

**Drafted Minutes of the UW Energy Resource Council
May 29, 2009**

Members present:

Representative Tom Lockhart (Council Vice Chairman)
Senator Charles Townsend
Ron Harper – CEO & General Manager, Basin Electric Power Coop, (Council Chairman)
Paul Lang – President Western Operations, Arch Coal Inc.
Maha Mahasenan – Senior Policy Advisor, Rio Tinto Energy America
Rob Wallace – Manager, Government Relations, G.E. Energy
Ingrid Burke - Ex officio, Director, RIENR

Members absent:

Keith Rattie – Chairman, President, & CEO, Questar Corporation
Tom Stroock - CEO, Alpha Development Corp; former US Ambassador
Tom Buchanan - Ex officio, UW President

Meeting Attendees:

Mark Northam
Rob Hurless
Cath Harris
Pam Henderson
Sarah Schulmeyer
Bill Gern
Chris Spooner
Mary Byrnes
Don Richards
K.J. Reddy

Introduction of Maha Mahasenan

Chairman Ron Harper introduced new Council member, Maha Mahasenan, Senior Policy Advisor with Rio Tinto Energy America. Harper announced that James Kleckner, VP of Operations for Anadarko Petroleum Corporation would be replacing council member, Bobby Shackouls. Harper also distributed council member, Keith Rattie's "*Energy Myths and Realities*".

Welcome and Approval of the Agenda and Minutes

Chairman Ron Harper called the meeting to order at approximately 8:50 am. Paul Lang motioned and Tom Lockhart seconded that the May 29 agenda be accepted, and Tom Lockhart motioned the November 14, 2008 minutes be accepted. Paul Lang seconded the motion. Both motions were passed unanimously. (Minutes Appendix A) (Agenda – Appendix B)

Update on GE

Bill Gern gave an update on GE. A site selection has been determined in Cheyenne, and agreements between GE and UW continue. Chairman Harper questioned the reasoning behind choosing Cheyenne versus an area close to the Powder River Basin coals. Gern explained it was less costly to ship Illinois #8 coal and Powder River Basin coals to Cheyenne than to ship Illinois coals to the Powder River Basin area, and that Cheyenne has a good base of technical people for employment. Vice Chairman Lockhart questioned what the best way to support this project is. Gern articulating, "that support of the project

would be the best support". Rob Wallace conveyed that someone from GE could be at the September, 2009 Joint Minerals Committee meeting in Jackson to answer any questions, if needed.

Update on 2009 Legislative Session

Don Richards gave an update on the 2009 legislative session addressing the below areas:

- Uranium Project: \$1.6 million to build a uranium center
- Clean Coal Technology: \$ 10.6 million for clean coal technology projects
- HB295: Western States Energy Environment Symposium-SER to develop plans
- Carbon Management Center: \$ 8 million for center

Update on Existing Gifts and Fundraising

Chris Spooner gave an update on the building fund (Appendix C) and the Foundation Gift Report. Appendix D)

Update on SER Status and Accomplishments

Northam gave a PowerPoint presentation (Appendix E) on the following accomplishments and status:

- Budget: Northam turned the budget report (Appendix F) over to Executive Business Manager, Cath Harris. Harris explained the challenges facing SER with using AML funds. Lockhart asked if AML funds can be matched. Gern said there are times when there can be a federal to federal match of funds. SER is still waiting to hear on this. Senator Townsend expressed the need to educate the legislature about the challenges of funding SER with AML funds.

Chairman Harper asked about startup funds for SER faculty. Northam explained startup funds were the biggest piece in attracting the best folks to UW. Chairman Harper and Vice Chairman Lockhart both commended Harris on her ability to handle intricate budget issues faced by SER.

Lang would like to see some simplistic changes to the reporting style to reflect revenue and expense.

Other budget areas covered were Matching Grants, (Appendix G) and Graduate Assistantship Awards. (Appendix H)

- Academics: KJ Reddy, Associate Director of Academics gave an update on Academics. (Appendix I)
- Outreach: Mary Byrnes, Associate Director of Energy Outreach gave an update on Outreach. (Appendix J)
- Building: Northam gave an update on the SER building.

Future Meetings

- August 28, 2009
- November 13, 2009 – The November 13 meeting has been changed to November 20 to accommodate a joint meeting time with the UW Board of Trustees.

Chairman Harper made a motion to adjourn the ERC meeting and Rob Wallace seconded it. It was unanimously accepted. The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Ron Harper, Chairman