

**ERC Meeting
Minutes
March 26, 2010**

Members present:

Ron Harper, CEO & General Manager, Basin Electric Power Coop, (Council Chairman)
Representative Tom Lockhart (Council Vice Chairman)
Maha Mahasenan – Senior Policy Advisor, Hydrogen Energy
Ingrid Burke - Ex officio, Director, RIENR
Senator Charles Townsend

Members absent:

Rob Wallace, Keith Rattie, Paul Lang, Jim Kleckner, Tom Buchanan,

Other Attendees:

Myron Allen, Bill Gern, Don Richards, Susan Weidel, Mark Northam, Cath Harris, Mary Byrnes, Sarah Schulmeyer, Rob Hurless, Pam Henderson

Welcome and Approval of the Agenda and Minutes

Chairman Ron Harper called the meeting to order at approximately 8:00 am. Chairman Harper stated for the record that he had been unaware of any involvement with Basin Electric Power and Cirus Energy due to the Clean Coal Task Force recommending Cirus Energy as a recipient of 2009 Clean Coal funding.

Harper stated he would recuse himself from any future decisions involving Cirus Energy.

Tom Lockhart motioned and Chuck Townsend seconded that the 11/20/09, the 2/1/10, minutes, and the March 26, 2010 agenda be accepted. The motion was passed unanimously. (Minutes Appendix A & B) (Agenda – Appendix C)

Legislative Session Update

Don Richards gave an update on the legislation that occurred involving the School of Energy Resources. (Appendix D) Chairman Harper requested from Richards a condensed text of the legislation to be sent to any missing ERC.

Susan Weidel gave an update on the liability issues involving the ERC management of the Carbon Management Center. They included the below:

- Coverage through the Wyoming Governmental Claims Act (Appendix E)
- Additional coverage under the Educator's Legal Liability policy

Chairman Harper requested from Weidel the parameters of what constitutes Executive Session, which she will be attaining for the ERC.

New Hires

Northam gave an update on the hiring of Ron Surdam, as the new Carbon Management Director, and David Mohrbacher, the new Director for EORI. (Org Chart for SER, Appendix F) (Org Chart for EORI, Appendix G)

Chairman Harper requested an org chart for GE, reflecting where SER fits in.

Budget Update

Northam gave an update on the budget. (Appendix H)

Chairman Harper asked what the UW distribution was for incoming revenue from the clean coal projects. Bill Gern responded by directing the ERC to the organization in the university's UniReg 641, which SER will provide to the ERC.

Future Events

Mary Byrnes gave an update on future events. (Appendix I) SER will send the ERC the link for them to register for the Advanced Coal Conference, the Uranium survey information, and previous conference attendance.

Update on Energy Resource Center Building

Northam gave an update on the Energy Resource Center including that the architect and construction company has been chosen.

Fundraising

Ben Blalock gave an update on fundraising. (Appendix J)

Other Business

Northam gave several other updates:

- There is a name change of the Research Centers to “Centers of Excellence”
- There are four new incoming students to the degree program
- Northam will send out an update on his trip to Australia regarding clean coal

Action Items

- Legislative update for missing ERC members
- Text of the liabilities issues and additional insurance policy
- Executive Session guidelines
- Legislation for the budget and authority for EORI and authority for SER
- Organizational Chart of GE under SER
- UniReg 641 in regard to revenue for SER from commercialization of research projects
- Uranium survey information
- Previous conference attendance
- Clean Coal website for ERC registration
- Queensland trip update
- 2010 clean coal rfp.
- The June 25, 2010 meeting has been changed to June 18 in Denver

A motion was made at approximately 10:40 a.m. by Tom Lockhart to end the meeting, and the motion was seconded by Chuck Townsend. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Harper, Chairman