

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules, notice is hereby given that a public hearing is scheduled regarding Rocky Mountain Power's (RMP or the Company) Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to construct new wind turbines and update collector lines at the existing Foote Creek II-IV Wind Energy Facility. **The public hearing is set to commence on Monday, April 25, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., in the Commission's hearing room located at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, in Cheyenne, Wyoming.**

RMP is a public utility as defined in Wyo. Stat. § 37-1-101(a)(vi)(C), subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Wyo. Stat. § 37-2-112.

On October 12, 2021, the Company filed an Application together with supporting testimony and exhibits requesting a CPCN to [i] acquire generation plant assets, [ii] construct new wind turbines and associated infrastructure to replace the 64 previously installed wind turbines; [iii] update existing 34.5 kilovolt (kV) collector lines and install new meteorological instrumentation and communication infrastructure; and [iv] make other upgrades, as necessary, including to existing switchgear and controls equipment and limited road realignments necessary for access to new turbine locations, at the existing Foote Creek II-IV project site (the Foote Creek North Project).

In its Application, RMP states that the Foote Creek North Project is a time limited opportunity that provides benefits to customers by: [i] making full use of existing Company wind energy lease rights at a previously developed wind energy facility to continue energy production using larger, more efficient turbines; and [ii] qualifying the new wind turbines for federal production tax credits (PTCs), which expire 10 years after a facility's commercial operation date. To achieve these benefits, the Company estimates construction of the new turbines to be complete by October 2023. The total cost for the Foote Creek North Project is approximately \$82 million. RMP intends to finance the Foote Creek North Project through its normal internal and external sources of capital. The Wyoming Office of Consumer Advocate, Wyoming Industrial Energy Consumers, and Powder River Basin Resource Council intervened and requested a hearing.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing which will be conducted in accordance with the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act, Wyoming Public Service Commission Rules. All interested persons may appear and be heard, in person, by video or telephone conference, or through counsel appearing in person or by video or telephone conference.

**Attend Zoom Meeting and actively participate at:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89477207020>

**Attend by telephone and actively participate by dialing:**  
 1 253 215 8782 US or 1 669 900 9128 US  
 Meeting ID: 894 7720 7020

Any updates will be announced at: <https://psc.wyo.gov/home/hot-topics>.

If you wish to attend the hearing and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Commission at (307) 777-7427 (Voice or TTY) in Cheyenne during regular business hours or write them at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, to make arrangements. Communications impaired persons may also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay (TTY) by dialing 711. Please mention Docket No. 20000-606-EN-21 in your correspondence. If you wish to listen to the hearing scheduled in this matter go to <https://psc.wyo.gov/calendar/livestream> at the appropriate time and follow the instructions to connect to the hearing.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Douglas Lindamood, representing Son-Rise Operations LLC, has requested a land use change from the Agricultural land use category to the Commercial land use category, to allow a meat processing facility. The subject property is a 3.87 acre parcel located in the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter, Section 24, T46N, R99W. It is addressed as 3673 Grass Creek Rd.

A public hearing on this matter will be held before the Hot Springs County Land Use Planning Commission at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the County Annex Building. Anyone requiring additional information should call the County Planning Office at 864-2961. Those unable to attend are invited to comment in writing to: County Planning, 415 Arapahoe St., Thermopolis, WY 82443, or by e-mail at [hscplanner@hscounty.com](mailto:hscplanner@hscounty.com).

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Brian Hayek, representing Red Rim Ranch LLC, has requested the following:

- Approval of a preliminary subdivision plat to divide 385 acres into 88 single-family residential lots;
- a land use change from the Agricultural land use category to the Residential land use category.

The subject property consists of portions of the south half and SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 14, the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 15, and the north half of the NW ¼ of Section 23, all in Township 42 North, Range 95 West. Fronting on the east side of Lane 12, the north side of Rimrock Drive, and the west side of Hwy. 20 S, the property is located approximately 1.4 miles south of the Town of Thermopolis.

