



Energy Resources Council

Draft Minutes

April 2, 2026

7:30 AM - 1:30 PM

ATTENDANCE

Energy Resources Council (ERC)

Chairman David Emery, Cindy Crane, Don Burkhart, Jr., Sen. Jim Anderson, Rep. Scott Heiner, Bill Miller, Peter Gottfried, Charlene Russell (online)

Ex. Officio and Liaisons

President Ed Seidel

School of Energy Resources (SER) and UW

Scott Quillinan, Fred McLaughlin, Christine Reed, Kristi Russow, Jerry Evans, Matt Fry, Lon Whitman, Trina Igelsrud Pfeiffer, Kami Danaei, Angela Ver Ploeg, Teddi Freedman, Rachel Ferrell, Erin Phillips, Kyle Summerfield, Autumn Eakin, Charles Nye, Eugene Holubnyak, Carrie Ver Burg, Marie Dudgeon (online), Pat McLean (online), Martha Reisch (online), Kaleb Peterson (online), Tiffany Bishop (online), Heather Chandler (online), Sarah Buckhold (online), Esther Wagner (online), Frankie Vogt (online), James Amato (online), Cole Swisher (online), Madison Mankin (online), Joseph Rezac (online), Mohammad Piri

Guests

Ken Burnes (online)

ERC REGULAR MEETING: ITEMS BY DETAIL

Call to Order

Chairman Emery called the meeting to order at 7:31 AM.

Approval of Agenda

Motion – Rep. Heiner made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Burkhart seconded the motion.

The motion passed without objection.

Approval of November 2025 Minutes

Motion – Ms. Crane made a motion to approve the November 2025 minutes. Rep. Heiner seconded the motion.

The motion was approved without objection.

Welcome to New ERC members

The ERC formally welcomed the Honorable Don Burkhart, Jr. and Senator Jim Anderson to the Council.

The Council noted official correspondence from the Wyoming Legislative Service Office regarding a change in Senate representation. Following the resignation of Senator Ed Cooper from both the ERC and his position as Vice Chair, it was announced that Senator Jim Anderson has been appointed to the ERC, effective immediately.

Motion – Ms. Crane made a motion to reappoint Sen. Anderson as Vice Chair of the ERC. Mr. Burkhart seconded the motion.

The motion was approved without objection.

SER Acting Executive Director Report - Scott Quillinan

It was reported that the Wyoming Legislature approved the standard budget during its recent session as well as SER Exception Funding Requests.

The approval includes:

- Exception funding request specifically for the Coal Refinery Field Demonstration Plant.
- Exception funding request for required matching funds for ongoing projects and gifts.

UW Updates - President Seidel

Legislative Updates: Sen. Anderson and Rep. Heiner

Philanthropy and Development - Angela Ver Ploeg and Teddi Freedman

Deans/Directors Reports and Motions

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

Questions for non-presenting Directors

- 3D Visualization Center (3D Viz) - Kyle Summerfield
- Academics - Kami Danaei
- Outreach - Christine Reed

Presenting Dean/Director Reports

- Research - Scott Quillinan and Erin Phillips
- Center for Economic Geology Research (CEGR) - Fred McLaughlin
- Center for Carbon Capture and Conversion (CCCC) - Trina Igelsrud Pfeiffer
- Center for Energy Regulation and Policy Analysis - Matt Fry

- Hydrogen Energy Research Center – Eugene Holubnyak
- Enhanced Oil Recovery Institute – Lon Whitman
- Center of Innovation for Flow Through Porous Media – Mohommad Piri

SER Financial Report – Rachel Ferrell

New Business

Conflict-of-Interest Policy

Motion – Ms. Crane made a motion to approve the Conflict-of-Interest policy as written. Mr. Gottfried seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

SER Executive Director Search Update

Chairman Emery provided a brief overview of the search process to date and the anticipated next steps.

Executive Session

The ERC moved to Executive Session at 12:07 PM.

Regular session resumed at 12:48 PM.

Adjournment

Motion – Mr. Burkhardt made a motion to adjourn the regular session. Mr. Gottfried seconded the motion. The motion passed without objection and the meeting was adjourned at 12:49 PM.

TASKS AND ASSIGNMENTS

Report if any students/UW reps attend the American Nuclear Society meeting, May 31–June 3, 2026.

NEXT MEETING DETAILS

June 5, 2026, to be conducted virtually.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

David Emery
Chairman

Jim Anderson
Vice Chairman