

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 approval of a 3-year demand side management (DSM) plan and for authority to adjust rates in tariff Schedule 191.

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 February 23, 2023, RMP filed an Application requesting the Commission approve its 3-year DSM plan and for authority to adjust rates in tariff Schedule 191. The Company stated in the Application that the 3-year DSM plan is to create transparency, rate stability and certainty, and to enable the Company to manage DSM targets and budgets. According to the Application, the Company will continually monitor the program targets and will add, remove, and/or modify offerings and incentives to administer cost-effective programs and manage within the approved targets. The 3-year DSM Plan and associated targets are for 2024-2026.

4. In its Application, RMP proposes to implement two new programs in the DSM portfolio for demand response. The Company proposes a program for batteries installation incentives for residential customers (Category 1) and small general service customers (Category 2), and a custom program for curtailing the load of participating large commercial and industrial customers.

5. The Company proposed revisions to Schedule 191, adjusting Category 1 and 2 rates to 2.57 percent and 2.22 percent, respectively, effective January 1, 2024. RMP also proposed to revise rates for Category 3 customers to 1.19 percent, 1.32 percent, and 1.46 percent. The revised rates for Category 3 customers will be effective January 1st of each year of the 3-year DSM plan.

6. This is not a complete description of RMP's Application. You may review the Application at RMP's Wyoming offices and at the Commission's office in Cheyenne, Wyoming, during business hours or online at: <https://dms.wyo.gov/external/publicusers.aspx> (enter Record No. 17244).

7. Anyone desiring 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 March 31, 2023. 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. 20000-632-ET-23 in all correspondence with the Commission.

8. If you wish to participate in this matter and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, call the Commission at (307) 777-7427, or write to the Commission at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, to make arrangements. Communications-impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay at 711.

Pub. March 9 & 16, 2023 No. 1293

PUBLIC NOTICE

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) requesting authority to increase its retail electric service rates by approximately \$140.2 million per year or an average overall increase of 21.6 percent with rates effective on and after January 1, 2024, and to revise the energy cost adjustment mechanism (ECAM) to eliminate the sharing band, as more fully described below:

1. 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 under certificates of public convenience and necessity issued by the Commission. RMP is a public utility subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. Wyo. Stat. §§ 37-1-101(a)(vi)(C) and 37-2-112.

2. On March 1, 2023, RMP submitted an Application, together with supporting testimony, exhibits and revised tariff sheets, requesting the Commission approve the Company's proposal to implement an increase in its retail electric utility service rates in Wyoming of \$140.2 million per annum or an average overall increase of 21.6 percent and to eliminate the existing 80/20 sharing band and recover 100 percent of prudently-incurred, Wyoming-allocated net power costs using the existing ECAM in tariff Schedule 95, effective on and after January 1, 2024.

3. RMP is requesting a return on equity of 10.3 percent, and overall cost of capital and return on rate base of 7.60 percent and the equity component of the capital

structure is 51.27 percent, which the Company states reflects market circumstances for twelve months beginning July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, adjusted to a forecast test period beginning January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, interest rates, operational risks and reasonable investor expectations as well as the returns generated by similarly situated or comparable utility companies.

4. The Company states its requested rate increase is primarily driven by: (1) an increase in Net Power Costs (NPC) from \$1.431 billion on a total-Company basis, or approximately \$221.0 million on a Wyoming-allocated basis, authorized by the Commission in the RMP's 2020 general rate case, to the proposed NPC of approximately \$2.553 billion on a total-Company basis, or approximately \$360.3 million on a Wyoming-allocated basis, which the Company states is largely driven by increased market prices for power and natural gas, increased contract prices for coal and coal supply limitations, and thermal generation operational changes due to federal and state environmental compliance requirements; and (2) continued capital investments, part of approximately \$6.7 billion of new capital projects on a total-Company basis RMP expects to place into service between July 1, 2022 and December 31, 2024, including the Gateway South and Gateway West Segment D.1 transmission lines, the Rock Creek I wind project, the Foote Creek II-IV and Rock River I wind repowering projects, all of which include an associated rate of return of 7.60 percent and which the Company states are required for it to meet its obligation to serve its customers.

