

**Minutes of the University of Wyoming ERC Meeting
May 25, 2007**

Members present:

Ron Harper – CEO& General Manager, Basin Electric Power Coop, (Council Chairman)
Senator Charles Townsend
Paul Lang – President Western Operations, Arch Coal Inc.
Representative Tom Lockhart (Council Vice Chairman)
Keith Rattie – Chairman, President & CEO, Questar Corporation
Bobby Shackouls – Chairman, Burlington Resources Inc. (retired)
Rob Wallace – Manager, Government Relations, G.E. Energy
Rob Hurlless- Energy and Telecommunications Policy Advisor
Ex officio, RIENR Director Harold Bergman

Members absent:

Mark Davies – General Manager, Rio Tinto Energy America
Tom Stroock – CEO, Alpha Development Corp; former US Ambassador
Ex officio, UW President Tom Buchanan

Welcome and Approval of the Agenda and Minutes

Chairman Ron Harper called the meeting to order at 10:00. Senator Townsend motioned and Bobby Shackouls seconded that the agenda be accepted. Keith Rattie motioned the minutes be accepted and Tom Lockhart seconded. The motion was passed unanimously. (Agenda-Appendix A) (Minutes 4/27/07-Appendix B)

Status of Director Search

Mark Northam has accepted the position of Director for the School of Energy Resources. He will start at the end of August, and there will be a press release soon.

Chairman Harper and the Energy Resource Council thanked Carol Frost for her hard work and all that she has accomplished in her term of Interim Director for the School of Energy Resources.

Myron Allen, VP of Academic Affairs, thanked the Council for their involvement as well.

Update on the Four Professorship Searches

Frost stated that formal letters had gone out to three of the candidates, and UW is waiting to hear their responses. The initial coal candidate has turned down his offer, making this an ongoing search. Chairman Harper requested an update on these through the ERC bimonthly update.

Update on Academic Activities

Pam Henderson gave an update on the Energy Summer Institute which would occur June 10- 22. ConocoPhillips would be attending a special session meeting with the high school students on June 13. Henderson will send council members the information on the luncheon planned.

Update on Research Center Development

The SER has provided seed funding to three of the SER research centers:

- Solar and Fuel Cells Group, SER Center for Renewable Energy Resources
Proposal: *Energy Nanoscience: solar cells, fuel cells, and energy storage*
- Sustained Biogenic Production of Coal-Bed Methane Group, SER Center for Coal Bed Natural Gas: *Sustained Biogenic Production of Coal-Bed Methane*
- Wyoming Reclamation and Restoration Center, SER Center for Arid Lands Restoration Ecology: *Mechanisms by which sagebrush facilitates recovery of disturbed steppe ecosystems*

Update on Fundraising

Ben Blalock gave an update on his meeting with Marathon and Anadarko. Both have stated that the School of Energy Resources can count on financial support. Blalock stated that Ultra has stated SER will have their financial partnership, and ConocoPhillips would provide a financial proposal this summer. BP America is preparing a meeting with the governor, and would announce their commitment to SER at that time. The coal industry will be the next area of funding partnerships the Foundation will embark on.

Update on ENR Activities

Director, Harold Bergman gave an introduction to the Ruckelshaus Institute of Environment and Natural Resources Institute and the Helga Otto Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources. Bergman discussed the school's mission and values, and the institute's interaction and cooperation with their Board.

Financial Report

The financial report was accepted. The question of how the budget would operate in the fiscal year of 2008 was discussed. Myron Allen responded by stating it would follow what is in the academic and financial plan.

Chairman Harper raised the question of what would occur with ERC members Mark Davies and Tom Stroock, whom were designated as one year members. Frost stated that the intention of the governor was to reappoint them.

Future Meetings

It was determined that the ERC would not meet again until the meeting in Laramie on September 21, with the option of Chairman Harper calling a teleconference meeting if necessary.

Keith Rattie requested the ERC prepare a resolution of gratitude to be given to the governor for Carol Frost's distinguished service.

Keith Rattie made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Shackouls seconded it. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:40.

Respectfully Submitted

Ron Harper, Chairman

Appendix A

Agenda – May 25, 2007 Energy Resource Council Meeting

- 1) Review of minutes from 4/27/07 and agenda for 5/25/07.
- 2) Status of Director Search
- 3) Update on 4 professorship searches
- 4) Update on academic activities
- 5) Update on research center development
- 6) Update on fundraising-Ben Blalock
- 7) Report on ENR activities-Harold Bergman
- 6) Financial Report
- 7) Upcoming meetings.

Appendix B

Minutes of the University of Wyoming Energy Resources Council April 27, 2007

Council members present:

Mark Davies – General Manager, Rio Tinto Energy America
Ron Harper – CEO & General Manager, Basin Electric Power Coop, (Council Chairman)
Senator Charles Townsend
Paul Lang – President Western Operations, Arch Coal Inc.
Keith Rattie – Chairman, President & CEO, Questar Corporation
Tom Stroock – CEO, Alpha Development Corp; former US Ambassador
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Council members absent:

Representative Tom Lockhart (Council Vice Chairman)
Bobby Shackouls – Chairman (retired), Burlington Resources Inc.
Ex officio, UW President Tom Buchanan

Welcome and Approval of the Agenda

Chairman Ron Harper called the meeting to order at 9:30. Paul Lang motioned and Mark Davies seconded that the agenda and minutes be accepted. The motion was passed unanimously. (Agenda-Appendix A) (Minutes 3/23/07-Appendix B)

Update on Director Search

Vice President for Academic Affairs Myron Allen encouraged members to continue to participate in the teleconference calls set up specifically for the members to speak with the candidates, and to call in for the discussion of all five candidates on May 1.

Update on Four Professorships, Academic Activities, and Research Centers

Members received a written update (Appendix C) on these, and no questions were posed.

Update on Financial Report

A more detailed format was distributed and accepted.

IHS News Energy on Demand

Tom Stroock posed the question of promoting the School of Energy Resources through a variety of media's, IHS being one. It was decided to wait for a permanent director to come on board to decide the best way to do this.

Future Meetings

May 25 is the next meeting in Laramie, Wyoming. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 by a motion made by Keith Rattie and seconded by Paul Lang.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ron Harper, Chairman