

**Wyoming Energy Authority  
July 6, 2023  
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING  
8:00 am MT**

Zoom Meeting link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88683274615?pwd=QIBZRIBOVUhxejZVUmlhYmFURnMydz09>

**Location:**       **Saratoga Inn & Resort  
601 East Pic Pike Road  
Saratoga, WY 82331**

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

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

Chairwoman Hutchinson called the roll, a quorum was present, as indicated below.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Wendy Hutchinson	Chair, Voting Member	X	
Wanda Burget	Vice-Chair, 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 (Interim Director, WEA)		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	
Rob Creager	Executive Director, WEA	X	
Jami Blossom	Accounting Manager, WEA		
Marcio Paes Barreto	Industrial Development Director, WEA	X	
Patrick Millin	Program Coordinator, WEA	X	
Anja Richmond	Program Director, WEA		X
Honora Kerr	3Elephants – PR/Comms Consultant to WEA	X	
Glen Murrell	Public	X	

The meeting was open to the public.

## **Opening Comments**

Chairwoman Hutchinson welcomed participants to the meeting.

## **Approve Consent Agenda Items Minutes**

- MOTION: Move to approve agenda of the July 6, 2023 meeting. Miller/Lawrence. Approved by acclamation.
- MOTION: Move to approve minutes from the public meeting held June 15, 2023: Burget/Choquette. Approved by acclamation.

## **Director's report**

- Director Creager reported on RFP status.
- We are officially moved to the new location.
- Attended the NASEO meeting with Patrick.
- GEMF – Anja is aligning with other programs.
- RER contract is executed.

## **Staff updates**

Marcio:

- Discussed processes for GEMF
- Execution of nuclear strategy
- Outreach and development for GEMF
- Project opportunity tracker

Patrick:

- We have received 22 WYLite applications
- Working on a map of past grant participants
- Will be joining auditor for audits in Morecroft, Upton & Sundance
- Set up call center to be point of contact for grid resilience

Jami:

- Financial overview of FY23 presented.
- Discussion ensued on the Governor's Energy Matching Funds and the various funds that the WEA is managing.

Honora – Three Elephant:

- Provided a public relations / marketing update.

## **Ex Officio Board Member Updates**

Lon:

- Brian Jeffries will be the pipeline expert
- 4 EORI projects in motion
- Working on severance tax reduction

Tom:

- Orphan wells – 181 wells plugged
- Closing 21 CBM reservoirs

Holly:

- Providing information to WEA and the Governor's office for federal comments
- EIS for federal coal
- 1-11B rule for power plants
- \$73.2 million in projects – could possibly use GEMF
- Executive lease with Campbell County for refinery
- Phase 2 of Mowry Project
- Growing Rare Earth Elements and Critical Minerals
- ITC – Governor's office directive. 3 way MOU – SER, WEA and ITC

Josh:

- Looking at constraints to growth. Focusing on problems within the state. Will need to approach them in different ways.
- Building community teams of economic development with community members not just economic development staff.

## **Old Business**

### **New Business**

EPN legislative tour will be September 18 – 20. Will host legislators from AR, NE, KS, MO and TX. Should WEA tag on and have a meeting there?

### **Public Comment:**

None

11:15 am MOTION: To convene in Executive Session to discuss contract issues. Lawrence/Choquette. Approved by acclamation.

Back into public session

MOTION: To adjourn. Passed by acclamation.

Meeting Adjourned:

Recording Secretary

Mark Stege