



## Energy Resources Council

### Draft Minutes

February 11, 2022

7:30 AM - 1:30 PM

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#### ATTENDANCE

##### Energy Resources Council (ERC)

*Cindy Crane, Senator Jim Anderson, Carl Bauer, Charlene Russell, David Emery, Vello Kuuskraa, Mark Doelger and Representative Donald Burkhart.*

*Ex-Officio members: Randall Luthi, Dave True*

##### Wyoming Energy Authority

*Paul Ulrich, Wanda Burget, Mark Stege, Donna Lawrence, Ken Hendricks and Ken Miller, Wendy Hutchinson. Ex-officio members: Tom Kropatsch, Holly Krutka and Lon Whitman.*

*Staff: Anja Bendel, Jami Blosmo, and Kaeci Daniels*

##### SER Staff & Guests

*Holly Krutka, Jerry Evans, Richard Horner, Fred McLaughlin, Lon Whitman, Trish Steger, Rachel Ferrell, Emma Jane Alexander, Christine Reed, Kami Danaei, Kipp Coddington, Scott Quillinan, Matthew Johnson, Robert Gregory, and Wendy Lowe*

#### SPECIAL JOINT SESSION - ENERGY RESOURCES COUNCIL AND THE WYOMING ENERGY AUTHORITY BOARD

##### Welcome

Chairman Crane opened the joint session at 7:30 AM with a warm welcome and introduced Paul Ulrich, Chairman of Wyoming Energy Authority (WEA). Introductions were made by both organizations and then, ERC Chairman Crane gave a brief background of the SER/WEA partnership. Chairman Crane introduced SER Executive Director, Holly Krutka and Anja Bendel, WEA Program Director. Dr. Krutka and Ms. Bendel provided an overview of their collaborations including a presentation of the funded projects by WEA. Funded projects have been between \$100k and \$5M and represented many legislative priorities, SER legislative priorities, and infrastructure funding. Dr. Krutka outlined what priorities SER envisioned moving forward to align with the available funds from DOE, WEA, and the legislature.

The floor was opened for discussion between the two boards. Several items were determined to be goal areas to advance the common relationship:

- Hydrogen
- Carbon capture/EOR - advancing the sequestration hubs
- Coal, oil and natural gas - posturing Wyoming natural gas as the gas of choice
- Policy development and research
- Preparation of applications for funding under the Investment in Infrastructure and Jobs Act
- Providing another forum to bring in stakeholders, inclusive of industry

It was agreed that another joint session should be planned for the future, but a date was not determined.

### **SER/WEA Report**

A full copy of the SER/WEA PPT is available upon request.

Closure of the Special Session

The special session closed at 8:53 AM.

## **ERC REGULAR MEETING ITEMS BY DETAIL**

### **Call to Order**

Chairman Crane called the regularly scheduled ERC meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Motion: Senator Jim Anderson motioned to accept the agenda with one change, item #6 Center, Division and Initiative Discussion, switch presenters Scott Quillinan and Richard Horner in the lineup. Carl Bauer seconded it. Motion passed without objection.

### **Approval of November 2021 and January 22 Minutes**

Motion: Senator Jim Anderson motioned to accept the November 2021 minutes with changes to the consistency of legislative titles and Chairman. An additional change was requested for the January 2022 minutes - amend the excerpt from the WEA funding table to eliminate extra spaces. Dave Emery seconded the motion. Motion passed without objection.

**Reports/Motions**

Full copies of the following SER reports/PPT are available in the February ERC Notebook or upon request.

- **Executive Director - Holly Krutka**
- Dr. Krutka provided a handout to the ERC members, UW Regulations 12-4. SER may seek an MOU or direction from the university of Regulation 12-4, which would more clearly allow SER to meet with the ERC and respond in a timely manner to Wyoming government stakeholders. UW is currently reviewing a similar MOU for the Enhanced Oil Recovery Commission. The ERC discussed the matter and agreed they were comfortable with moving forward with the UW counsel draft MOU, but any final MOU would be subject to ERC approval.
- **Center for Energy Regulation & Policy Analysis - Holly Krutka/Kipp Coddington**
- **Outreach - Christine Reed**
- **3D Visualization Center - Emma Jane Alexander**  
Emma Jane Alexander announced she will be leaving her position at SER on February 28, 2022. Kyle Summerfield will be the acting manager. The ERC expressed their well wishes for Ms. Alexander and thanked her for her services.
- **Center for Economic Geology Research - Fred McLaughlin**
- **Center for Carbon Capture and Conversion - Richard Horner**  
Richard Horner announced the Center was interviewing for their Senior Research position and expected the position to be filled by April 1, 2022.
- **Enhanced Oil Recovery Institute (EORI) - Lon Whitman**
- **Academics - Kami Danaei**
- **Research - Scott Quillinan**  
Scott Quillinan announced the hiring of the new Hydrogen Energy Research Center (H<sub>2</sub>ERC) director, Eugene Holubnyak. The new director will start on March 1, 2022.
- **SER Finance - Rachel Ferrell**

**New Business**

There was no new business for discussion.

**Adjournment**

Motion: Dave Emery moved to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into executive session. Carl Bauer seconded the motion. The motion passed without objection.

Members of the ERC adjourned the regular meeting at 12:56 PM.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Members of the ERC reconvened into executive session for the purpose of personnel discussion.

## NEXT MEETING DETAILS

The next regularly scheduled meeting is June 23 & 24, 2022 at the Hilton Garden Inn.

### Tasks and Assignments

- Projection by category of the critical positions needed by SER to address Wyoming infrastructure opportunities prior to FOAs - Holly Krutka
- Recommendation of SER would provide oversight to the ITC as a center of excellence. Provide an outline of it future directions and the strategies to accomplish those goals - Scott Quillinan & Carl Bauer
- Discussion with Randall Luthi regarding the ITC and actions needed to affect change - Cindy Crane
- Agenda item/session for June ERC meeting - Target a Strategic Collaboration Timeframe with WEA

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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**Cindy Crane**  
*Chairman*

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**James Anderson**  
*Vice-Chairman*