5. RMP's proposed percentage increase in price changes, by rate schedule, are:

Customer Class	Proposed Percentage Change
Residential	
Schedule 2	20.3
General Service	
Schedule 25	23.1
Schedule 28	19.6
Large General Service	
Schedule 33	25.0
Schedule 46	20.9
Schedule 48T	23.5
Irrigation	
Schedule 40	14.5
Schedule 210	8.6
Lighting Schedules	13.3
Overall	21.6

The Company states that due to rate design and individual customer load factors and usage characteristics, the percentage rate change to individual customers within each rate schedule may be higher or lower than the average for the customer class or rate schedule.

6. This is not a complete description of RMP's Application. You may review the Application and its supporting testimony and exhibits at RMP's Wyoming offices or online at: <https://www.rockymountainpower.net/about/rates-regulation/wyoming-regulatory-filings.html> and at the Commission's office in Cheyenne, Wyoming, during business hours or online at: <https://dms.wyo.gov/external/publicusers.aspx> (enter Record No. 17252).

7. Anyone desiring to file a statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must do so, in writing, on or before April 5, 2023. Petitions 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. The Commission encourages the public's participation and comments will be received throughout the entirety of this proceeding. The opportunity to present verbal comments will be available to anyone appearing, either in person or remotely, during future public proceedings related to this matter. Submitting written comments to the Commission by the deadline set forth above may allow for resolution of issues and/or concerns identified therein. Please mention Docket No. 20000-633-ER-23 in all correspondence with the Commission.

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Dated: March 3, 2023.

Pub. March 9 & 16, 2023 No. 1297

FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a Promissory Note (the "Note") dated February 15, 2017, executed and delivered by Robert M. Myers and Joann M. Myers ("Mortgagors") to U.S. Bank National Association, and a real estate Mortgage (the "Mortgage") of the same date securing the Note, which Mortgage was executed and delivered by said Mortgagors, to said Mortgagee, and which Mortgage was recorded on March 13, 2017, at Reception No. 0524837, in Book 176, at Page 185-194 in the public

records in the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Hot Springs County, State of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the Mortgage contains a power of sale which by reason of said default, the Mortgagee declares to have become operative, and no suit or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part thereof, nor has any such suit or proceeding been instituted and the same discontinued; and

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage as of March 17, 2023 being the total sum of \$82,718.76, plus interest, costs expended, late charges, and attorneys' fees accruing thereafter through the date of sale;

WHEREAS, the property being foreclosed upon may be subject to other liens and encumbrances that will not be extinguished at the sale. Any prospective purchaser should research the status of title before submitting a bid;

WHEREAS, if the foreclosure sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of his/her/its money paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, Mortgagor, Servicer or their attorneys;

NOW, THEREFORE U.S. Bank National Association, as the Mortgagee, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as by law provided by causing the mortgaged property to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff in and for Hot Springs County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon on April 18, 2023 on the front steps of the Hot Springs County Courthouse located at 415 Arapahoe, Thermopolis, WY 82443, for application on the above described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

Lots 17 and 18, Block 8, Brydon's Third Addition to the Town of Thermopolis, Wyoming.

With an address of 730 Washakie St, Thermopolis, WY 82443 (the undersigned disclaims liability for any error in the address).

Together with all improvements thereon situate and all fixtures and appurtenances thereto.

Mortgagee shall have the exclusive right to rescind the foreclosure sale during the redemption period. In the event that the sale is rescinded or vacated for any reason, the successful purchaser shall only be entitled to a refund of their purchase price and/or statutory interest rate.

Dated: March 3, 2023

U.S. Bank National Association

By: _____
Shelly M. Casares
Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C.
376 East 400 South, Suite 300
Salt Lake City, UT 84111
801-355-2886
HWM File # WY21012

Pub. March 16, 23, 30 & April 6, 2023 No. 1299

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR TAX DEED

On July 18, 2017, the unpaid taxes for Lot 4, Block 14, McManigal's Third Addition, Thermopolis, Hot Springs County, Wyoming, also known as 217 Clark, was purchased at tax sale. A Certificate of Purchase was transferred to the current owner of the tax lien on March 7, 2023. The sale was for the tax year 2016 and the property was taxed in the name of Tracy Bond. The redemption time will expire July 6, 2023, and application for a tax deed will occur on July 7, 2023, or thereafter. There are no known special assessments, but there are other unpaid recorded liens.

