

**Wyoming Energy Authority
February 28, 2024
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
1:30 pm MT**

Location: Laramie County Library, Cheyenne, WY

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, as well as in-person. Presiding was Wendy Hutchinson, Chairwoman of the Wyoming Energy Authority.

Roll-call, Establish Quorum

Chairwoman Hutchinson called the roll, a quorum was present, as indicated below. Meeting began at 1:35 PM.

Name	Position	Present	Absent
Wendy Hutchinson	Chairwoman, Voting Member	X	
Wanda Burget	Vice-Chairwoman, Voting Member	X	
Mark Stege	Secretary/Treasurer, 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	
Rob Creager	Executive Director, WEA	X	
Anja Richmond	WEA staff	X	
Jami Blosmo	WEA staff	X	
Patrick Millin	WEA staff	X	
Leanne Person	WEA staff	X	
Honora Kerr	Threeelephantpr	X	

The meeting was open to the public. Public in attendance were: Glenn Murrell, Josh Parker, Scott Dobson, Doug Yamamoto, Erik Holt

Opening Comments:

Chairwoman Hutchinson welcomed participants to the meeting. Chairwoman Hutchinson gave a brief overview of the board's tour of Black Hills Energy's Cheyenne Prairie Generating Station. She also talked about the WEA's hosted legislative lunch.

MOTION: Motion made by Mark to approve the agenda, seconded by Wanda. Chairwoman Hutchinson amended the agenda to change *December* minutes to *January* minutes.
Approved.

MOTION: Motion made by Paul, seconded by Donna to approve minutes for January 18, 2024.
Approved.

Executive Director's Report::

Rob Creager started this update by talking about the legislative budget and how this might impact our EMF funds. The legislature did approve (2) positions for WEA at this time. More updates on energy matching funds will be given to the board when the session is closed. Rob and the board recognized Paul Ulrich for his time serving on the board. Rob gave some time for Lon Whitman to present about CO₂-EOR Essentials. Lon presented a slide presentation and answered questions.

Project Updates:

BWXT as well as Frontier Carbon Solutions both gave project updates. These are both projects that are being partially funded by grants from WEA. BWXT is working in Nuclear Technology for reactors, fuel, mining, and data centers. Frontier Carbon Solutions are working on carbon storage. Their CarbonSAFE carbon storage is currently targeting a Q3 2024 construction start date. Both companies took questions from the board directly after their presentations.

WEA Staff Updates:

Jami Blosmo went over the financial reports given to the board and answered questions. Patrick Millin talked about Energy Efficiency Grant as well as the GRID Resilience Program. Anja Richmond spoke about the Energy Matching Funds. The most recent round had 9 submissions, 3 were asked for RFP's. The EMF review committee met on 2/27/24 and voted to recommend 2 of the projects be funded. Those 2 will now be presented to the Governor for final approval.

Public Comments:

Glenn Murrell spoke on collaboration between WEA and the Idaho National Lab. He also thanked Paul for his service to the board.

Scott Dobson spoke to let everyone know how well Wyoming is leading the way on energy interventions and projects.

Other Board Matters:

Holly Krutka spoke on how decisions made in the legislature session could affect SER projects as well as staffing and urged board members to help in any way possible.

MOTION: Motion made by Mark to move to executive session, Donna seconded. Approved. Board moved to executive session at 4:25. Meeting adjourned at 5:15.

Recording Secretary

Mark Stege

LP