

Enhanced Oil Recovery Commission Public Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 21, 2022 1:00-5:00 PM MDT
EORI Conference Room, 2435 King Blvd, Casper
Or via ZOOM: <https://uwyo.zoom.us/j/95543314437>

I. Call to Order – Chairman Hendricks

a. Roll Call/Quorum – Chairman Hendricks

EORI Conference Room: Chairman Hendricks, Bob King, Dave True, Lon Whitman, Roger Hillibush, Gabe Tullis

ZOOM Attendees: EORC commissioners: Eli Bebout, Chad Brister, Erin Campbell Holly Krutka—SER

Absent EORC Commissioners: Rep. Burkhart, Randall Luthi

b. Commissioner Terms – Updates Chairman Hendricks

- Chad Brister
- Dave True
- Ken Hendricks

Governor approved both Chad and Dave. Ken Hendricks was reappointed to the Wyoming Oil and Gas Commission and therefore can fulfill the remaining two years on the EORC.

II. Minutes – Chairman Hendricks

a. Minutes provided for perusal and approved.

III. Director's Report – Acting Director Lon Whitman

a. Budget – Surplus for 2022 of \$256,000 in State funded budget

b. Ideas for levelling the surplus

- Cost share projects in Muddy and Minnelusa
- IT upgrades, hardware
- Data support
- Training for staff

c. All \$1.9 million reverted back to EORC. No constraints in spending, have until 2026 to spend.

- Contract staff
- Outreach
- IT hardware

Chairman Hendricks discussed the meeting with the governor and the stated emphasis on outreach being important.

All budget decisions will be monitored by the commission.

Biennium budget has passed. Governor has passed the employee salary increase and this will be added to our budget.

Dave True commented that there will be a meeting with UW about budgets soon.

New templates have been provided to increase information flow.

All staff evaluations are complete for 2021.

Relations with UW have improved.

Outreach meetings have been happening. Getting a good response.

North Dakota Conference in Anchorage in May—Lon will be contacting the Governor's calendar scheduling to be sure the governor will be able to participate.

Bob King requested that we make sure we have representation at this meeting even if the governor is not able to be there.

There will be representation from SER present at the conference as well.

The Advisory Board was brought up, there is interest in re-engaging with the TAB from their side as well as ours. There will need to be some reorganizing of membership, but action on the TAB will be addressed after the director search is finished. The EORC would like to have a more active role in TAB organization.

IV. Financial Report—Gabe Tullis

New templates are well received, a request for percent of Fiscal year budget spent and percent of total budget for the year that has been spent to be displayed was made by Dave True.

IT hardware does not need to be purchased through UW.

Non-Fiscal Accounts explained as clearly as it can be. These accounts can be used for things that cannot be paid for with state funds. Sponsorships to SPE or AAGP etc.

Request for a highlight of possible shortfalls or overages on the reports.

DOE Grants:

Comments made about Southern States Energy Board (SSEB) project, EORI has not been involved yet, was a project that Steve Carpenter brought to EORI and with him leaving, Lon has reached out to assume Steve roll in the project but has yet to hear from them.

Jeff Brown was noted as an economics expert that is on staff but only hourly and through DOE grant payments.

Holly Krutka made a note about moving away from pass through work more toward active work to build up expertise in Wyoming.

V. Technical Projects

New project report template. Better at a glance report and a detail report is also provided.

Oil and Gas Basin by Basin study. High level project review. Hoping to have a draft by end of April. Hope it will stimulate conversation about oil and gas in the state. Discussed the viability of Oil and Gas for the next few decades.

Template for grant funded projects.

- ROZ – meeting with Contango Monday March 28, 2022 in Tulsa, OK
- Tight Gas—Oxy is pleased with progress
- Blue Buffalo Tall grass—capture with moves toward storage or CO₂ EOR
- SSEB—No actionable items
- Carbon Safe—moving into Phase III Commercialization and again if moves toward CO₂ EOR we will be involved in reporting
- Reaction Engineering—project not funded for second Phase

Mohammad Piri's project was brought up. EORI is involved in this project. The extent of our obligation is to be determined.

Break

VI. Technology Projects—Roger Hillibush

New templates received well and provide more clarity.

Overview of IT infrastructure, new hardware and software for servers. Now looking to end user hardware. Developed a hardware renewal policy, specific to type of work used because engineering and geology have different needs. Policy needs updating due to supply issues and availability.

Projects:

- Website update—hope that will be updated by the end of the year.
- Casper Log Library—action needed is determining what to do with the materials we have deemed we do not need. Suggestions for American Heritage center, State archives, Denver log archive, Casper college has expressed interested, TGS is a log service company are all possibilities after right of refusal is confirmed with former owners. Deadline for refusal is the end of March.
- WPA Infrastructure—GIS services for interactive online maps. All servers from WPA have been migrated over to EORI and all that is left to migrate the subscribers. Hopefully all services will be migrated by the end of the month.
- EORI intranet portal—internal database queries to extract data packages for EORI staff. Data can be exported for any software package needed. Project does not have priority, is worked on as we have time outside other obligations.
- Data search tool—for internal search. Large amount of internal data, but no way to search it. This is a back burner project but there has been a software update that will allow searching within the files, not just by name.
- WyRIT 3.0—Update to the current online application. Make easier to use and update the information attached to it.

Continuous activities:

- Well data—quality checking data for use internally. Checking well data from WYOGCC and then making it available to internal users. We have good collaboration with WYOGCC and when we find errors, we provide those corrections back to them for them to do with as they will.

OIL and Gas Fair questions.

Move to go back to in person? Costs and interest necessitate a revisit of the concept. Original idea was a money-making enterprise, but we would have to evaluate how EORI would go forward. Going forward there is a virtual conference talk in the works about electricity costs in the field.

Security in the IT for EORI. EORI is nested behind UW's firewall. Also have internal security set up. Partnered with Computer Logic and active backup onsite and off-site.

VII. New Chairman—Bob King if elected.

New vice chair will be needed, with thoughts that this person would be prepared to take over as Chair at a future date.

Are there any restrictions on who can serve as chair or vice chair?

Discussion of Vice Chair is tabled until after the Director search and MOU discussion with UW.

Next meeting:

Directors search closes April 3. Commissioners will be involved Ad Hoc, nothing formal needs to be set up.

Regular Quarterly meeting: First two weeks in June, Lon will send around dates and determination will be made by availability of commissioners.

Holly Krutka invited the commission to join in the WEA meeting in June or September if scheduling can be worked out.

Public Session was adjourned at about 3:17 pm. Chairman Ken Hendricks moved to adjourn, and Commissioner Bebout seconded the motion.

VIII Executive Session—Chairman Hendricks

Ken Hendricks, Chairman