Pub. March 16, 23 & 30, 2023 No. 1303

STATE OF) OFFICE OF THE
WYOMING) BOARD OF
OF) COUNTY
COUNTY OF) COMMISSIONERS
HOT SPRINGS) February 21, 2023

The Hot Springs Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room at the Government Annex Building. Present were Commissioners, Phillip Scheel, and Paul Galovich. Also present were County Clerk Becky Kersten, County Attorney Jill Logan, and Administrative Assistants to the Commissioners Penny Herdt and Connie Guntly. Vice Chairman Scheel led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Robert's Rules of Order were suspended so that business might be conducted in the pre-planned absence of Chairman Ryan.

Approval of Agenda – Commissioner Galovich moved to amend the agenda, mo-

tion failed. The Commissioners approved the Agenda as presented.

Approval of the Minutes – The Commissioners approved the minutes of February 7, 2023 meeting as presented.

County Projects Update – 1) The Fair-Building Roof: QC10 Architects were supposed to come over last week however did not make it and they will try to make it to Thermopolis this Friday February 24, 2023. Commissioner Galovich asked if closed cell foam for the roof could be an option. Les says that it is an option after the new roof deck is put on. The biggest issue is the support of the roof trusses. 2) The Extension Office HVAC Unit: Frank Davis (Maintenance Supervisor) is taking the lead on this project. The materials for the project have not been provided yet and were supposed to be here by the end of February. 3) Detention Center Plumbing: The project is about ready to go to bid. The Request for Bids will be published in the paper soon. The Fire Alarm system is another project at the Detention Center and Laramie Fire Alarm System is having a hard time coming to the Center to review the system. 4) Grand Stands: This is a new project that Les has not had time to look into it yet.

With no further discussion presented, the meeting was recessed at 3:10 p.m. until 3:35 p.m. for the presentation from Dean Peranteaux.

Streaming Budget – Streaming options for the Commissioner's meetings. One option that may best suit the County is the Webinar Platform, and the Meeting Owl, which is an item that is able to get multiple viewpoints and a speaker from one camera. Price quotes were provided for the Owl Lab Meeting Owl (\$1200 one-time cost), Zoom One Pro Annual (\$149.90 annual cost), Webinar Software (\$552 annual cost), Cloud Recording 1TB (\$100 monthly fee). Dean requested signature on the Agreement with Zoom for the Webinar, Cloud Recording, and Zoom One Pro Annual Services. County Clerk Becky Kersten asked where the funds can be taken from for these items, Information Technology did not budget for streaming items this Fiscal Year, but will plan on making it a recurring cost starting in the 23-24 Fiscal Year Budget. Funds to start this project can be taken from Emergency Expenditures. Commissioner Galovich moved to support moving forward with the streaming plan. Vice Chairman Scheel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Correspondence – Land Use Planning Board – Minutes October 19, 2022; **United States Department of Interior, BIA – Notice of Decision** – Case 16660; **United States Department of Interior, BIA – Notice of Decision** – Case 16661; **BHB Nature & Discovery Center** – Minutes January 10, 2023 and Agenda February 14, 2023; **Natural Resource Planning Commission** – Minutes January 18, 2023

The Commissioners reviewed the forgoing correspondence. No further action was required.

Vice Chairman Scheel reported that he spoke with the State Attorney General's office, and at the State level they are going to try to appeal the Notice of Decision from the US Dept of Interior BIA. These Notice of Decisions are items that the County will be watching.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners will be held on March 21, 2023 at 3:00 p.m., at the Hot Springs County Annex building, 117 N. 4th St. Thermopolis. The public is invited to attend in person. To be placed on the Agenda please email Connie Guntly, Administrative Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners at connie.guntly@hscounty.com. Per Wyoming Statute section 18-3-516, County information can be obtained at the County website <https://hscounty.com/> or by requesting a Public Records form from the County Clerk's office.

Attest
Phillip Scheel, Vice Chairman
Becky Kersten, County Clerk
Pub. March 16, 2023 No. 1300

STATE OF) IN THE
WYOMING) DISTRICT COURT
) ss.

