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Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Attest	
Thomas J. Ryan, Chairman	Becky Kersten, County Clerk
Pub. Jan. 12, 2023	No. 1272

STATE OF) OFFICE OF THE
WYOMING) BOARD OF
OF) COUNTY
COUNTY OF) COMMISSIONERS
HOT SPRINGS) December 20, 2022

The Hot Springs Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room at the Government Annex. Present were Commissioners Tom Ryan and Jack Baird. Also present were County Clerk Becky Kersten, County Attorney Jill Logan, and Administrative Assistant to the Commissioners Penny Herdt. Roberts Rules were suspended until Commissioner Scheel arrived. Chairman Ryan led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda – The agenda was approved with the following changes: ADD: Executive Session – Personnel; DELETE: Regular Business 1. Black Mountain Road/Airport Update; Other Business 3. AFLAC Program Discussion.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the November 1 and 15, 2022 meetings were approved as presented.

Public Health / Prevention Monthly Update – The Public Health Nurse Manager provided the minutes from the December Prevention Meeting for the Commissioners' review. The Public Health Cash Handling Policy was approved as presented.

Big Horn Basin Water Joint Powers Board Discussion – A work session will be set up after the first meetings in January of the Board of Commissioners and the Town of Thermopolis to discuss the revival

of the Big Horn Basin Water Joint Powers Board. Parties invited to the work session will include the County, the Town of Thermopolis, East Thermopolis, Lucerne Water, Red Lane representatives, Owl Creek Water District, and South Thermopolis Water & Sewer District.

Request to Change Lane 14 Plat – Road Designation – After considerable discussion and input from the County Attorney, the Commissioners denied a request from the Crimson View Subdivision HOA to change the plat designation of Lane 14 from a public road to a private road.

Public Hearing – Amended WBC Business Readiness Community Grant Application – THP Reuse – Grant Coordinator Jackie Dorothy reviewed the amended application to the Wyoming Business Council for a Business Readiness Community Grant to provide infrastructure and site preparation for future development at the old airport site. During the public hearing comment period, the audience was repeatedly reminded that the hearing was only about the application for an infrastructure grant – not future use of the old airport site. Comments were received from Kay Rush, Paul Galovich, Dan Wychgram, Mike Connor, Brad Becerra. At the close of the public hearing, the Commissioners approved Resolution 2022-12 as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-12
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION TO THE WYOMING BUSINESS COUNCIL UNDER THE BUSINESS READY COMMUNITY GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM FOR A BUSINESS READY GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE HOT SPRINGS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FOR THE PURPOSE OF: REUSE OF THE FORMER AIRPORT PROPERTY
WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners desires to participate in the Business Ready Community Grant and Loan Program to assist in financing this project; and

WHEREAS, the Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners recognizes the need for a business ready lot at the former airport property and believes this project will address those needs; and

WHEREAS, the public benefits of this project are to remove a liability and promote future economic development and improve the Former Airport Property by adding infrastructure within the boundaries of Hot Springs County and

WHEREAS, the specific goals and measures of success of this project are removal of all liabilities on the property, a new safer access road and new water, sewer and utilities and

WHEREAS, the Business Ready Community Grant and Loan Program requires that certain criteria be met, as described in the Wyoming Business Council's Rules governing the program, and to the best of our knowledge this application meets those criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners understands that this is a grant of the Wyoming Business Council; and

WHEREAS, the Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners understands that this grant shall not create any indebtedness exceeding four percent (4%) of the assessed value of the taxable property therein; Hot Springs County shall not create any indebtedness exceeding two percent (2%) of the taxable property therein; and

WHEREAS, the Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners has a comprehensive operation and maintenance plan including projected expenses extending the life of the asset(s); and

WHEREAS, the Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners plans to secure the requested Business Ready Grant match of \$300,000; and

