

Wyoming Energy Authority (WEA)
September 8, 2022
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
7:00 am MT

Virtual

Zoom Meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82551434526>

A regular public meeting of the Wyoming Energy Authority was convened at the above time. The meeting was held in-person and also by simultaneous video and conference call. Presiding was Wanda Burget, Secretary of the Wyoming Energy Authority.

Roll-call, Establish Quorum, Approve Agenda

Sec. Burget noted, without objection or comment, that a quorum of the voting members was present and that the meeting was properly noticed. Meeting was called to order at 7:02 a.m.

Name	Position	Present	Absent
Paul Ulrich	Chair, Voting Member		X
Wendy Hutchinson	Vice-Chair, Voting Member	X	
Wanda Burget	Secretary, Voting Member	X	
Mark Stege	Voting Member	X	
Donna Lawrence	Voting Member	X	
Ken Miller	Voting Member	X	
Kara Choquette	Voting Member	X	
Randall Luthi	Ex-Officio, Non-Voting Member, WY Gov's Office		X
Holly Krutka	Ex-Officio, Non-Voting Member, UW SER	X	
Lon Whitman	Ex-Officio, Non-Voting Member, UW EORI		X
Josh Dorrell	Ex-Officio, Non-Voting Member, WY Bus Council		X
Tom Kropatsch	Ex-Officio, Non-Voting Member, WOGCC	X	
Glen Murrell	Executive Director, WEA	X	
Jami Blosmo	Accounting Manager, WEA		X
Kaeci Daniels	Program Coordinator, WEA		X
Anja Bendel	Program Director, WEA		X
John Masterson	Counsel to WEA		X
Pat Tolley	Counsel to WEA		X
Honora Kerr	3Elephants – PR/Comms Consultant to WEA	X	

The meeting was open to the public and attended, though no participation by the public was forthcoming. Breanne Bates attended representing 3Elephants.

Opening Comments

Sec. Burget welcomed participants to the meeting.

Approve Consent Agenda Items Minutes

- MOTION: Move to approve agenda of the September 8, 2022 meeting. Miller/Choquette. Approved by acclamation.

- MOTION: Move to approve minutes from the meeting held July 21, 2022. Lawrence/Stege. Approved by acclamation.

Director's report – Murrell

- Permitting Guides
 - Geothermal study was released in August. WEA are considering a few options
1) residential solar/wind/heat-pump guide 2) industrial siting guide 3) transmission guide
- Hydrogen
 - Coal to Hydrogen RFP closed and review complete. Working on next step. 3 applicants, 2 really good ones. Will likely request to award over budget.
 - Western Interstate Hydrogen Hub (WISHH). Grinding through the logistical challenges of setting this up. Funding opportunity announcement likely this month or next. Prime contractor selection process almost complete. Anja has been designated as WISHH lead and is working 100% on this pursuit.
- SaaS
 - No update.
- Advanced Reactors
 - Nuclear Forum was held in Laramie in August.
 - Two meetings in Jackson 10/ 6 and 10/7. Working with JH Global Technology Summit and Atlantic council
- State Energy Program (SEP)
 - The resilience formula grant application due date has been delayed by DOE to March 31, 2023. The amendment to the Administrative and Legal Requirements Document (ALRD) for the grant is expected to be released on September 30, 2022. As a result, the PSC is delaying the public comment hearing until after the amended ALRD is released.
 - The audits for the K-12 Schools and Local Government grants are complete, and we are currently evaluating the audits to issue awards. Grantee awards and contracting will be finalized by mid-September.
 - Energy for Purpose is going to be selected as the energy auditor for private schools and churches. They have a lot of experience in this area and were one-third the cost of the other proposal. The other proposal was from an Energy Service Company. Energy for Purpose will complete 15 energy audits at private schools and/or churches and host 2 virtual energy management workshops.
 - The IIJA SEP allocation application materials have been released and the application is due November 4th, 2022. We have requested an extension to

the end of the year to apply, but Jami and Kaeci are working together to complete a timely application.