COUNTY OF) FIFTH JUDICIAL
HOT SPRINGS) DISTRICT
Probate No. P-23-7

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

RONALD W. OEHLKERS,
aka RON OEHLKERS,

Deceased.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that, pursuant to W.S. §2-1-205, Michelle White Oehlkers has filed a sworn Application for Decree of Distribution with the Clerk of the above-entitled court wherein she prays that the following-described property be set over and distributed pursuant to the Last Will

Council

Gary Green, representing Main Street Thermopolis, requested road and street closure for the June 3 Brewfest event between 4th and 5th Streets on Broadway Street, from noon-9 p.m. Green also asked that the old firehouse be open for the band in case there is bad weather. The council voted and passed the approval of the request.

The council voted and passed the approval of a budget resolution. There were adjustments made due to over-spending on diesel fuel, utility bills

from Wyoming Gas and snow removal.

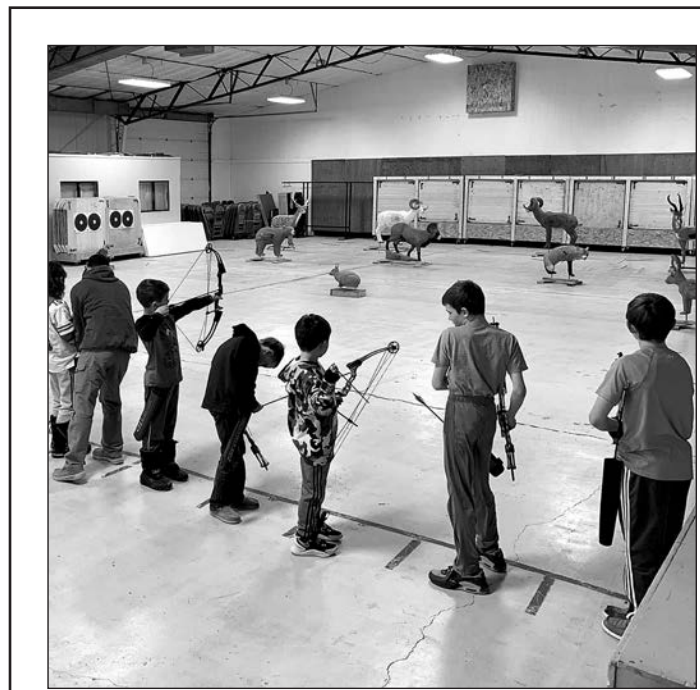
Assistant to the Mayor Jim Jeunehomme spoke on behalf of Public Works and presented the 2022 Water Quality Report. This report is available on the Town of Thermopolis website.

Town Engineer Anthony Barnett reported about the newer track loaders at the landfill. This piece of equipment will be hauled to Casper and will take about two months to repair. Barnett also said there are a couple of pumps out at the airport lift station. Regard-

ing the water plant, they are preparing for some tank cleanings in the spring.

Mayor Estenson spoke about the snow removal process from the Town. There is a crew of three town employees doing the work. Mayor Estenson said he takes the complaints of snow and pothole matters seriously and asks for patience. Gravel will be put into some of the potholes temporarily until the weather reaches a temperature when they can fill the potholes with asphalt and perform repairs to the pavement.

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courtesy photo

Archery practice

4-H members have been practicing archery at the Hot Springs County Fair Building. They recently got to sharpen their skills by shooting at 3D targets.

Increase

However, anybody can provide a public comment throughout the course of the next 10 months," Ornelas said.

In its filings with the commission, Rocky Mountain Power outlined a tentative timeline that puts the scheduling conference — when actual dates and deadlines will be set — in mid-April and

the official hearing in early November, with the rate changes set to take effect on Jan. 1, 2024.

The Office of Consumer Advocate expects to spend the next six or seven months scrutinizing Rocky Mountain Power's proposal, meeting with company representatives and experts and

developing the recommendations it'll submit to regulators, Ornelas said. It's also been in touch with the governor's office.

"Anybody who has questions [about the case], please feel free to reach out to my office directly," he added. "Our information is on our website."

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Commissioners

night and had two requests for a hangar. Regarding fuel sales, they sold 1267.57 gallons of Avgas and 2417.17 gallons of jet fuel.

Shane Rankin gave the Road & Bridge report and said that they continue to be busy with snow removal. They plowed the runway at the old airport for the state's driving training. Maintenance on their machinery continues and they are addressing culverts and leaks as needed.

