

**Wyoming Energy Authority
July 15, 2024
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
8:30 A.M. MT**

Zoom Meeting link:

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**Location: Hulett Community Center
401 Sager Avenue
Hulett, Wyoming 82720**

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, Approve Agenda

Chairwoman Hutchinson called the roll, a quorum was present, as indicated below. Meeting began at 8:30 a.m.

Name	Position	Present	Absent
Wendy Hutchinson	Chairwoman, Voting Member	x	
Wanda Burget	Vice-Chairwoman, Voting Member	x	
Mark Stege	Secretary/Treasurer, Voting Member	x	
Donna Lawrence	Voting Member	x	
Ken Miller	Voting Member	x	
Kara Choquette	Voting Member	x	
Michelle Koch	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 Business Council		x
Tom Kropatsch	Ex-Officio, Non-Voting Member, WOGCC		x
Rob Creager	WEA Staff	x	
Jami Blosmo	WEA Staff	x	
Sean Schaub	WEA Staff	x	

Patrick Millin	WEA Staff		x
Cindy Prevedel	WEA Staff	x	
Honora Kerr – Comms	Public Relations	x	

The meeting was open to the public.

Opening Comments

- Chairwoman Hutchinson welcomed participants to the meeting.
- Chairwoman Hutchinson spoke about having attended the Rocky Mountain Mining Institute. She noted that she attended a very good session on advocacy and Chairwoman Hutchinson herself spoke about what Wyoming does to create matching funds.
- Chairwoman Hutchinson also spoke about the Friends of Coal organization out of West Virginia which has launched a new app and she noted that the American Exploration Mining Association has initiated a good public relations campaign that attempts to “put a face” on mining.
- Chairwoman Hutchinson did note that the agenda would include an executive session.

MOTION: Motion made by Kara to approve the agenda, seconded by Mark.

Executive Director’s Report:

- Rob outlined the groundbreaking ceremony at TerraPower and noted that Chairwoman Hutchinson and Ken attended the groundbreaking ceremony,
- Rob outlined his travels since the last board meeting which included the following:
 1. A trip to Lynchburg, VA with Governor Gordon to visit BWXT and to check out the microreactor.
 2. A trip to Washington, DC to meet with the undersecretary in charge of the nuclear piece in the DOE.
 3. A trip in which Governor Gordon spoke at the Nuclear Institute.
 4. A trip to Jackson, WY for NASEO.
 5. A trip to Anchorage, AK. Rob spoke about what we are doing in Wyoming.
 6. A trip with Governor Gordon to Gillette, WY related to direct sequestration.
 7. A trip to Iceland on behalf of the DOE to visit the largest carbon capture unit in the world.
- Rob outlined recently approved EMF projects which include a Jonah Oxiperator, Airloom, and Blue Spruce.
- He answered questions related to the EMF “buckets” as well as those related to the review process.
- Rob noted that the EMF application has been revised since the timeline for the full application process is too tight. He also noted that as we have fewer funds, the decisions will become more difficult.

- Rob also addressed coal litigation and clarified that Wyoming is the client in this case.

WEA Staff Updates:

Personnel:

- Anja Richmond has left the WEA. The board thanked Anja for her tremendous work.
- Brayden Connour will serve as the Director of Investments. He will start his position in August. In the meantime, he is beginning to work with Anja.
- Cindy Prevedel has recently begun to serve as an administrative assistant.

Sean's report:

- Sean Schaub serves as Coordinator of Nuclear Projects at WEA.
- Sean described his professional background as well as an overview of how sentiment toward nuclear energy is shifting positively in the U.S.
- Sean further commented on how the US needs to get into a leadership role in nuclear development.
- Sean is currently working with BWXT.
- Sean described micro-pellets and how they are used in microreactors.
- Sean will present at WBC next week at the University of Wyoming.

Kara noted that we need an education campaign to introduce the public to how it might be safer than traditional power.

Jami's report:

- Jami presented the financials to the board.

MOTION: Mark made a motion to approve the financials. Donna seconded the motion.

Honora's report:

- Honora noted that she is updating the portfolio pages and she described how the roadmaps will offer detailed information. She noted that she also wanted to include single pages describing each resource. Currently, she is updating the technologies pages with agencies to fact check information.
- Board members made several suggestions to Honora including the following: possible links to BLM, offering "fun facts" on the more introductory pages, adding something related to total contributions these resources/industries make to our state.
- Board members also discussed how the pages must offer acknowledgement to various audiences as well as include high-level information. Board members also suggested drawing attention to trona, bentonite, and helium.

MOTION: Chairwoman Hutchinson made a motion to table the vote on policy/procedures and noted that a subcommittee of Ken and Kara would work with Cindy and Jami to further edit the handbook and to offer members the final in a word document,

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Executive Session

The Board went into executive session at 11:45, returned at 12:20..

Recording Secretary

Mark Stege

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