLM. Deadline is April 4, 2011.
- **Secretary Salazar's visit to Cheyenne 3/22:**
 Staff reported to the Board on the roundtable discussion on transmission & generation which was held on Tuesday. Kyle also gave comments.
- **Nye County Renewable Energy for Export Workshop on 3/17:**
 Staff attended workshop in Pahrump, NV last week and will provide a summary of the event to the Board within the next week. Some of the highlights:

 - A tri-county cooperative MOU has been signed by two NV counties and one CA county which signifies the local support for renewable energy
 - NV Energy is tapped-out relative to renewables for the present time and acknowledged Nevada's efforts to export energy as a viable plan
 - PG&E announced they will be acquiring renewable energy in packages in the 100MW range instead of 1,000MW range
 - A RetCo affiliate transmission project in NV which would deliver solar energy to CA, Solar Express LLC which is owned by Stephen Burnage, has been well accepted with an excellent chance for success
 - NREL is working on a study that will quantify renewable energy demand, by state for CA, NM, AZ, NV & CO which should help us with that issue
- **Comments on Eagle Conversation & Wind Energy Guidelines recently published in the Federal Register:**
 Conference call was held 3/21 with 5 different stakeholder representatives. When draft comments are developed, staff will distribute to the Board for approval and subsequent distribution to the federal agencies either by Governor Mead or the WIA. The draft guidelines were published in the Federal Register February 18, 2011 with comments due no later than May 19, 2011. The next conference call is scheduled for 4/13.
- **Upcoming Conferences/Meetings:**

 - **University of Wyoming event in Rock Springs on 3/16:** topic is "Researching the feasibility of storing CO2 in the Rock Springs Uplift. WIA will attempt to have a rep there--Rob attended
 - **Gasification Technologies Workshop in Tampa on April 6-7:** Rob will attend representing the WIA.
 - **Global New Energy Summit on April 18-19:** WIA will be on a panel; NREL will present the Wyoming Study; TransCanada will be on a panel; and EnCana will address natural gas issues.
 - **The Wyoming Association of RC&D Councils is hosting an Energy Conference April 28 – 29 in Wheatland:** staff will provide a presentation as will NREL. Governor Mead will attend according to Grant Stumbough.
 - **AWEA annual meeting (25,000+ attendance expected) is scheduled for May 22-25 in Anaheim, CA:** the WIA is co-sponsoring a booth with the WY Business Council

- **WIA Spring Board Meeting:**
Due to a conflict with the Joint Revenue Committee meeting on 5/12, the date for the meeting has been moved to May 10th with a reception the evening before in Cheyenne at Little America.
- **Final NREL Economic Study for WY:**
WIA will draft new release and distribute to the Board for comments next week.
- **Next Board Call:**
April 13, 2011

VI. New Business

No new business was offered.

VII. Public Comment Opportunity

No public comment was offered.

VIII. Adjournment

J.M. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bryce seconded that motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 am.