



Energy Resources Council Draft Minutes

May 30, 2025
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

ATTENDANCE

Energy Resources Council (ERC)

Chairman Cindy Crane, Sen. Ed Cooper, Rep. Scott Heiner, Bill Miller, Charlene Russell, David Emery, Mark Doelger, Peter Gottfried

School of Energy Resources (SER) and UW

Holly Krutka, Christine Reed, Jerry Evans, Scott Quillinan, Trina Igelsrud Pfeiffer, Kyle Summerfield, Ayla Carncross, Cole James, Eugene Holubnyak, Angela Ver Ploeg, Heather Chandler, Marie Dudgeon, Lon Whitman, Kami Danaei, Fred McLaughlin, Rachel Ferrell, Matt Fry, Larissa Rutz, Selena Gerace, Kristi Russow, Pat McLean, Kimi Takaki, Kaleb Peterson, Emma-Jane Alexander, Carrie Ver Burg, Cole Swisher, Martha Reisch, Autumn Eakin, Dan Eakin, Mike Smith, Teddi Freedman, James Amato, Resham Thapa

Guests: *Ken Burnes*

ERC REGULAR MEETING: ITEMS BY DETAIL

Call to Order

Chairman Crane called the regular session to order at 7:59 AM.

Approval of Agenda

Chairman Crane requested that the budget approval for FY26 be moved forward in the agenda to be included in the Executive Director's report.

Motion - Chairman Crane made a motion to approve the agenda as amended.

Peter Gottfried seconded the motion.

The motion was approved without objection.

Approval of April 2025 Minutes

Motion - Chairman Crane made a motion to approve the April 2025 minutes.

Charlene Russell seconded the motion.

The motion was approved without objection.

SER Executive Director Report

Overview and Updates - Holly Krutka

Executive Director Krutka provided an overview of the proposed budgets for FY26, including the standard budget, exception funding, and the Wyoming Integrated Test Center (ITC). She also provided a summary of the proposed goals for each unit in SER.

SER's FY26 budgetary approval request included authority to spend:

- The SER standard budget of \$10,553,904
- Exception funding, including permission to fully expend the first allocation of nuclear funding and access the second tranche of nuclear research funding, as well as permission to access existing exception funding to conduct the research, design, and detailed engineering of the solvent extraction field demonstration project, in the amounts from the exceptions funds previously appropriated as follows:
 1. FY23 Hydrogen Center of Excellence: \$67,013
 2. FY23 Nuclear Energy Collaboration (Allocation 1): \$258,906
 3. FY24 Carbon Engineering/Research & Solvent Extraction Detailed Design: \$1,750,000
 4. FY24 Mowry: \$729,667
 5. FY25 Carbon Engineering/Solvent Extraction Field Demonstration Plant: \$3,150,000
 6. FY25 Nuclear Energy Collaboration (Allocation 2): \$1,300,000
 7. FY25 Lithium Extraction Competition/XPRIZE: \$250,000
- The ITC FY26 budget totaling \$1,101,310

Motion - Peter Gottfried made a motion to approve the proposed FY26 standard budget. David Emery seconded the motion. The motion was approved without objection.

Motion - David Emery made a motion to approve the spending of exception funds in FY26, utilizing \$7,505,586 (subtotals above) of exception funding. Peter Gottfried seconded the motion. The motion was approved without objection.

Motion - Charlene Russell made a motion to approve the FY26 proposed ITC budget. David Emery seconded the motion. The motion was approved without objection.

Reports/Motions

Full copies of the following SER reports are available in the May ERC Folio or upon request.

Presenting Director Reports

- Research – Scott Quillinan
- Center for Economic Geology Research – Fred McLaughlin
- Center for Carbon Capture and Conversion – Trina Igelsrud Pfeiffer
- Philanthropy and Development – Angela Ver Ploeg and Teddi Freedman

SER Financial Report – Rachel Ferrell and Holly Krutka

New Business

No new business.

Executive Session

No executive session.

Adjournment

Chairman Crane adjourned the meeting at 10:45 AM with no objection.

NEXT MEETING DETAILS

August 14-15, 2025 in Laramie, Wyoming

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Cindy Crane
Chairman

Ed Cooper
Vice Chairman