A public hearing on this matter will be held before the Hot Springs County Land Use Planning Commission at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the County Annex Building. Anyone requiring additional information should call the County Planning Office at 864-2961. Those unable to attend are invited to comment in writing to: County Planning, 415 Arapahoe St., Thermopolis, WY 82443, or by e-mail at [hscplanner@hscounty.com](mailto:hscplanner@hscounty.com).

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

1. Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Procedural Rules and Special Regulations, notice is hereby given of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power (RMP or the Company) for an order authorizing the Company to recover costs incurred to comply with the reliable and dispatchable low-carbon energy standard pursuant to Wyo. Stat. §§ 37-18-101 and 37-18-102 and the Commission's rules in Chapter 3, Section 38 Low-Carbon Energy Portfolio Standards.

2. RMP is a public utility, as defined in Wyo. Stat. §37-1-101(a)(vi)(C), subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Wyo. Stat. §37-2-112.

3. On March 31, 2022, RMP filed an Application requesting the Commission issue an order approving its proposed Schedule 198 tariff and associated ratemaking treatment. RMP states it determined that a surcharge of 0.5 percent that collects approximately \$3.1 million annually is appropriate since the request for proposal process proposed in the initial carbon capture, utilization and storage plan application will have an estimated cost of \$1-2 million and results of the proposed request for proposal process to analyze the identified coal units for further carbon capture analysis are not yet known. RMP is requesting a rate effective date of December 1, 2022.

4. The Company began recording the deferred costs related to the reliable and dispatchable low-carbon energy standard pursuant to Wyo. Stat. §§ 37-18-101 and 37-18-102 and the Commission's rules in Chapter 3, Section 38 Low-Carbon Energy Portfolio Standards to its Federal Energy Regulatory Commission account, 182.3 (Other Regulatory Assets) pursuant to the Commission's approval on January 27, 2022, in Docket No. 20000-605-EA-21. RMP proposes a carrying charge of 7.192 percent, which is the weighted average cost of capital from the most recent Commission-approved rate case; Docket No. 20000-578-ER-20. Approximately \$145,000 in incremental costs, comprised of consultant fees and other internal costs, have accrued at this time.

5. This is not a complete description of the Application. Interested persons may inspect the Application at RMP's business offices throughout Wyoming and at the Commission's office in Cheyenne, Wyoming, during regular business hours. The Application may also be viewed online at: <https://dms.wyo.gov/external/publicusers.aspx> (Record No. 17029).

6. Anyone wishing to file a statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must do so in writing filed with the Commission on or before May 2, 2022. Any intervention request filed with the Commission shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing as well as the position and the interest of the petitioner in this proceeding. Please be sure to mention Docket No. 20000-615-ET-22 in all correspondence with the Commission.

7. If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing which you will attend and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, call the Commission at (307) 777-7427 or write to the Commission, 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications-impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay at 711.

DATED: April 1, 2022  
 Pub. April 7 & 21, 2022 No. 1078

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules, the Commission hereby gives notice of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power (RMP or the Company) for authority to Establish Intermediate Low-Carbon Energy Portfolio Standards pursuant to the provisions of Wyo. Stat. § 37-18-102 and Chapter 3, Section 38 of the Commission's rules.

1. RMP is a public utility as defined by Wyo. Stat. § 37-1-101(a)(vi)(C), subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to the provisions of Wyo. Stat. § 37-2-112.

2. On March 31, 2022, RMP filed the Application, requesting authority to establish Intermediate Low-Carbon Portfolio Standards. The Application is responsive to the requirements of Wyo. Stat. § 37-18-102 and Chapter 3, Section 38 of the Commission's rules. It addresses Dave Johnston Units 1-4; Jim Bridger Units 1-4; Naughton Units 1-2; and Wyodak Unit 1. These facilities are utility owned, coal-fired generation facilities.

3. The Company retained the services of Kiewit Engineering Group, Inc. (Kiewit) to evaluate potential carbon capture utilization and storage (CCUS) options for the previously identified generation facilities. Based upon the Kiewit report, the Company concluded that only Dave Johnston Unit 4 and Jim Bridger Units 3 and 4 warrant further consideration for potential CCUS technology additions.