- Wyoming Energy Strategy Update
 - Grinding through review of Phase 4&5. Would like to get that done and accepted by end of September.
- Infrastructure Bill
 - Hydrogen Hub application. Anja Bendel is leading this. Support from SER/WBC and many others
 - Grid Resiliency application. Kaeci Daniels is leading this and we are collaborating with the Public Service Commission. Application deadline has been postponed till March, 2023.
 - Participating, with a light touch, in the various CCUS Programs
 - Direct Air Capture application. Working with SER and WBC on this. Sarah Fitzgerald (WBC) is lead and Murrell is supporting.
 - Administering the Governor's cost-share program - REOI published. Various process and controls in development
- Other
 - Dir. Murrell introduced the new Energy Development Manager - Jenn Thompson
 - Dir. Murrell participated in meeting with the Western States and Tribal Nations regarding LNG exports.
 - The WEA is planning a Legislative lunch meeting for the session in (February)
 - Next Frontier Energy Action Team - Regional Economic Development Officer funding from US EDA.
 - WEA is hosting a tour to Campbell Cty for legislators from the Southern States Energy Board States.
 - Communication Strategy - WEA is re-building the communication strategy, including a website restructuring. Social channels. Messaging.

Ex-officio updates

- Holly Krutka – UW School of Energy Resources
 - Dr. Krutka asked the board to consider changing the frequency of this meeting.
 - Coal Refinery ground breaking (9/2/22)
 - First Step – Pyrolysis process testing
 - Rare Earths and Critical Minerals conference at Gillette College – Building a new industry – critical minerals/rare earths processing (onshore value chain) (9/1/22)
 - WY Energy Future Conference 9/15/22
 - CO2 and Public Works Projects
 - Hydrogen – three projects (WEA funded - Williams/Tallgrass and DOE funded)
 - Preparing a paper on WY Wind Energy economics – Kara C. (Wind technology generating funds for WY) – Timing of permitting – 4 years (Federal) and 1-2 years (State/private) – Peer Review expected
 - Preparing a paper on Rare Earth Elements in Wy – economic contributions (Fill revenue gap in WY)

- DOE Funding applications – Supporting Governor’s Office – large applications coming out next month
- SER Board – Exceptions Funding (areas of interest – coal to products (High volume to support revenue in state) Mowry Formation new research (Major unconventional plays in WY) – generate data around this and then hand over privately.
- Tom Kropatsch – Wyoming Oil and Gas Commission
 - Notice of award – open well program - \$25mm/Working with DOI to understand change of terms – not critical to WY (reimbursement model since there is an orphan well program budgeted). Interstate Oil GCC – Advocate with states
 - 24 rigs this week – pretty steady slow gains 300/500K barrel/mo. 88-90 million barrels expected by end of year.
 - Gas production continues to decline slightly
 - Judge did not rule in Wyoming’s favor regarding federal leasing pause at beginning of Biden administration (Different than Louisiana outcome)
 - Pore Space – discussions with a couple of companies on this (submit application for unitization)
 - On panel for IOGCC – Pore Space update – Class VI Honora Kerr (Three Elephants PR) provided a brief update on communications and PR activities. A request was made to include an update on ITC in the next newsletter.
- Honora Kerr and Breanna Bates – 3Elephants
 - Provided a review of media channels traffic and trends
 - Website use review
 - LinkedIn – follower growth up
 - Twitter – Content not optimized for this platform – looking at a more general audience
 - Kara – Suggested – Upcoming board meetings (link) in the newsletter. Raise awareness on energy initiatives (Be more proactive) – i.e. energy conservation – Need feedback in a more active way from the WEA Board.

New Business

- Choquette - Wire Group Discussion – Need to include this topic on an ongoing basis – WY invited to be a part of this effort
- Quarterly Meeting Discussion – Review this at the next meeting.

Calendar

- Wyoming's Energy Future Symposium 9/15 SER - Murrell
- Legislative Tour to Campbell Cty - 9/21-23
- Carbon County ED Annual Meeting - 9/22 Murrell
- WEDA Fall Meeting - 9/28-9/30 Sheridan Murrell/Bendel
- Wyoming Global Technology Summit 10/6 Glen and Marcio
- Frontiers Project 10/7 Jackson - Glen and Marcio
- World Hydrogen Congress - DC 10/11-13 Anja

- NASEO Annual Meeting - St Pete 10/11-14
- Next board meeting, virtual 10/13

Public comment opportunity – No comments were received from the public

Adjournment: Lawrence/Choquette. Approved by acclamation – Adjourned at 8:16am

Recording Secretary,

Wanda Burget, assisted by Glen Murrell