

Minutes
WYOMING INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
CONFERENCE CALL—7:00am
March 9, 2011

- I. Roll-call, Establish Quorum
Board Members in attendance included Mike Easley, J.M. Shafer, Kyle White, Bret Jones and Bryce Freeman. A quorum was established. Also participating were Loyd Drain, Executive Director, Rob Hurless, Bill Stafford, Shawn Reese with Governor Meads office and Tom Dennis with Cassidy and Associates.
- II. Approve Agenda
Bryce made motion to approve agenda as amended. Bret seconded that motion. The agenda was approved by unanimous assent.
- III. Approve Minutes from February 11, 2011
J.M. made a motion to approve the minutes from February 23, 2011. 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. **Governor Mead's meetings in DC last week:**
Shawn Reese provided a review of the meetings in DC.
 - b. **Comments from Rob Hurless:**
Rob provided an update relative to his activities.
 - c. **2011 Legislative Update:**
Staff provided an update (sent out a list of interim topics on Monday)
 - **TransWest Express Scoping Meetings in Henderson and Las Vegas last week:**
Staff attended as did Stephen Burnage (RetCo); John McConnell and Josh Oakes (Worthington Steel); and Dr. Randy Allis (Northrop Grumman). Approximately 50 people attended each of the meetings. Staff also met with Bill Miller at one of the scoping meetings. Meetings were held with Northrop, Worthington Steel and RetCo.
 - **Letter of support for TransWest Express**
Draft letter has been circulated. Staff has received a number of comments from Board members and Tom Dennis all of which have been incorporated. The final draft has been distributed with the agenda for 3/9 and will be sent following the Board meeting. A number of our stakeholders will be submitting support letters as well.

- **Comments on Eagle Conversation & Wind Energy Guidelines recently published in the Federal Register:**

Conference call was held on 3/7 with 5 different stakeholder representatives; assignments were made; and when draft comments are developed, staff will distribute such to the Board for approval and subsequent distribution to the federal agencies. 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 3/16.

- **Conferences/Meetings:**

- **Wartsila sponsored Power Symposium in Colorado**—staff has distributed the presentations to the Board
- **University of Wyoming event in Rock Springs on 3/16**—topic is “Researching the feasibility of storing CO₂ in the Rock Springs Uplift—the WIA will attempt to have a rep there—Rob Hurless will represent the WIA
- **Gasification Technologies Workshop in Tampa on April 6-7**—Rob will attend representing the WIA
- **Global New Energy Summit on April 18-19**—the 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 on April 28 – 29 in Wheatland**—staff will provide a presentation as will NREL—Governor Mead may 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:**

Based on responses by the Board Members, staff recommends that the meeting be held on Thursday, May 12th with a sponsored reception on the evening before. Recommended presentations include:

- **Wartsila case study**—Dennis Finn will address the integration of Wyoming wind data with different gas-fired units including combined-cycle and simple-cycle reciprocating units
- **RES-Americas**—update from Jerry Vanninetti
- **Northrop Grumman**—MORE power tool—about geographical diversity—Dr. Randy Allis
- **Panel on Permitting & Siting**—discussion on ways to expedite the permitting & siting process
- **Matthew Shapiro—Gridflex Energy**—case study on pump storage in Wyoming
- **Worthington Steel/Gestamp**—update on new turbine tower manufacturing facility in Cheyenne
- **Bureau of Reclamation**—will identify and address their small hydro projects in WY

- **E3—Arne Olson**—presentation/discussion relative to the model funded by the WIA
 - **BENTEK Energy**—Unintended Consequences of Renewable Generation
 - **Dr. Naughton**—Univ. of WY—geographical diversity between WY & CA
 - **Speaker from CA supplied by Tom Dennis**
- **Final NREL Economic Study for Wyoming:**
A draft of the final document was circulated last week to the Board and should be available for release in the next 2 weeks.
 - **News Release:**
ICF Phase 2 Study has been posted on the WIA site; Governor Mead's site; KOWB (Laramie) posted the release; and Channel 5(Cheyenne) did a story on the study.
 - Staff met with Dr. Jonathan Naughton, University of Wyoming, and yesterday and asked him to provide a cost on some additional geographical diversity work. Staff will make a recommendation to the Board on the next call on 3/23.
 - **Next Board Call:**
March 23, 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.