

**Wyoming Energy Authority
DECEMBER 2, 2025
4th QUARTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
8:30 am MT**

Location: Virtual Meeting

At the above time, the Wyoming Energy Authority convened a regular public meeting. The meeting was held via video conference. Wanda Burget, Chairwoman of the Wyoming Energy Authority, presided.

Roll-call, Establish Quorum

Chairwoman Burget called the roll, and a quorum was present, as indicated below. The meeting began at 8:30 am.

Name	Position	Present	Absent
Wanda Burget	Chairwoman, Voting Member	X	
Michelle Koch	Vice-Chairwoman, Voting Member		X
Kara Choquette	Secretary, Voting Member	X	
Wendy Hutchinson	Voting Member	X	
Donna Lawrence	Voting Member	X	
Ken Miller	Voting Member	X	
Mark Stege	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	
Brayden Connour	WEA staff		X
Jami Blosmo	WEA staff	X	
Patrick Millin	WEA staff	X	
John Jenks	WEA staff	X	
Kyle Wendtland	WEA staff	X	
Sean Schaub	WEA staff	X	
Cindy Prevedel	WEA staff	X	
Jessica Jaubert	Three Elephant Public Relations	x	

The meeting was open to the public. Neal Rickner, Brian Snee, Phoebe Killea, CJ Rigdon, and Jon Conrad were in attendance.

Opening Comments

Chairwoman Burget welcomed participants to the meeting.

MOTION: Secretary Kara Choquette moved to approve the amended agenda since Board member Ken Miller noted that it should be amended to indicate that it was the 4th Quarter Meeting. The amended agenda was seconded by Board member Donna Lawrence. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

MOTION: Wendy Hutchinson made a motion, which Ken Miller seconded, to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2025, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Executive Director Creager's report:

- Director Creager explained that he testified before the Joint Corporations Committee in Casper regarding the interim electricity issue of large-load customers and third-party generation.
- Director Creager also noted that few bills are emerging from legislative committees and that the Minerals Committee met only twice.
- Director Creager also reviewed his in-state travels, which included a trip to Laramie to meet with the Energy Resources Council, a trip to Casper for the global uranium conference, and tours of bentonite, uranium, and coal operations to build educational content on our work and the industries we support.
- Director Creager also traveled internationally to Canada and Japan.
- In Canada, Director Creager joined NRC Commissioner Crowell and Canadian officials on a trip to northern Saskatchewan to tour Cameco's Cigar Lake uranium mine and Orano's McLean Lake mill.
- In Japan, Director Creager and officials from the Governor's Office met with Japanese officials and industry leaders to discuss how Wyoming can serve as a strategic partner in energy, minerals, and technology.
- Director Creager had multiple speaking engagements this quarter, including participating in the Enhanced Oil Recovery Institute's industry forum in Gillette, speaking on a nuclear energy panel in Jackson, speaking at PCOR in St. Paul, moderating an energy-focused panel at the Wyoming Taxpayers Association, and speaking at the University of Wyoming Leadership Academy in Casper.
- Director Creager noted that Congresswoman Hageman recognized the WEA and its efforts in an op-ed on the importance of reducing the federal coal royalty rate.
- Director Creager stated that he and Accounting Manager Jami Blossmo met with the Governor for our budget hearing. The WEA submitted a flat budget with no exception requests.
- The EMF Committee met and advanced three projects totaling \$10M.
- The first Large Project EMF project moved into public comment.
- Director Creager stated that he and the Director of Fossil Fuel Development will travel to Washington, DC, to meet with the new acting BLM Director and other key officials.

Staff Reports

- Kyle Wendtland, Director of Fossil Fuels Development, stated that the Coal Study will be released in early January.
- He also explained that the WEA has been engaged in discussions related to port decisions and has met with industry leaders. He noted that litigation in Kentucky about the Oakland Port is favorable to the coal industry.
- Director Wendtland also announced that he has been elected to the Board of Directors of the American Coal Council.
- Jami Blosmo, Accounting Manager, reviewed revenue and the budget. She noted that the audit is nearing completion and will be presented at the February 2026 Board of Directors Meeting.
- Executive Director Creager presented on behalf of Brayden Connour, Director of Finance. He noted that we have requested full proposals for EMF Round 9. Round 9 has brought in \$43M in requests, but only \$30M is available in EMF.
- Director Creager also stated that, as a result of the EMF program, the state has secured \$105M in annual revenue for the next decade. Director Creager noted that even research projects that don't reach fruition are still valuable.
- Director Creager noted that EMF projects are spread across the state, with 8 in Campbell County, 6 in Sweetwater County, and 2 in Natrona County.
- Patrick Millin, State Energy Office Manager, announced that SEP was not impacted during the federal government shutdown. He explained that the State Energy Office has issued nine small-business energy audit and retrofit grants, resulting in \$63,000.00 in annual savings for these businesses.
- He also noted that Grid Resiliency Projects are still in the DOE queue and undergoing NEPA review.
- John Jenks, Director of Energy Market Development, described his November recommendations to the Joint Corporations Committee, which centered on large load customers and non-utility, or third-party, generation. He noted that he is still engaged with the Public Service Commission Review Process.
- Jenks noted that he plans to initiate a new power study that will address electricity concerns and power needs.
- Jenks has had numerous speaking engagements and plans to speak at a regional conference in Boise, Idaho, in early December.
- Sean Schaub, Nuclear Industry Coordinator, has had numerous speaking engagements. A few include NASEO in Nashville, a plenary for First Movers' Initiative, and Casper College's Learning Series.
- Schaub described submitting a new application to the EDA for workforce and supply chain development.
- Schaub offered industry updates: Terra Power has broken ground for a training facility for operators, and the NRC's final safety evaluation for Terra Power is complete. The final step is a commission hearing to issue a construction permit for the plant's nuclear aspects.
- Schaub overviewed the public comments for the LPEMF project, noting that the WEA received 260 public comments.
- Schaub also stated that uranium is now on the critical mineral list, which is positive for Wyoming producers.

- Schaub announced he is releasing an RFP for an economic study about the nuclear industry.

Sharing of Team Debrief of Slalom Initiatives:

Director Creager presented the team's decision to rewrite the mission as follows: "To advance Wyoming's energy and natural resources." He noted that the vision is "To continue to position Wyoming at the forefront of energy and natural resources innovations that benefit Wyoming and the world."

MOTION: Board member Donna Lawrence motioned to accept the mission and vision. Board member Mark Stege seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously by voice vote.

New Business:

No new business was introduced.

Public Comment:

- CJ Rigdon of Landmark EPC expressed concern about transparency regarding the BWXT LPEMF proposal. He also expressed concern about the length of time required to generate 200 new jobs.
- Brian Snee of Airloom Energy expressed gratitude to the WEA for working with Airloom.

MOTION: Board member Ken Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Board member Donna Lawrence seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:44.

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Recording Secretary

Kara Choquette

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