4. The Report states that Dave Johnston Unit 4 is in favorable condition, has no co-ownership complications, and is currently under no federal closure or cease-coal commitments. It also states that Jim Bridger Units 3 and 4 benefit from previously installed SCR and FGD systems, are in close proximity to Carbon Dioxide (CO2) pipelines and sequestration fields. The Report also indicates the need for consideration of hazardous waste disposal locations. CCUS also requires increased water usage. The Company estimates the cost of the CCUS projects to range between \$1.484 billion and \$2.39 billion, and states that it may request a higher Return on Equity for CCUS projects.

5. This is not a complete description of the Application. The Application is available for inspection by any interested person at the Commission's offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, during regular business hours. The Application is also available on the Commission's website at <https://psc.wyo.gov> (Hot Topics), <https://dms.wyo.gov/external/publicusers.aspx> (Enter Record No. 17032) or RMP's website at [www.pacificcorp.com](http://www.pacificcorp.com).

6. Anyone wishing to file a public comment, statement, protest, intervention petition, or request for a public hearing in this matter must do so in writing filed with the Commission on or before April 22, 2022. Public comments should be submitted to [wpssc\\_comments@wyo.gov](mailto:wpssc_comments@wyo.gov). Any intervention request filed with the Commission shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing as well as the position and the interest of the petitioner in this proceeding. Please be sure to mention Docket No. 20000-616-EA-22 in all correspondence with the Commission.

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Dated: April 1, 2022.  
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STATE OF ) IN THE  
 WYOMING ) DISTRICT COURT  
 ) ss.

COUNTY OF ) FIFTH JUDICIAL  
 HOT SPRINGS ) DISTRICT

JEREMY McCARTY, )  
 )  
 Plaintiff, ) Civil No:  
 ) 2021-20  
 vs. )  
 )  
 SHAVONN McCARTY, )  
 )  
 Defendant. )

### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: Jeremy McCarty, Plaintiff  
 Last known address: Creekside Apt. #101, 2350 Reagan Ave, Rock Springs, Wyoming 82902

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on the 25th day of February, 2022, Shavonn McCarty filed *Defendant's Motion for Order to Show Cause and Petition to Suspend Visitations* in the office of the Clerk of the District Court for Hot Springs County, Wyoming, Civil Action No. CV-2021-20, the Respondent requesting an Order to Show Cause and suspending visitation as it relates to the minor children J.M. (Born 2008), B.M. (Born 2010) and L.M. (Born 2016).

Notice is further given that you are required to file an answer to the *Defendant's Motion for Order to Show Cause and Petition to Suspend Visitations* on or before the 6th day of June, 2022, by filing said answer with the Court. If you fail to file an answer or otherwise plead within the time required, judgment by default may be rendered against you.

DATED the 7th day of April, 2022.

Terri Cornella,  
 Clerk of District Court

By:  
 Deputy Clerk

Pub. April 14, 21, 28 & May 5, 2022  
 No. 1080

STATE OF ) OFFICE OF THE  
 WYOMING ) BOARD OF  
 OF ) COUNTY  
 COUNTY OF ) COMMISSIONERS  
 HOT SPRINGS ) March 1, 2022

The Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in the Public Meeting Room at the Government Annex. Present were Commissioners Jack Baird and Phillip Scheel. Also present were County Clerk Becky Kersten and Administrative Assistant Penny Herdt. Vice-Chairman Scheel led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roberts Rules of Order were suspended for the duration of the meeting so that business might be conducted in the absence of Commissioner Ryan, who was out of town.

**Approval of Agenda** – The Commissioners approved with the addition of Other Business items 3. K-9 Update and 4. New Liquor License Discussion.

**Approval of Minutes** – The minutes of February 15, 2022 were approved as presented.

**GIS Report** – T-O representatives Brian Clarkson and Maddie Ross joined the meeting by phone to give the monthly GIS report. Mr. Clarkson reported that he and Maddie will be here next week to work with the Planner on land use classification features (including the Land Use Classification Online Application) as well as incorporating water wells and septic permits into the GIS database. They will also work with Road & Bridge on training on desktop and mobile applications using the GIS system. Work continues on mapping historical right-of-way and easement descriptions for Road & Bridge. The Commissioners approved the purchase of 1000 ArcGIS Online credits for \$100.00. These credits are good for 24 months. The credits will be purchased through the Assessor's office with funds to come from the Assessor's GIS line item.

