

**Wyoming Energy Authority
September 18, 2023
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
8:00 am MT**

Zoom Meeting link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88683274615?pwd=QIBZRIBOVUhxZlZUmlhYmFURnMydz09>

**Location: Best Western Tower West Lodge
Gillette, WY 82716**

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.

Name	Position	Present	Absent
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 Blosmo	Accounting Manager, WEA	X	
Marcio Paes Barreto	Industrial Development Director, WEA	X	
Patrick Millin	Program Coordinator, WEA	X	
Anja Richmond	Program Director, WEA	X	
Breann Bates	3Elephants – PR/Comms Consultant to WEA	X	
Jim Ford	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 September 18, 2023 meeting. Approved by acclamation.
- MOTION: Move to approve minutes from the public meeting held June 15, 2023: Approved by acclamation.

Director's report

- Director Creager reported on EMF - opened concept paper phase.
- Joined PAW.
- Following the meeting was going to attend the Atlantic Council's meeting in Jackson, WY to discuss nuclear energy.
- Announced hiring of Leanne Person, administrative assistant. Will start on 10-9-23.
- Re-opened Director of Carbon Management position.
- Budget hearing will be 9-26-23.
- Director Creager discussed budget asks.

Staff updates

Jami:

- Jami presented the August financials to the board.

Marcio:

- Overview of the Nuclear Strategic Framework
- Update on the workstreams and workgroups related to the implementation of the framework
- Update on the EMF nuclear-related project
- Q&A

Patrick:

- 21 WYLite audits complete. The next step is to review the audits and select the grantees.

- Received 4 small business grants.
- Contracted with Energy for Purpose to complete audits for the Private Schools and Churches Audit program.
- DOE released final guidance on IRA Home Energy Rebate Programs. We are looking closely at both programs to determine the correct path forward for Wyoming.
- The IIJA Sec. 40101d grant was awarded by DOE. \$8.1 million was awarded for the first 2 years.
- Bonneville Environmental Foundation is applying for the Solar for All program for the State of Wyoming. This program is for optional residential solar projects.

Anja:

- Anja presented on the different funding buckets.
- WISHH update.
- WISHH 2.0 update.

The board broke for a break at 9:45am. Back in session at 10:00am.

Project Presentations

Williams Company

- Clay Atwood, Director of Project Execution, presented on “Williams Wyoming Hydrogen Hub: Feasibility Study of Green Hydrogen Generation and Transport in Southwest Wyoming Preparing for Construction of a Green Hydrogen Production Hub”

Black Hills Energy

- Derek Silbaugh, Director Generation Engineering, presented on “Wyoming Hydrogen Demonstration Pilot Project”

Old Business

New Business

Public Comment:

None

Other Board Matters

- Discussion of energy strategy

12:20pm Break for lunch.

MOTION: To convene in Executive Session to discuss contract issues. Approved by acclamation. 1:30 pm

Back into public session: 2:30 pm

MOTION: To adjourn. Passed by acclamation.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:35 pm

Recording Secretary

Mark Stege