Rankin presented a request for approval of a right of way for SonRise Operations LLC. The commissioners voted and passed the approval of the request.

Frank Davis gave the Maintenance report and updated the commissioners on progress of projects at Hot Springs County Courthouse, Annex/Public Health building, Law Enforcement Center, Library and Extension/4-H building.

Tricia McPhie gave the Public Health/Prevention update and said regarding vaccines, "Last quarter we ordered 115 doses of publicly supplied vaccines. We didn't have any wastage. We're doing a lot of sharing still with surrounding communities, so we don't have that wastage. But we have expended 96% of our vaccine line item for this budget. So I would like to be able to purchase more vaccines out of my total budget if you guys are fine with that. A lot of it went towards the changes in the

recommendations for the adult pneumonia vaccine changed and then with the change of the high dose flu recommendations for 65 and older, those two things were 30% of our budget. And, the cost of vaccines just gets more expensive. So if you're fine if I just use my overall budget, there are a couple of lines I could take it from to continue to purchase vaccines."

The commissioners asked County Clerk Becky Kersten if that would be appropriate. Kersten agreed, and the commissioners told McPhie to do as she proposed.

Bill Gordon gave the Emergency Management report and said that the siren testing has resumed and they will be on the first Saturday of each month at 12 noon.

Regarding snowfall in the drainages above Boysen, Gordon said that the snow tells (snow measuring devices) have not leveled out and continue to climb. There is the anticipation of a significant runoff during the spring, however, Gordon said, "I'm not implying that we might see anything that we haven't seen before." Also, Gordon said there will be good irrigation from the runoff in areas such as Grass Creek and elsewhere.

There was discussion about concerns of river floaters from out of the area who might not be aware of the high level of water flow and that it could be dangerous. Gordon said that he has in the newspaper a colored no-

tice giving the public that week's status of river flow in cubic feet per second. Also, Gordon has signage in four different areas to communicate the possible danger of floating in the river.

Bo Bowman gave the Planner report and said that the Natural Resources Planning Commission will be meeting to discuss new topics, such as the increase in federal regulations. Bowman said they will take a close look at the issues and there should be "good discussion."

The Land Use Planning Committee met on March 15 at 6 p.m. but they did not have any agenda items and held a workshop to discuss procedures and have checklist education.

Regarding septic applications, Bowman said there are three unpermitted systems he is aware of and will discuss them with the property owners about compliance.

Chairman Ryan asked Bowman about any septic activity on the Red Rim Ranch. Bowman said there is none, but he anticipates there will be construction this year.

Barb Rice gave the Youth Alternatives report and said she has 16 total juveniles, including 11 males and five females. Three students are in the high-set program. Rice added their math tutor has been helpful and is a "game-changer" as well as their foster grandparent who is assisting. Regarding a

recent event with High Country Behavioral Health, they had ten kids participate in that.

Rice continued and said they have been busy with community service projects, including snow shoveling, and loading and unloading food trucks. Rice's students had 17 kids participate in a pancake supper and said "it was really successful and wonderful."

In other business, the commissioners voted and passed the approval to ratify the Wyoming State Parks, Historic Sites & Trails Assumption of Risk & Agreement to Hold Harmless the County of Hot Springs, Wyoming. They voted and passed the approval of the Carver Florek & James Audit Engagement Letter and the Ratification of Senior's Center Support Letter (SLIB Grant) and the approval of the Senior Center Generic Support Letter for Other Grants.

The commissioners voted and passed the approval of RFR#1 2023 for NAVAID Maintenance for \$4,753; the approval of RFR#8 for the Black Mountain Road Project for \$16,626.90; and RFR #7 for the Big Horn Basin Children's Outdoor Discovery Center for \$698.59 and \$558.87.

Toward the end of the meeting, a lengthy discussion was held regarding a request from Commissioner Galovich to allow public comment/discussion during the commission meetings. A follow up story on this issue will appear in the March 23 Independent Record.

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and Testament of the decedent, to Michelle White Oehlkers:

A 100% interest in all oil, gas and other minerals, except coal, in and under the following described lands:

TOWNSHIP 12 NORTH RANGE 111 WEST 6th P.M.

