

**Minutes**  
**WYOMING INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**March 26, 2010**

I. Roll-call, Establish Quorum

Board Members in attendance included Mike Easley, Bryce Freeman and J.M. Shafer. A quorum was established. Also participating were Steve Ellenbecker, Executive Director, Loyd Drain, Project Consultant, Tom Dennis, Jackie Crespo and Johanna Polsenberg representing Cassidy & Associates.

II. Approve Agenda

Bryce made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. J.M seconded that motion. The agenda was approved by unanimous assent.

III. Approve Minutes from February 26, 2010

Bryce Freeman made a motion to approve the February 26, 2010 minutes. J.M Shafer seconded that motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous assent.

IV. Public Comment Opportunity

No public comment was offered.

V. Washington DC Update- Tom Dennis, Cassidy & Associates

Tom Dennis gave a brief update to the Board on climate change and transmission developments in Washington. Tom also discussed and proposed to the Board the concept of federal legislation for a Wyoming/Idaho pilot corridor. The Board asked that Tom and Steve Ellenbecker prepare an outline of the proposal for consideration by the Governor's office.

VI. Staff Activity Report - Steve Ellenbecker:

Steve Ellenbecker gave an update on WIA activities and recent developments. Listed below are the topics that were discussed:

- **Proposed projects/initiatives for set aside of remaining funds prior to June 30**
  - Staff is identifying funds that need to be set aside by June 30 to continue project and initiative commitments and will continue to advise the Board on recommendations. Steve mentioned that two items for consideration include project partnership funding requirements for the High Plains Express and WCI projects. In addition, funds will be required for ongoing Collector System analysis.

- **Preparation for Joint Minerals Committee meeting in Gillette, June 28-29**
  - The Joint Minerals Committee is assigned responsibility in the 2010 Session Budget Act to consider transitioning WIA to a state agency. The Committee is meeting July 28-29 in Gillette. Steve and Loyd are preparing a presentation for the Board's consideration.
  - There was an ensuing discussion as to whether the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Board Meeting should be held in Gillette to coincide with the Joint Minerals Meeting. Holly will work on a meeting place and the decision will be made at or before the April Board Meeting.
  
- **Collector System Task Force Member Suggestions for WIA Outreach Initiatives**
  - A Collector System Task Force Meeting was held on March 17 in Denver. One of the recommendations is that targeted market outreach efforts need to be increased. Meetings with the Wyoming Power Producers Coalition and the Governor's staff are being scheduled.
  
- **Discussion of the upcoming meeting of the Leg. Task Force on Wind Energy in June**
  - The Legislative Task Force on Wind Energy will be evaluating the Eminent Domain Statute beginning in June. A goal of the Collector System Task Force is to be a key resource to this group.
  
- **Review of the agenda and logistics for the April 27 Board meeting in Laramie**
  - Steve reported that staff has confirmed several of presentations for the Board Meeting in April. The Board decided to have a dinner the evening of April 26.
  
- **LS Power Request for a W-CI Management Committee Meeting on April 27**
  - LS Power has requested that the WCI Management Committee meet following the Board Meeting on April 27. J.M. Shafer agreed and Steve will notify Kyle White of the meeting.

VII. Adjournment