

Unapproved Minutes
Board of Commissioners of Converse County

The regular meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. on February 19, 2019. Present were Chair Robert Short, Vice-Chair Jim Willox, Commissioners Mike Colling, Rick Grant, Tony Lehner and County Clerk Lucile Taylor.

Mr. Brad Locke, B&M Sand and Gravel, discussed a Road Use Agreement for Inez Road for a gravel pit on the Jim Strock's property. The Commission asked B&M Sand and Gravel and will ask Phillips and Jordan to put Mag Chloride on portions of Inez Road.

Mr. Willox moved to approve the Road Use Agreement for B&M Sand and Gravel as submitted, expiring on February 18, 2024, Mr. Lehner seconded, motion carried.

Mrs. Michelle Carter and Ms. Leah Grimm, updated the Commission on the Douglas Boys & Girls Club.

Mr. Hal Hutchinson reviewed the progress on construction at the CC Jt. Justice Center. The regular meeting recessed at 11:55 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Bill Fehringer, CEPI, representing Black Hills Energy, said BHE would be installing a 12" steel pipeline for 35 miles. The project will start at their facility at Ayres Natural Bridge Road and end in Casper. Construction will begin in April and be may be completed by the end of the year.

Mr. Dave Wait, Mr. Trent Miller and Mr. Jason Brinkley, Saddle Butte Powder Flats Midstream, discussed their Notices of Industrial Activities in northern Converse County which include building a pipeline and other related facilities. The project's target completion date is the end of 2019.

The Commission submitted letters to the WYDEQ on behalf of Saddle Butte Powder Flats Midstream for their Pipeline, Saddle Butte Station #3, Saddle Butte Station #4, Saddle Butte Station #5. Highland Flats Terminal, and Natural Bridge Outlet Station.

The minutes of the regular meeting on February 5 and 6, 2019 were approved and ordered filed.

Mr. Colling moved to approve

RESOLUTION NO. 01-19

CONVERSE COUNTY, WYOMING

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PROJECTS INVOLVING COAL-FIRED POWER GENERATION FACILITIES FOR CABRON CAPTURE AND CO2 UTILIZATION [CCUS] IN WYOMING OIL FIELDS TO ENHANCE OIL RECOVERY, PROVIDE JOBS, PROVIDE TAXES AND WEALTH FROM WYOMING COAL AND OIL FIELDS WHILE GENERATING LOW COST POWER TO WYOMING CITIZENS.

WHEREAS, Projects involving Coal-fired power generation facilities will secure continued demand for coal in the United States.

WHEREAS, Millions of tons of anthropogenic carbon dioxide [CO₂] produced by profitable coal plants facing decommission due to emission controls can be re-purposed to injecting CO₂ for Enhanced Oil Recovery and revitalizing oil fields in Wyoming.

WHEREAS, The Wyoming Enhanced Oil Recovery Institute has found in their February, 2018 report that several economic impact assessments of WY oil and gas production have found

that for every \$1 million worth of oil production, roughly 2.9 to 3.3 jobs are supported in the state. This figure includes direct employment, indirect, induced, and government employment from tax revenues. In fact, roughly 14% of each barrel produced flows back to state and local governments.

WHEREAS, Based upon a USGS study, there are an estimated two billion barrels of stranded crude oil in the State of Wyoming which CO₂ can help recover through the use of tertiary recovery processes using CO₂. Additionally, there are an estimated four billion barrels of stranded crude oil in the Rocky Mountain Region, Wyoming, Idaho, Colorado and Montana) all technically recoverable with CO₂ (per Mark Northam, Executive Director of the University of Wyoming's School of Energy Resources). CO₂ from DJP will be used near Glenrock for the next 20-25 years. CO₂ generated from industrial (anthropogenic) sources such as the Dave Johnston power plant can be transported throughout the Powder River Basin to unlock stranded oil in many Wyoming oil fields.

The Muddy-Glenrock project will act as a springboard by facilitating similar projects throughout the country using the currently contemplated project for the Dave Johnston power plant – involving carbon capture and CO₂ storage via CO₂-EOR – as a model.

WHEREAS, The Carbon Capture Plant at Glenrock's Dave Johnston Power Plant is well ahead of other possible projects within Wyoming. The oil properties are ideal for an initial construction project in Wyoming [a.k.a. 'Petra Nova II'] as a result of proximity and approximately 100 million barrels of recoverable oil located within 5 miles of the Dave Johnston power plant. The proximity of CO₂ storage provides that there are virtually no CO₂ transportation or permitting problems.

WHEREAS, The State of Wyoming owns almost 50% of the minerals under the nearby oil fields (Approximately 22,000 acres). In this regard, a CCUS facility and the subsequent benefits from CO₂ injection (an extrapolation from numerous reports and viability analysis) will add significant amount revenue to the state in the form of royalties, severance and ad valorem. Suffice to say that this facility and the benefits of CO₂ injection will accrue huge financial gain for the State and serve as a marquis project for environmental stewardship and Wyoming strength.

WHEREAS, The CO₂-EOR project can achieve a peak production of 13,700 BOPD (estimated) with approximately 1,500 newly created jobs directly and indirectly related to the composite carbon capture and enhanced oil recovery project.

WHEREAS, The carbon capture projects fitted with CO₂-EOR will make coal clean, increase domestic petroleum reserves, improve America's energy independence, and provide millions of dollars in taxes to Wyoming and the Country.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF CONVERSE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF CONVERSE, WYOMING, RESOLVES:

Section 1. That Converse County Board of County Commissioners wholeheartedly supports the project, for capturing carbon from the Dave Johnston power plant flue gas to produce a CO₂ stream used for CO₂-EOR and similar projects in Wyoming.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of February, 2019.

FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,
CONVERSE COUNTY, WYOMING

Robert Short, Chairman

ATTEST:

Lucile K. Taylor, Converse County Clerk

Mr. Lehner seconded, motion carried.

The regular meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. on February 19, 2019.

Robert Short, Chairman

ATTEST:

Lucile K. Taylor, County Clerk

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