Resurvey Tracts 43A, 43B, 43C, 43D, containing 160 acres, less and except the following tract of land: beginning at the SW corner of Tract 43, thence N along the W line of said tract 1539 feet, thence E along a line parallel with and 25 feet S of the N line of Section 16 a distance of 1653 feet, thence S 0 degrees 35 minutes E a distance of 361 feet, thence S 85 degrees 51 minutes E a distance of 216 feet, thence N 28 degrees E a distance of 253 feet, thence S 71 degrees 47 minutes E a distance of 186 feet, thence S 82 degrees 14 minutes E a distance of 488 feet, thence S along the E boundary of said Tract 43 a distance of 1259 feet to the SE corner of said tract, thence W along the S boundary of the tract a distance of 2640 feet to the POB, said tract of land containing 87 acres, more or less.

Section 9: Resurvey Lots 5(9.37), 6(34.33), 7(7.62), 8(9.31), 9(32.45), 10(7.41), SE4NW4, NE4SW4

Section 16: Resurvey Lots 1 (1.72), 2(5.68) Totaling 260.88 acres SWEETWATER COUNTY, WYOMING

WORKING INTERESTS:

A 0.0002236 working interest and a 0.0001937 net revenue interest in the Black Mountain Exploratory Unit Area WYW 109427X, situate in Townships 42-43 North, Ranges 90-91. Decedent owns working interest and associated net revenue interest in the following described unit tracts under oil and gas leases that are included in the unit area:

1. UNIT TRACT (part of):

Bureau of Land Management Lease WYWOI 7060A covering 150 acres in Section 35 described as W2NE, S2N2NW, S2N2N2NW, S2N2N2N2NW, Township 43 North, Range 91 West, 6th P.M.

Part of unit Tract 2 (55 ac) is included in producing PA WYWI 09427A EmbarTensleep Formation (6.58533%)

2. UNIT TRACT

State of Wyoming Lease No. 0-3096 covering 600 acres in Resurvey Tract 49 of Section 36, originally described N2, N2SW, SESW,

SE of sec. 36

Part of unit Tract 3 (310 ac) is included in producing PA WYWI 09427A EmbarTensleep formation (37.1173% TPF)

Part of unit Tract 3 (310 ac) is included in producing PA WYWI 09427B Madison formation (48.28% TPF)

HOT SPRINGS COUNTY, WYOMING

If no objection to the application has been filed within thirty (30) days of the first day of publication, to-wit, March 16, 2023, the Court shall enter such a decree.

DATED this 8th day of March, 2023.

STEVENS, EDWARDS & HALLOCK, P.C.

James L. Edwards #5-1506
Attorney for Estate

Pub. March 16 & 23, 2023 No. 1301

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session March 7, 2023, at 7 pm at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Adam Estenson, Council members Bill Malloy, John Dorman Sr., Rachel Hughes and Dusty Lewis. Also present were Mayor/Codes Administrative Assistant Jim Jeunehomme, Clerk/Treasurer Tracey Van Heule, Town Engineer Anthony Barnett and Town Attorney Marshall Keller.

AGENDA: Following the pledge of allegiance, Dorman made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the agenda as written.

MINUTES: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the Council meeting minutes from February 7 and 21, 2023.

RESOLUTION 572: BUDGET ADJUSTMENT: Dorman made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to approve and adopt Resolution 572, which adjusts the budget to reflect actual costs.

BILLS: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the General, Enterprise and Special Fund bills for February 2023.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: SHORTY'S LIQUOR: CATERING PERMIT: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve a catering permit for Shorty's Liquor for the Elks Foundation

Banquet at the fairgrounds on April 1, from 3-11pm. Fair Board approval was received.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: GARY GREEN: BREWFEST STREET CLOSURE REQUEST: Dorman made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to allow Broadway Street between 4th and 5th street to be closed on June 3, 2023, from noon to 8pm for the Brewfest. It was noted both sides of the street will be closed. Permission was granted to use the old fire hall for the band, in case of inclement weather.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: SHURIE SCHEEL: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Scheel invited the Mayor and Council to an economic development task force meeting on April 18th.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: DARREN BUTCHER: URBAN AGRICULTURE: Butcher asked for chickens to be allowed in town. Discussion ensued. Lewis made a motion and Hughes seconded to allow chickens in town contingent upon the ordinance being passed in three readings. Voting aye were Mayor Estenson, council members Lewis and Hughes. Voting no were council members Malloy and Dorman. Motion carried. Malloy made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to schedule a special meeting on March 14, 2023 at 7pm to define the rules and regulations for allowing chickens in town.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: The Police report and the Streets and Alleys, Water, Wastewater, Sanitation and Landfill reports were available for review. Jeunehomme noted the Consumer Confidence Report is available at town hall and will be available on the website.

