

Energy Resources Council - Special Session Draft Minutes

October 24, 2024 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM VIRTUAL - ZOOM

ATTENDANCE

Energy Resources Council (ERC)

Chairman Cindy Crane, Senator Jim Anderson, Representative Don Burkhart, Carl Bauer, Charlene Russell, Chad Teply, Dave Emery, Vello Krusskaa,

School of Energy Resources (SER) Staff & Members of the Public Holly Krutka, Christine Reed, Kristi Russow, Carrie Ver Burg, Paul Ulrich, Andrew Browning, Kourtney Hadrick, Jim Diemwe, Jeff Hartley

ERC SPECIAL MEETING: ITEMS BY DETAIL

Call to Order

Chairman Crane called the Special Session to order at 4:01 PM.

Exception Funding Request Recommendations and Discussion
Identification of Infrastructure Development Opportunities & Associated Policy/
Legislative Initiatives Draft Proposed SOW*

Full Study \$1.1 Million | Requesting \$500,000 from State of Wyoming

The project is to provide a study of the San Juan / Greater Green River Basins and focus on finding markets for the natural gas produced from those basins and others along the western slope of the Rocky Mountains.

WEA Funds would be allocated from the Economic Development sub-account - \$500,000.

Discussion:

Status of commitments from other entities:

- Utah committed for \$100,000 but seeking \$250,000
- Southern Ute Growth Fund has committee to this project and have other tribal partners to planning to contribute funding. The amount is variable depending on other contributions.
- New Mexico Fund has committed \$300,000 today and contingency of up to \$500,000 (Jason Sandal).



The Exception Review and Recommendation Committee (ERRC) recommended approval of the \$500,000 request with the following conditions:

- \$300,000 of the \$500,000 will be initially released contingent on the receipt confirmation of \$300,000 from the state of New Mexico in matching funds;
- Phase I of the study will focus on the production of gas in the target basins, and not renewables;
- The Energy Resources Council will provide authority to the ERC Exception Review and Recommendation Committee to determine acceptability of initiative screen list and release remaining \$200,000 if deemed appropriate and beneficial to Wyoming, and only if matching funds for remainder are secured from other states and/or tribal nations.

Motion - Chairman Crane asked for a motion to approve the matching funds as requested and as recommended by the ERRC with aforementioned conditions. Representative Burkhart motioned to approve the matching funds with the conditions. Senator Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

<u>Adjournment</u>

Chairman Crane adjourned the Special Session at 4:30 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Cindy Crane
Chairman
Vice Chairman