**Wyoming Energy Authority**

**January 18, 2024**

**PUBLIC BOARD MEETING**

**8:00 am MT**

**Zoom Meeting link:**

[**https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82461062576?pwd=TFpnaG9pMjBneGxDUTR0RDBFamVIdz09**](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82461062576?pwd=TFpnaG9pMjBneGxDUTR0RDBFamVIdz09)

**Meeting ID: 824 6106 2576**

**Passcode: 983108**

**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, 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 8:02 AM.

| **Name** | **Position** | **Present** | **Absent** |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |  |
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| 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 |  |
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The meeting was open to the public. Public in attendance were: Kara Fornstrom, Scott Kane, and Shannon Anderson.

**Opening Comments**

Chairwoman Hutchinson welcomed participants to the meeting.

**MOTION:** Motion made by Ken to approve the agenda, seconded by Donna.

Approved. Chairwoman Henderson amended the agenda to include an executive session at the end.

**MOTION:** Motion made by Donna, seconded by Mark to approve minutes for November 30, 2023.

Approved.

**Update/Overview of the Legislature and Joint Appropriations:**

Rob Creager started this update by talking about his meetings in DC with Senator Barrasso’s staff as well as Senator Lummis. Rob gave the board the schedule of legislation (2/12/24 - 3/8/24) and highlighted important dates for bills and budgets. Rob also noted that the Joint Appropriations Committee approved the Governor’s recommendation of hiring (2) new positions at WEA. These positions are: Oil and Gas Manager and Nuclear Industry Coordinator. Rob and the staff at WEA will get bill updates together that are energy related and share those with the BOD.

**Old Business**

No old Business

**New Business**

No new Business

**Public Comment:**

Shannon Anderson, Powder River Basin Resources, asked about the latest round of EMF projects. She did submit a public statement regarding one of the projects and asked if she would get any response. Rob Creager talked about the EMF process and that public comments were taken to the Governor with project outlines for his approval.

**MOTION:**  Wanda motioned to move to executive session, Donna seconded.

Approved. Moved to executive session at 8:40. Returned to session at 9:02.

**MOTION**: Mark motioned to adjourn meeting, Ken seconded.

Approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:03.

Recording Secretary

Mark Stege

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