**Public Health / Prevention Monthly Report** – The Public Health Nurse Manager introduced the new Public Health Response Coordinator Sady Mounts. Hot Springs County still ranks third in the state for vaccine coverage. Prevention is working on a plan to get prevention messaging out to the community, including parenting handbooks, advertising in local businesses, etc. MCH program is working on increasing their client load and partnering with local resources.

**FBO Monthly Report** – The FBO reported there were 114 total recorded operations in February. Fuel sales included 430 gallons of AvGas and 1871 gallons of Jet fuel. One air ambulance declined to come in due to weather and not having de-icing capabilities or a heated hangar to put the plane in to melt off the ice.

**Maintenance Monthly Report** – Advertising has begun for the Fair Building roof project. Advertising has been placed on the County's website, Contractor's posting boards in Casper and Cheyenne, and the Thermopolis Independent Record. The pre-bid meeting will be held on March 17th at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Culliton will work with the awarded contractor to provide a line item breakdown for a discussion with WARM. The Courthouse roof project pre-construction meeting will be held the week of March 20th. The WARM line item breakdown for this project will be discussed that week also. The lawn maintenance contract for 2022 has been renewed. Due to the removal of the wooden play park by the school, the football camp attendees will be using the library area for camping this summer.

**Road & Bridge Monthly Report** – Winter maintenance on equipment continues. Shoulder work on Hamilton Dome Road should be finished this week. Manure was hauled for the Fairgrounds. Road & Bridge is working with the Planner on the permanent and perpetual easements on Lower Cottonwood and Hamilton Dome roads with the intention of finishing that project prior to the Planner's retirement. The R&B Supervisor indicated that he would like to purchase the grader currently on lease at the end of the lease to replace the oldest grader which is at the end of its useful life. The locked in buy-back price is considerably lower than the price of a new grader.

**Emergency Management Monthly Report** – The Region 6 Hazard Mitigation Plan has been revised and updated from the 2016 plan. The required public comment period is complete and the Wyoming Of-

# Nursing shortage in Wyoming continues

by Maya Shimizu Harris  
Casper Star-Tribune  
Via Wyoming News Exchange

CASPER — Nursing staff shortages persist in Wyoming. But there are a number of ways people are trying to turn that around.

Nationwide nursing shortages preceded the pandemic. COVID-19 just made it a lot worse.

A June 2021 survey by the American Health Care Association and the National Center for Assisted Living found that up to 94% of nursing homes and 81% of assisted-living communities had experienced staff shortages in the prior month.

“One of the most frightening and immediate areas of shortage is occurring in Wyoming long-term care and assisted living facilities with a lack of (Certified Nursing Assistants),” said Lori Hart, Wyoming State Board of Nursing Executive Director.

Hart said she spoke to a nurse during the peak of COVID who was part of a two-person staff managing a 24/7 emergency room.

“Most of us are understanding when Arby’s has to close early because they don’t have enough staff. What happens when a rural ER faces this issue? A long term care unit?” she asked. “In the light of public safety, nurses pushed past personal exhaustion and did what had to be done.”

Some nurses, she said, turn to substance abuse to cope with the workload.

There are a number of ways to tackle nursing shortages. Hart said joining the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Compact, which was created in 2020, could help.

That would allow advanced practice registered nurses to hold one multi-state license. They could use that license in any of the states that are part of the compact.

Right now only three states have

joined: Utah, North Dakota and Delaware. The compact won’t be enacted until there are seven member states.

“This is an important area to consider in the next few years to assure seamless transition between states (including telehealth),” Hart said.

Wyoming already has experience with compacts. It joined the Nursing Licensure Compact in 2018. The idea is pretty much the same; now Wyoming nurses can have one license to practice in any compact state. To date, 39 states have joined.

Wyoming Hospital Association President Eric Boley said these compacts have been “successful as all get out,” particularly for bringing in more nurses during the pandemic.

Another obvious solution to address nursing shortages is upping nurse salaries.

