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MEETING MINUTES

November 18, 2025 – 2:00pm
Meeting Virtual via Zoom

Commission Members Present:

Chairman Robert King

Commission Member(s) Via Zoom:

Vice Chairman Chad Brister
Commissioner Ken Hendricks
Commissioner and Interim State Geologist Ranie Lynds
Commissioner Paul Ulrich
Commissioner Eli Bebout

Commissioner(s) Excused:

Commissioner Reuben Tarver

Commission Staff Present via Zoom:

Assistant Attorney General Stephanie Sneesby

Guest(s) Present:

None

Guest(s) Present Via Zoom:

Wyoming Energy Authority Executive Director Rob Creager
Holly Krutka, Executive Director, School of Energy Resources
Scott Ellingson
Bill Beck, Bureau of Land Management

Enhanced Oil Recovery Institute Staff Present:

Director Lon Whitman
Deputy Director Roger Hillibush

Enhanced Oil Recovery Institute Staff Present via Zoom:

Senior Geologist Paul Davis
Business Manager Gabe Tullis
Senior Petroleum Engineer Shuiquan Li
GIS Manager Kellie Cairns Vlastos



I. Call to Order

****2:01pm Chairman King called the meeting to order; roll was taken, and a quorum was established.**

Chairman King made a motion to modify the agenda, allowing School of Energy Resources (SER) Director Holly Krutka to speak first. After this adjustment, Chairman King requested a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Ulrich moved to approve the modified agenda, Commissioner Ken Hendricks seconded, and the agenda was approved.

II. Minutes

Motion: Commissioner Lynds moved to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2025, Enhanced Oil Recovery Commission (EORC) meeting as published. Commissioner Brister seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

III. School of Energy Resources

School of Energy Resources Director Holly Krutka is resigning from SER. She appreciates the role the EORC and EORI have in the state of Wyoming.

IV. Director's Report

Director Whitman mentioned that the budget for the next biennium has been approved by the governor's office and will be presented to the Joint Appropriations Committee (JAC) January 7, 2026. There is a request for an additional \$558,000 for two positions included in the budget. There is also a request for an extension on the \$1.9 million of reverted monies and we are requesting a two-year extension on the use of the money for pilot and cost share projects. There is roughly \$900,000 left to spend, and the amount used so far has been highly beneficial to Wyoming's oil and gas production.

Director Whitman noted the two Department of Energy (DOE) projects the Enhanced Oil Recovery Institute (EORI) is managing will be completed this year. EORI will not be pursuing new DOE projects going forward. EORI is available to provide support upon request; however, it will no longer manage DOE projects going forward.

Director Whitman attended the Carbon Utilization Research Council (CURC) Fall Membership meeting November 12, 2025, in Washington DC. There he presented on WY-EOR and was well received. Director Whitman will be attending the Midland CO₂ Conference and presenting with Wyoming Energy Authority (WEA) Executive Director Rob Creager, Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (WOGCC) Supervisor Tom Kropatch, and Petroleum Association of Wyoming (PAW) President Pete Obermuller on EOR advances in Wyoming. They will address how Wyoming is using technology, funding, regulatory and legislative means to facilitate EOR in Wyoming's oil and gas sector.

For the remainder of the director's report, commissioners were referred to the report provided. No questions were asked.

V. IT Data Technology Highlights

A report was provided and no questions were asked.



VI. Commission Meeting Schedule for 2026

1st Quarter:

- March 19th 1-4 pm – Virtual (will allow discussion of the Budget Session)

2nd Quarter: Casper

- Wednesday, June 10, 11am-8pm: EORC Legislative Luncheon, Afternoon field trip, Dinner
- Thursday, June 11, 8am-12pm: Breakfast and 2nd Quarter EORC Meeting

3rd Quarter: TDB, Cody

- Wed/Thurs, Sept 9-10 – Cody: Legislative Luncheon, EORC Meeting, Industry Forum –EORI, WOGCC, WEA and PAW

4th Quarter:

- Thursday, November 12, 1-5 pm --Virtual

VII. Financial Report

A report was provided and no questions were asked.

VIII. EORC/UW MOU

There is an MOU between the Enhanced Oil Recovery Commission and the University of Wyoming. It has been in place since 2006 and has been revised four times since its inception. The time has come again to revise and refine the relationship between UW and EORC. Chairman King invited SER Director Holly Krutka, WEA Executive Director Rob Creager, and Wyoming Attorney General Representative Stephanie Sneesby to join the Commission in revising the MOU document.

IX. Executive Session

At 2:29 pm Chairman King requested an executive session for review and revising the MOU between the University of Wyoming and the Enhanced Oil Recovery Commission. Commissioner Ken Hendricks moved for executive session and Commissioner Ranie Lynds seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

X. Return to Public Session

At 4:19 pm Chairman King requested a motion to return to public session. Commissioner Hendricks moved for the return to public session, Commissioner Brister seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

XI. Comments from Commissioners

There were no comments from the commissioners.

XII. Future Meeting Dates

1st Quarter: March 19, 2026, 1-4 pm – Virtual (will allow discussion of the Budget Session)

XIII. Adjourn

Chairman King made a motion to adjourn at 4:20pm. There was no objection and the meeting was adjourned.

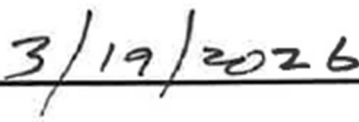
**** Meeting adjourned at 4:20pm ****



XIV. Minutes Approved



Robert King, Chairman



Date

APPROVED