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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

October 27, 2017 – 10:00 AM

Teleconference

Commission Members Present

Aaron Otteman, Vice Chairman (via Telephone)
Senator Eli Bebout
Dave True, University of Wyoming Trustee
Jimmy Goolsby (via Telephone)
Ron Baugh
Matthew Fry, Representing Governor Matthew Mead (via Telephone)

Commission Members Excused:

Tom Drean, State Geologist

Commission Staff Present:

Eric Easton, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Michael Armstrong, Attorney General's Office (via Telephone)

Enhanced Oil Recovery Institute Staff Present:

Steve Carpenter, Director
Rob Hurless, Deputy Director
Chana Conley, Office Assistant, Senior

I. Call to Order

Vice Chairman Otteman called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Senator Eli moved to approve the minutes from April 12, 2017 Enhanced Oil Recovery Commission (EORC) meeting as published. Commissioner Baugh seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

III. New Business

Vice Chairman Otteman informed the EORC that circumstances regarding the relocation of EORI staff from Laramie, Wyoming to Casper, Wyoming had altered. Director Carpenter informed the Commission that two of the Laramie assets had agreed to relocate to Casper. The remaining two Laramie staff decided to not renew contracts when the current contract period

expired. The decisions by staff eliminated the budgetary questions brought forth at the September EORC Meeting.

Senator Bebout informed the EORC review of statutes and the opinion of the Legislative Service Office (LSO) agreed a full relocation of EORI assets to Casper was acceptable and would not impact existing relationship with the University of Wyoming.

Motion: Senator Bebout moved to allow the Director of EORI to proceed with the movement of staff from Laramie to Casper in an orderly manner by June 30, 2018. Commissioner True seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Senator Bebout asked for clarification on the current number of EORI staff and if that was a reduction from when the institute was located in Laramie. Director Carpenter verified there was sixteen full time staff of EORI and two part time staff. EORI had previously employed twenty-six staff in Laramie. Director Carpenter also confirmed there was enough office space in Casper for the relocating staff and planned additional hires. Additional office space was included in operating cost budget for the following biennium.

IV. Adjourn

Motion: Senator Bebout moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner True seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

****Meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM****



Aaron Otteman, Vice Chairman