Monster.com lists a median salary of \$15.41 an hour, so for a 40 hour week,

that would come out to be over \$30,000 per year. Salary.com says they earn about \$28,600 a year.

Intuit estimates that the average annual salary for CNAs in Wyoming is about \$27,500. To compare, the average wage at Walmart is \$16.40, which comes out to be about \$34,000 a year.

Another part of the solution may be increasing salaries for nurse educators, who often earn less than practicing nurses despite their required master’s degree.

Some states have passed legislation to retain and recruit nurse educators. Washington, for example, passed a 2019 bill that appropriated \$60.8 million toward increasing nurse educator and high-demand program faculty salaries at community and technical colleges.

That was after the Washington Center for Nursing and the Council of Nursing Education in Washington State found low pay to be the primary reason nurse educators thought about leaving

their positions, according to an article from the Washington State Nurses Association. At the time, more than 800 qualified nursing school applicants were turned away each year because of faculty shortages.

Increasing salaries could help Wyoming tap into its pool of unemployed or part-time nurses.

The Wyoming State Board of Nursing and Wyoming Workforce Services partnered during the pandemic to try to identify nurses who had worked less than 4 quarters in 2020. They made a list that could help facilities find nurses and CNAs who might not be working.

“Nurses and CNAs both in Wyoming and across the nation are experiencing extreme fatigue as well as frustration in their jobs,” Hart said. “Perhaps an equally important question to consider is what can Wyoming do to keep licensed nurses and certified CNAs providing care?”

## Public notices

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Office of Homeland Security and FEMA have reviewed and approved the plan. Now all counties in Region 6 will adopt the plan, at which time the plan will be posted on the website. Mr. Gordon noted that the Hot Springs County Annex portion will be published separately on the website as well as the entire plan. Resolution 2022-02 was adopted as follows:

### Resolution # 2022-02

#### Adopting Wyoming Region 6 Hazard Mitigation Plan

**Whereas**, Hot Springs County, Wyoming recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within our community; and

**Whereas**, undertaking hazard mitigation actions will reduce the potential for harm to people and property from future hazard occurrences; and

**Whereas**, the U.S. Congress passed the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (“Disaster Mitigation Act”) emphasizing the need for pre-disaster mitigation of potential hazards;

**Whereas**, the Disaster Mitigation Act made available hazard mitigation grants to state and local governments;

**Whereas**, an adopted Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan is required as a condition of future funding for mitigation projects under multiple FEMA pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant programs; and

**Whereas**, Hot Springs County, Wyoming fully participated in the FEMA-prescribed mitigation planning process to prepare this Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

**Whereas**, the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency Region VIII officials have reviewed the Wyoming Region 6 Hazard Mitigation Plan, and approved it contingent upon this official adoption of the participating governing body;

**Whereas**, Hot Springs County, Wyoming desires to comply with the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act and to augment its emergency planning efforts by formally adopting the Wyoming Region 6 Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**Whereas**, adoption by the governing body for Hot Springs County, Wyoming, demonstrates the jurisdiction’s commitment to fulfilling the mitigation goals and objectives outlined in this Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**Whereas**, adoption of this legitimacies the plan and authorizes responsible agencies to carry out their responsibilities under the plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners has **Approved, Passed and Adopted** the Wyoming Region 6 Hazard Mitigation Plan on this 1st day of March, 2022.

Tom Ryan, Chairman; Phillip Scheel, Vice Chairman; Jack Baird, Commissioner  
ATTEST: Becky Kersten, Hot Springs County Clerk

