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Special Meeting via Teleconference

April 10, 2012, 3:30 PM

Laramie, WY

Commission Members Present:

Peter Wold, Chairman

Bruce Williams, Vice-Chairman

Eli Bebout

Tom Drean

Betty Fear

Bern Hinckley

Aaron Otteman

Commission Staff:

Kathy Olson, Commission Staff Assistant

Eric Easton, Commission Staff Attorney

Enhanced Oil Recovery Institute Staff:

David Mohrbacher, Director

Geoff Thyne

Allen Tanner

Sheena Xie

I. Call To Order

Chairman Wold called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

II. FY12 Budget Update

Kathy Olson reviewed the current budget update and discussed the budget categories under spent. The proposal to purchase lab equipment for the expanded lab facilities in the new Energy Building was discussed by the Commission. A motion to approve transferring the under spent Field Demonstration budget to Equipment to purchase the lab equipment was made by Commissioner Bebout, seconded by Commissioner Hinckley. Motion carried. Commissioner Bebout cautioned spending such a large amount at the end of the biennium and suggested further planning to prevent this in the future. Commissioner Drean agreed and suggested for the next fiscal year, adding the two budget categories of Field Demonstrations and Equipment together for one line item.

Director Mohrbacher outlined the Proposal to SER for additional lab equipment , due Apr 20. Geoff Thyne explained that three estimates have been received for the PVT and Slim Tube apparatus lab equipment proposed to be purchased if SER funds the proposal. Chandler Engineering is the U.S. company that he recommends. The university receives an educational 6% discount. Commissioner Drean recommended that the software needs also be considered in the future cost of this equipment.

A motion to approve the EORI proposal to SER requesting the PVT and Slim Tube lab equipment was made by Vice-Chairman Williams, seconded by Aaron Otteman. Motion passed.

The Commission discussed the possibility of needing an MOU between SER and EORI, should the proposal be funded and which Departments at UW will use this equipment.

A question was raised about whether EORI as a State Agency would own this equipment if they were to ever leave campus, or would UW retain the equipment. An action item was made for Kathy Olson to inquire about this.

III. Adjournment

The Special Meeting of the EORC was adjourned at 4:30 PM.