



**Wyoming Energy Authority  
June 15, 2023  
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING  
8:00 am MT**

**Zoom Meeting link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85822060525?pwd=dWtiY1JzSEMxNllmcS9pN3dNanM1UT09>

**Location:       Virtual**

A regular public meeting of the Wyoming Energy Authority was convened at the above time. The meeting was hybrid, both held by video and conference call. Presiding was Wendy Hutchinson, Chairwoman of the Wyoming Energy Authority.

**Roll-call, Establish Quorum, Approve Agenda**

Chairwoman Hutchinson called the roll, a quorum was present, as indicated below. Meeting began at 8:00 AM.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Wendy Hutchinson	Chairwoman, Voting Member	X	
Wanda Burget	Vice-Chairwoman, Voting Member	X	
Mark Stege	Secretary, Voting Member		X
Paul Ulrich	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
WEA STAFF			
Rob Creager	Executive Director	X	

Anja Richmond		X	
Jami Blosmo		X	
Marcio Paes-Barreto			X
Patrick Millin		X	
Honora Kerr - Comms	Three Elephant	X	
Glen Murrell	INL	X	

The meeting was open to the public.

**Opening Comments**

Chairwoman Hutchinson welcomed participants to the meeting.

MOTION: Amend Agenda to include Executive Session and approve amended agenda. Burget/Lawrence. Approved.

MOTION: Amend minutes to remove executive session notes. Approve minutes as amended for May 8, 2023. Miller/Burget. Approved.

**Updates from the WEA Staff**

Director – Rob Creager

- Thanked the board and staff for making the transition smooth.
- Rare Earth Resources contract finalized. Press release went out June 8<sup>th</sup>. The processing plant will be located in Upton, WY.
- Director of Carbon Management job posted. Will remain open until 7-15-2023.
- Governor’s Energy Matching Funds – two projects have been approved by the selection committee and forwarded to the Attorney General’s Office for constitutional review prior to final gubernatorial approval. Frontier Carbon Solutions in conjunction with UW School of Energy Resources, will drill three class 6 wells. BWXT – a conceptual micro reactor design will be developed specific to the Wyoming end-user.
- Working on comments to the federal register in regards to BLM’s notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to analyze the potential environmental effects from maintaining or revoking former Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell’s coal leasing moratorium.

Jami Blosmo - Financial Report.

Anja Richmond –

- WISHH proposal was submitted the beginning of April. The group received comments from the Dept. of Energy and replied. Next steps are to determine how to continue to support all businesses working in the hydrogen value chain, and how to collaborate on regional hydrogen hub communications.
- Energy Resources Council meeting June 1-2 approved \$120K match grant for a Carbon Solutions project. Next steps are to forward project information to the Attorney General's Office for constitutional review prior to final gubernatorial approval
- RECO - working on stakeholder input and developing initial communications.
- Working with Honora at Three Elephant to update website
- Attended WSTN meeting in Durango

#### Patrick Millin - SEP

- Federal formula allocation increased from \$415K to \$444K
- BIL SEP application has been submitted and is under review, it will be \$700K for five years
- IIJA 40101(d) application has been submitted and is under review, it will be \$4.05 million for two years
- IRA Home Rebate Program application is in the planning phase. Will be ~\$69M.
- SEP grant applications are open. Local Government and K-12 Schools grant applications are open until June 30, 2023, while small business grant applications will remain open until funding is expended. Applications to the program are less than expected at this point.

### **Ex Officio Board Member Updates**

Lon Whitman (EORI) – Will announce the WY CO2 initiative in July. EORI has 4 new CO2 projects in the Powder River Basin. Two DOE projects are moving smoothly.

Josh Dorrell (WBC) – Working on WBC budget strawman. Wyoming Academy – work with Leadership Wyoming. The State Small Business Credit Initiative will be administered through the WBC and will provide upwards of \$50M to Wyoming entrepreneurs in the form of venture capital.

Board Member Updates:

Kara – ground breaking for TransWest next Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Paul – Permitting reform

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### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

Next BOD meeting to be August 17, 2023 at 8:00 AM

**Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.