**Planner Monthly Report** – The Natural Resources Planning Committee (NRPC) met on February 23rd. They will go to two meetings per month for the next two months to complete the rewrite of the Natural Resource Plan. A DRAFT of the plan will be provided for the Commissioners’ review by the end of March. The NRPC will hold a public hearing with a 30-day public comment period to follow. The NRPC will send the plan forward to the Commissioners with a do/do not approve recommendation by the May 17th Commissioners meeting. The LUPC did not meet in February. There will be a workshop on March 16th to continue discussion on the Land Use Plan revision. The engineering report on the DuFour septic system was passed along to the DEQ, who has now requested that the engineer formally apply for a permit through their office. It appears that electrical power has been added to the Porath cabins. As there has been no land use change approved, the Planner is keeping an eye on the situation. If they begin to advertise rentals, it will become an enforcement matter. T-O Engineers will be back next week to continue adding information on land use classifications to the GIS system. The Land Use Change files will be sorted by date, rather than land owner going forward. Septic Systems – All those holding outstanding 2021 permit applications have been contacted for an update on their current status. Tipi Retreat – The property owners continue to operate in defiance of the cease and desist order. The Planner reiterated

that Hot Springs County does have zoning by all state definitions. The lawsuit filed by the property owners continues.

### Youth Alternatives Monthly Report

– There are currently 15 participants in the program – 10 males and 5 females, with 6 new citations pending. There are also 4 youth engaged in HiSet, for a total of 19 youth receiving services through the program. The expanded Prevention classes have been well attended and will continue on a monthly basis. The next Alive at 25 class will be held in March. Program participants will do a weekend work project again this year at H Diamond W Camp.

**Other Business** – Carver Florek & James Audit Engagement Letter – The Commissioners approved the Vice-Chairman’s signature on the Audit Engagement letter with the firm of Carver Florek & James, LLC for the FY 21-22 Audit. Appoint Land Use Planning Board Member – Lawrence Kolsen was appointed to the unexpired term opening created by Jerry Langbehn’s resignation. K-9 Update – Sheriff’s department personnel reported that funds for the K-9 Program grant have been frozen at this time, but there is money in the department’s budget to cover the cost of the dog, training, retrofit of the vehicle to accommodate the dog, and the purchase of a vest and trauma kits. This money is available due to the open captain’s position in the department. New Liquor License Discussion – No applications were received in response to advertising of the new liquor license, so no action was taken on this item. The notice of availability will remain on the website for now.

**Correspondence** – **Washakie County BOCC** – Resolution 2022-380 – Opposition to Presidential Executive Order 14008 (30 X 30 Program); **Museum Board Minutes** – December, 2021 and January, 2022; **NRPC Minutes** – January 2022; **Chamber of Commerce Newsletter** – March, 2022

### Approve Bills

The following bills were submitted for approval. Payroll for February, 2022 – \$182,839.99.

### BILLS – February, 2022

SIGN SOLUTIONS USA, LLC 1,210.96 / KONE PASADENA 558.00 / WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH 25,236.61 / RAMSHEAD FINANCIAL SERVICE CORP. 120.00 / WYOMING TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOC. 145.00 / HOT SPRINGS COUNTY LIBRARY 16,250.00 / SMITH OILFIELD SERVICE INC 700.00 / AFLAC (ACCOUNT #HW652) 609.87 / ENTERPRISES TECHNOLOGY SERVICES 13.60 / ALLEGIANCE BENEFIT PLAN MANGT, INC. 36,415.91 / ANITA WEISBECK 14.46 / CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS 149.98 / BIG HORN COUNTY CORONER 500.00 / BIG HORN WATER 117.88 / BARBARA J. RICE 602.84 / AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP, 296.30 / CARDINAL HEALTH 110, LLC 4,212.67 / CASSIE OWSLEY 40.13 / HOT SPRINGS COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT 749.03 / CITY SERVICE VALCON 16.00 / RED ROCK FAMILY PRACTICE, PC 500.00 / THERMOPOLIS HARDWARE 75.19 / COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INS. 18.70 / VERIZON WIRELESS 84.92 / VERIZON WIRELESS 81.30 / CR LOCK AND SAFE 400.00 / DAWNETTE M. PEIL 1,599.31 / DISCOVER THERMOPOLIS 115.50 / DRU CONSULTING, LLC 4,248.25 / ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE 320.53 / PINNACLE BANK OF THERMOPOLIS 39,599.03 / US. FOODS 2,634.84 / MORTIMORE FUNERAL HOME 225.00 / GOTTSCHKE THERAPY REHAB WELLNESS 180.00 / HIGH PLAINS POWER 519.35 / HOT SPRINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DIST. #1 4,776.28 / HOT SPRINGS COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE 180.00 / HOT SPRINGS COUNTY TREATURER 429.33 / HOT SPRINGS COUNTY HEALTH INS ACCT 49,799.65 / HOT SPRINGS CO. SCHOOL DIST #1 5,070.76 / THERMOPOLIS INDEPENDENT RECORD 4,040.80 / INDOFF INC. 699.22 / FLOYD’S TRUCK CENTER WY 552.53 / JADECO, INC. 165.76 / KELLER LAW FIRM, PC 140.00 / KENNEDY ACE HARDWARE 79.97 / KRISTINA D. MCNEFF 125.10 / KRISTEN J. SCHLATTMANN 410.00 / LESLIE T. CULLITON 24.91 / HOLDING’S LITTLE AMERICA 575.00 / MACK’S MARKET, INC. 133.33 / THE MASTER’S TOUCH, LLC 1,845.00 / MCKESSON MEDICAL-SURGICAL 961.26 / NAPA MOTOR SUPPLY, INC. 121.87 / OPERATION PARENT 10,455.45 / O’REILLY AUTO PARTS 467.65 / O’REILLY AUTO PARTS 234.07 / OFFICE SHOP INC. 367.04 / OWL CREEK AVIA-