TOWN ENGINEER: ANTHONY BARNETT: Barnett mentioned upcoming repairs on a landfill loader and water tank cleaning.

TOWN ATTORNEY: MARSHALL KELLER: Nothing currently.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: Estenson expressed his appreciation for the communities patience as the three-person snow removal crew was doing their best. Lewis inquired about potholes and park improvements. Dorman asked about fencing at the proposed transfer station. Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to adjourn the meeting 7:38 pm. The next Council meeting is March 21, 2023, at 7pm.

BILLS: AFLAC, Insurance, \$113.12; American Welding & Gas, Rental, \$60.32; BCN, Phone, \$71.18; Big Horn Water, Rental, \$31.50; Brenntag Pacific, Lime, \$10,960.35; Carquest, Supplies, \$2,861.79;

Caselle, Software Support, \$748.00; Chemco, Lime Slaker, \$114,855.04; CR Lock, Service, \$75.00; Dana Kepner, Parts, \$406.83; Desert Mtn, Ice Slicer, \$3,909.09; Discover Thermopolis, Postage, \$111.08; Energy Labs, Service, \$686.00; Engineering Associates, Service, \$18,637.45; Floyds Truck, Parts, \$1,816.62; Galls, Uniforms, \$992.07; Great West Trust, Retirement, \$2,440.00; Hawkins, Rental, \$20.00; High Plains Power, Service, \$442.33; HSC, Phone & Elections, \$6,901.85; HSC Fire District, Snow removal, \$3,547.50; HS Vet Clinic, Contract, \$955.00; HSCSD#1, Fuel, \$10,262.42; HSC Public Health, Service, \$45.00; HSC Treasurer, Tax Collection, \$108.69; Inberg Miller, Service, \$5,100.00; Independent Record, Service, \$748.80; Insurance Trust, Premiums, \$39,120.00; Jadeco, Service, \$480.00; Ron Jurovich, Service, \$900.00; Keller Law Firm, Service, \$4,400.00; Laird Sanitation, Service, \$100.00; LGLP, Deductible, \$1,000.00; Long Building, Vent, \$1,020.91; MikeMortimore, Service, \$340.27; Murdoch, Diesel, \$2,767.10; Napa, Parts, \$548.04; NCPERS, Life Ins., \$240.00; One Call, Fees, \$25.00; O'Reilly Auto, Parts, \$377.36; Owl Creek Graphics, Uniforms, \$451.81; Pitney Bowes, Lease, \$143.55; Postmaster, Postage, \$411.48; Range, Service, \$550.70; Red Rock; Service, \$115.00; Ridgecrest, Badge, \$222.45; Rocky Mt. Power, Service, \$13,325.13; Severson Supply, Parts, \$3,232.94; The Radar Shop, Service, \$967.00; Thermopolis Hardware, Supplies, \$379.06; Thermopolis Petro, Tires, \$1,686.87; TOT Police, Petty Cash, \$43.78; TOT General, Acct'g & Collection, \$13,000.00; TOT, Depreciation & Intergov Water, \$69,853.95; Tractor & Equip, Parts, \$349.57; Tumbleweed, Propane, \$231.26; Unum, Life Ins., \$105.12; Verizon, Phone, \$468.57; Visa, Supplies, \$452.14; VSP, Insurance, \$379.69; WW Grainger, Parts, \$288.54; Wyoming Child Support, Child Support, \$450.00; Workforce Services, Workers Comp., \$2,532.43; WY Gas, Service, \$7,596.87; Wyoming Machinery, Service, \$1,003.00; WY Retirement, Retirement, \$23,073.70; WY.Com, Service, \$25.00; Payroll, \$92,582.19; Payroll Taxes, \$29,749.51.

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Adam R. Estenson,
Clerk/Treasurer Mayor

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