WHEREAS, in the event of any project cost overruns, the Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners will provide funding in the amount necessary to complete the project utilizing funds allocated from Road and Bridge and the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners has considered other possible funding solutions for this project which include USDA grants, DEQ grants, and EPA grants; and

WHEREAS, the Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners are working in partnership with Thermopolis Hot Springs County Chamber and Hot Springs County State Park; and

WHEREAS, the Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on November 22nd, 2022 at 9am and on December 20th, 2022 at 4pm to solicit testimony from citizens, and gave full consideration to all comments received; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOT SPRINGS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that a grant application in the amount of \$3,000,000 be submitted to the Wyoming Business Council for consideration of assistance in funding the REUSE OF THE FORMER AIRPORT PROPERTY.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 20TH day of DECEMBER, 2022.

ATTEST: By:
Becky Kersten, Thomas J. Ryan,
County Clerk Chairman

Phillip Scheel,
Vice-Chairman
Jack Baird,
Commissioner

The accompanying Certificate was ap-

proved subject to review and approval of the County Attorney as follows:

CERTIFICATE

I, Becky Kersten, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners at a public meeting held on December 20th, 2022, and that the meeting was held accordingly to law; and that said Resolution has been duly entered in the minutes of the Hot Springs County Commissioners public meeting.

Becky Kersten, County Clerk

Other Business – Board Appointments – The Commissioners made the following board appointments: Fair Board – Ginger Ward; NRPC – No applicants; Predatory Animal Control Board – Jim Lash, Weed & Pest – Arnold Pennoyer, Area 2 and Dee Hillberry, Area 5. **Warranty Deeds – High Country Behavioral Health / Head Start Properties** – High Country Behavioral Health representative Kipp Dana joined the meeting by phone. The Commissioners approved a Warranty Deed conveying property described as Lots 13 and 14, the west 20' of Lot 15, and a strip of land 20' X 140', adjacent to and west of said Lot 13; in Block 6 of McManigal's Addition to the Town of Thermopolis, Hot Springs County, Wyoming to High Country Behavioral Health as presented. The Commissioners approved a Warranty Deed conveying property described as the east 10' of Lot 15, all of Lots 16, 17, 18, and 19, and that portion of the west 25' of Lot 20 lying west of the BNSF Railway right-of-way, in Block 6 of McManigal's Addition to the Town of Thermopolis, Hot Springs County, Wyoming to Hot Springs County, State of Wyoming 415 Arapahoe Street, Thermopolis, Wyoming. **BLM Sage Grouse Management Plan Amendments** - The Commissioners approved the Chair's signature on the Memorandum of Understanding between Hot Springs County Commissioners and the BLM regarding the County's participation as a cooperating agency in the NEPA process for Plan Amendments for the Management of Greater Sage Grouse.

Correspondence – Chamber of Commerce Newsletter – December, 2022; **BHB Nature & Discovery Center Minutes** – November, 2022; **State Dept. of Audit** – Cost of Maintaining County Government – 2022.

Executive Session – Personnel – The Commissioners entered Executive Session for personnel reasons at 4:32 p.m. The Commissioners returned to regular session at 4:52 p.m. There was no action taken during or as a result of the Executive Session.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Attest

Thomas J. Ryan, Chairman	Becky Kersten, County Clerk
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**NOTICE AND ORDER SETTING
PUBLIC HEARING**

1. 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 certificates of public convenience and necessity for the Rock Creek I and Rock Creek II wind projects and the associated transmission infrastructure for interconnection. **The public hearing is set to commence on Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., in the Commission's hearing room located at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, in Cheyenne, Wyoming.**

2. RMP is a division of PacifiCorp, an Oregon corporation, engaged in the business of supplying electric utility service to customers throughout its six-state service territory, including Wyoming. RMP is a public utility, subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. (Wyo. Stat. §§ 37-1-101(a)(vi) (C) and 37-2-112).