TION, LLC 7,032.00 / OWL CREEK AVIATION, LLC 575.32 / ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER 3,465.87 / PAINTBRUSH DENTAL 241.00 / PERFORMANCE AUTO & GLASS 126.54 / PINNACLE BANK OF THERMOPOLIS 2,746.68 / PINNACLE BANK OF THERMOPOLIS 3,766.00 / POSTMASTER 348.00 / PREVENTIVE HEALTH & SAFETY DIVISION 34.00 / QC 10 ARCHITECTS, LLC 1,856.25 / THE RADAR SHOP 420.00 / WYOMING DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION 5.00 / SADY MOUNTS 43.93 / WYOMING SECRETARY OF STATE 60.00 / SERLKAY 162.38 / SMILEMAKERS 101.96 / SOURCES OF STRENGTH INC. 1,500.00 / STAPLES ADVANTAGE 210.09 / THE STANDARD INS. CO. 1,469.60 / STAR PLUNGE 240.00 / STEPHANIE HOFFMAN 83.66 / STEVE’S PLUMBING & HEATING 881.70 / TANYA JOHNSON 465.36 / TEPEE POOLS 144.00 / THOMAS L. BENNETT, M.D. 2,157.90 / T-O ENGINEERS 6,186.93 / TOWN OF THERMOPOLIS 1,347.75 / TRAVELING COMPUTERS, INC. 5,820.74 / TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO. 21.24 / TRI COUNTY TELEPHONE ASSOC, INC 297.65 / TW ENTERPRISES, INC. 878.63 / NORCO, INC. 367.27 / VERIZON 33.58 / VERIZON WIRELESS 60.43 / VICKLUND PHARMACY 220.85 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD ONE) 453.75 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD FOUR) 408.69 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD FIVE) 2,755.00 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD SIX) 5,410.68 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD SEVEN) 115.10 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD 1-SHERIFF) 330.69 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD 2-SHERIFF) 264.34 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD 3-SHERIFF) 1,382.58 / WAVES WEB DESIGN 800.00 / WYOMING DEPT. OF WORKFORCE SERVICES 4,205.33 / GREAT-WEST TRUST COMPANY, LLC 3,640.00 / WYOMING GAS 1,858.00 / WYONET INC. 298.95 / WYO RETIREMENT SYSTEM 30,807.34 / 036-NCPERS GROUP LIFE INS. 272.00 / WYOMING RETIREMENT SYSTEM 337.50 / WYOMING WASTE SERVICES - RIVERTON 63.24

### Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was declared adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Attest