3. On August 10, 2022, RMP filed the Application requesting CPCNs to: [i] acquire wind turbines and associated infrastructure for the Rock Creek I wind project, a new 190-megawatt wind energy facility; [ii] acquire wind turbines and associated infrastructure for the Rock Creek II wind project, a new 400-megawatt wind energy facility; [iii] construct upgrades to portions of its transmission system to interconnect the Rock Creek I and II wind projects.

4. On August 23, 2022, the Wyoming Industrial Energy Consumers submitted a *Petition to Intervene and Request for Hearing*, which the Commission then granted via *Order* issued on September 2, 2022.

5. The Company's proposed Rock Creek I and Rock Creek II facilities are located in Carbon County and Albany County, Wyoming, East of the town of Arlington and South of the town of Rock River. The facilities are sited in the drainages of Cooper Creek and Four Mile Creek, which encompass Diamond Reservoir, King Reservoir Number 1, and Dutton Creek Reservoir, to the North of Interstate Highway 80. The proposed wind facilities each consist of: [i] wind turbine generators and tower

structures; [ii] an electrical collector system; [iii] a collector substation; [iv] access roads; [v] wind turbine generator foundations with base pads; [vi] an operation and maintenance building; [vii] communication equipment; [viii] a supervisory control and operating status data acquisition control system; [ix] main power transformers; [x] meteorological evaluation towers; and [xi] 230-kilovolt transmission lines from the wind facilities to existing substations.

6. The Company proposes to interconnect the Rock Creek I facility via an approximately 9-mile, 230-kilovolt transmission line beginning at the wind facility's new collector substation and running generally northwest to the Company's Foote Creek substation located approximately three miles north of Arlington, Wyoming. The Company proposes to interconnect the Rock Creek II facility via an approximately 38-mile, 230-kilovolt transmission line beginning at the wind facility's new collector substation and running generally north/northwest to the Company's Aeolus substation located approximately 11 miles northwest of Medicine Bow.

7. The Company also proposes to construct upgrades to portions of its transmission system to interconnect the Rock Creek I and Rock Creek II wind facilities consisting of: [i] expansion of the existing Foote Creek substation; [ii] expansion of the existing Freezeout substation located approximately 10 miles northwest of Medicine Bow, Wyoming; [iii] expansion of the existing Aeolus substation; and [iv] construction of approximately 3.5 miles of 230-kilovolt transmission line from the Aeolus substation to the Freezeout substation.

8. The Company states the proposed wind projects are necessary resource additions, designed to fill short and long-term resource need, were selected as the least-cost, least-risk resources to meet the Company's resource need, reduce the Company's reliance on market purchases to meet load and are critical to ensure resource adequacy in the region. The Company estimates construction to begin in 2023, Rock Creek I to be in service in December 2024 and Rock Creek II to be in service in September 2025. The Company states the total cost of the wind projects and associated transmission system upgrades is expected to exceed one billion dollars. RMP states it intends to finance the proposed projects through its normal internal and external sources of capital.

9. 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/89210180029>

Or by dialing: 1 669 444 9171 or 1 719 359 4580; **Meeting ID:** 892 1018 0029

10. 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. 20000-623-EN-22 in your correspondence.

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of Hot Springs County School District No. 1 will hold a special meeting in the Board Room, located at 415 Springview, Thermopolis, WY, at 5:30 p.m. on January 17, 2023. The purpose of the special meeting will be for a work session for new board members.

/s/ Sherman Skelton
Chairman, Board of Trustees

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having occurred and all prerequisites to foreclosure having been met, notice is hereby given that the mortgage given by Michael Lee Farmer and Vivian Ann Farmer, husband and wife, mortgagors, in favor of Shoshone First Bank, mortgagee, dated December 13, 2005, recorded December 13, 2005, in Micro Book 115, at Page 983, in the Official Records of the Office of the Clerk of Hot Springs County, Wyoming, given to secure payment of a note in the original amount of Sixty Eight Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$68,000.00). Said note and mortgage were assigned to the Wyo-


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