Phillip Scheel, Vice-Chairman	Becky Kersten, County Clerk
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### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Thermopolis, Wyoming will receive and accept bids only through QuestCDN.com via their electronic VirtuBid online bid service until 2:00 P.M., local time, May 11, 2022, and a bid opening will be held at the Thermopolis Town Hall, 420 Broadway Street, Thermopolis, Wyoming, for MATERIALS, LABOR, SERVICES, TRANSPORTATION & COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION OF TOWN OF THERMOPOLIS - 2021 TREATED WATER REHABILITATION PROJECT. The Engineer’s opinion of probable construction costs ranges from \$900,000 to \$1,200,000. All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud - date and time stated above. Complete digital copies of the bidding documents are available at www.questcdn.com. Submitting Contractors will be required to register with the website to download the bidding documents for \$25 by inputting Quest project #8181392 on the website’s Project search page, if a contractor elects to bid on the project, a \$25 electronic bid package fee will also be assessed by Quest. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. The Town of Thermopolis reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive any informalities if deemed in the best interest of the Owner. No bid may be considered unless accompanied by the required bid guarantee of 5% of the total bid amount which amount shall be forfeited if the bidder is awarded the Contract and fails to enter into a Contract with the Owners. Successful bidder will be required to provide payment and performance bonds in an amount of at least 100% of awarded contract price. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held

at 2:00 P.M. local time, on April 28, 2022 at the Town Hall, 420 Broadway, Thermopolis, Wyoming.

Dated this 14th day of April, 2022.

/s/ Town of Thermopolis

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STATE OF WYOMING OF COUNTY OF HOT SPRINGS	) OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	) March 15, 2022
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The Hot Springs Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room at the Government Annex. Present were Commissioners Tom Ryan, Phillip Scheel, and Jack Baird. Also present were County Attorney Jill Logan and Administrative Assistant to the Commissioners Penny Herdt. Chairman Ryan led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda** – The agenda was approved as presented.

**Approval of the Minutes** – The minutes of the March 1st meeting were approved as presented.

**Tax Rebate #1-2022 – Valkyrie** – The Commissioners approved Rebate #1-2022 to Valkyrie Resources, LLC for Parcel #6995, Tax Year 2019 (District 100) – NOVCS 2022-0036 in the amount of \$3,476.05. Shoshone National Forest Service Grant – The Commissioners approved the 2022 Annual Operating & Financial Plan for Agreement #19-LE-11021400-019 providing \$3,500.00 for Sheriff’s Department patrol of the Shoshone Forest.

**Rural Energy Pilot Program Grant** - Jackie Dorothy reviewed a grant being sought by the H Diamond W Youth Camp Board to place solar panels at the H Diamond W campsite as an alternative power source to the propane powered generator currently being used to provide power for the camp. The USDA Rural Energy Pilot Program Grant (REPP) is offered on a competitive basis to provide funding to Rural Energy Community Partnerships (RECPs) to develop renewable energy solutions in underserved rural communities. The grant is an 80/20 cost split with 80% paid by the USDA grant and the H Diamond W Board responsible for the 20% match. The proposed RECP members would be the H Diamond W Board, Washakie & Hot Springs County UW Extension Office representatives and Hot Springs and Washakie County Commissioners. Ms. Dorothy stated that the H Diamond W Board would be the grant signatory and would assume full responsibility for compliance with the grant assurances and reporting. The Commissioners approved Hot Springs County’s participation in the RECP.

**Travel & Tourism Update** – The Travel & Tourism Director reported that, while this year’s tourist season is expected to be impacted by the high cost of gas, it remains to be seen how much. Winter visitor numbers are up significantly. Yellowstone National Park’s 150th anniversary is expected to help bring tourists in this direction.

**Wyoming Business Council Grant – THP** – WBC Grant Coordinator Jackie Dorothy reviewed the recommendations from the feasibility study performed on the old airport site. She believes grant funds could be used for the required infrastructure for whatever future projects are selected for the site and is working with the Planner to determine possible uses for the funds before submitting the WBC Community Readiness Grant application.

**Correspondence – Fair Board Minutes** – February, 2022; **Natural Resource Planning Board Minutes** – February, 2022; **Big Horn Basin Nature & Discovery Center Minutes** – December, 2021, February, 2022, TAP Grant Meeting 2-16-2022

**Adjourn** – The meeting was declared the meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

	Attest
Thomas J. Ryan, Chairman	Penny Herdt, Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk
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