

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules and Regulations, notice is hereby given of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power (RMP or the Company) requesting authority to increase rates to recover deferred Net Power Costs (NPC) under Tariff Schedule 95; and to increase rates pursuant to Tariff Schedule 93, Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) and Sulfur Dioxide (SO2) emission allowances, 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 April 15, 2024, RMP filed an Application requesting authority to revise rates pursuant to two different rate schedules. The Company proposes to increase its Tariff Schedule 95 Energy Cost Adjustment Mechanism (ECAM) rates by approximately \$84.3 million to recover deferred NPC. The Company also proposes to increase its Tariff Schedule 93 REC and SO2 Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (RRA) rates by approximately \$2.1 million to account for sales of RECs and SO2 emission allowances. The Company requests interim approval of the proposed rates effective for usage on and after July 1, 2024, subject to further review.

3. The following table summarizes the proposed price changes by tariff rate schedule. Within each rate schedule, the percentage change to individual customers may be higher or lower than the average due to rate design, customer load factors, and usage characteristics. The combined effect of the 2024 RRA and ECAM in this Application represents an overall proposed rate increase of approximately \$86.4 million or approximately 12.3 percent.

Residential	
Schedules 2, 19	9.7%
General Service	
Schedule 25	9.7%
Scheduled 28, 29	12.1%
Large General Service	
Schedule 33	9.5%
Schedule 46	13.1%
Schedule 48T	15.3%
Irrigation	
Schedule 40	10.7%
Lighting Schedules	
Schedule 15	7.7%
Schedule 51	4.9%
Schedule 54	15.1%
Schedule 58	16.8%
Overall	12.3%

4. This is not a complete description of the Application. You may review the Application at RMP's Wyoming offices and at the Commission's offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, during regular business hours or online at <https://dms.wyo.gov/external/publicusers.aspx> (Enter Record No. 17547) or RMP's website at www.pacificcorp.com.

5. Anyone desiring to file a public comment, statement, protest, intervention petition, or request for a public hearing in this matter must file with the Commission in writing on or before May 24, 2024. 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.

6. If you wish to intervene in this matter and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact 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 also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay at 711. Please mention Docket No. 20000-664-EM-24 in your communications.

Pub. April 25 & May 2, 2024 No. 1606

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 Final Low-Carbon Energy Portfolio Standards pursuant to the provisions of Wyoming Statute § 37-18-102 and Chapter 3, Section 38 of the Commission's rules, 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. 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 29, 2024, RMP filed this Application, requesting authority to establish Final Low-Carbon Portfolio Standards pursuant to Wyoming Statute § 37-18-102,

Commission Rule Chapter 3, Section 38, and Docket No. 20000-616-EA-22 (Record No. 17032). It addresses Dave Johnston Unit 4 and Jim Bridger Units 3 and 4. These units are utility owned, coal-fired generation facilities.

3. RMP states it has completed the submission and evaluation phases of the Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage (CCUS) Request for Proposals (RFP). The RFP was issued in November 2022, and later supplemented with a Request for Information (RFI) in February 2023. The Company received one proposal in the RFP, and seven information packages as a result of the RFI. RMP proposes in this Application that the Commission approve a feasibility study (with expectation of progressing into a pre-front-end engineering and design (FEED) or pre-FEED study) for a solids fuel-fired Allam Fetvedt Cycle (AFC) project located at either the Dave Johnston or Wyodak facility; a FEED study for an amine-based carbon capture retrofit at Jim Bridger Units 3 and 4; and that the Commission decline to require a specific low-carbon portfolio standard at this time.

4. This is not a complete description of the Application. The complete Application is available at the Commission's offices or online at <https://psc.wyo.gov> (Hot Topics), or <https://dms.wyo.gov/external/publicusers.aspx> (Enter Record No. 17536), or RMP's website at www.pacificcorp.com.

5. Anyone desiring to file a statement, intervention petition, protest, or request for a hearing must do so in writing, on or before May 16, 2024. Public comments should be submitted to wpsc_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. 20000-660-EA-24 in all correspondence with the Commission.

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

Dated: April 16, 2024.

Pub. April 25 & May 2, 2024 No. 1600

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

COUNTY OF) FIFTH JUDICIAL
HOT SPRINGS) DISTRICT

Civil Action Case No. DR2024-4

Plaintiff/Petitioner:
Jean Anne Hart

vs.

Defendant/Respondent:
Christopher Elwin Hart

Notice of Publication

NOTICE to Christopher Elwin Hart,
DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT

DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT's CURRENT ADDRESS 4544 7th Ave. NE, Seattle, WA 98105-4731.

You are notified that a *Complaint for Divorce*, Civil Action No. DR2024-4, has been filed in the Wyoming District Court for the Fifth Judicial District, whose address is 415 Arapahoe St., Thermopolis, WY 82443 seeking dissolution of your marriage to Jean Anne Hart and a *Decree of Divorce* in his/her favor.

Unless you file an *Answer or Response* or otherwise respond to the *Complaint or Petition* referenced above within 30 days following the last date of publication of this notice, a default judgement will be taken against you and a *Decree of Divorce* will be granted.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2024

BY CLERK OF COURT

Kristina McNeff
Clerk of District Court/Deputy

Pub. April 18, 25, May 2 & 9, 2024
No. 1587

WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CHEYENNE, WYOMING NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF AND FINAL SETTLEMENT FOR HIGHWAY WORK

Notice is hereby given that the Wyoming Department of Transportation has accepted as completed according to plans, specifications and rules governing the same work performed under that certain contract between the State of Wyoming and **S & L Industrial**, The Contractor, on Highway Project Number **B235025 in Washakie County**, consisting of **guardrail, grading and miscellaneous work**, and the Contractor is entitled to final settlement therefore; that the Director of the Department of Transportation will cause said Contractor to be paid the full amount due him under said contract on **May 22, 2024**.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is **April 11, 2024**.

Pam Fredrick
Senior Budget Analyst
Budget Program
Wyoming Department of Transportation

Pub. April 11, 18 & 25, 2024 No. 1584

WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CHEYENNE, WYOMING NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF AND FINAL SETTLEMENT FOR HIGHWAY WORK

Notice is hereby given that the Wyoming Department of Transportation has accepted as completed according to plans, specifications and rules governing the same work performed under that certain contract between the State of Wyoming and **Croell, Inc.**, The Contractor, on Highway Project Number **N361068 in Washakie County**, consisting of **grading, milling, HPM, chip seal, bridge rehabilitation and miscellaneous work**, and the Contractor is entitled to final settlement therefore; that the Director of the Department of Transportation will cause said Contractor to be paid the full amount due him under said contract on **May 22, 2024**.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is **April 11, 2024**.

Pam Fredrick
Senior Budget Analyst
Budget Program
Wyoming Department of Transportation

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NOTICE

The Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners is asking Hot Springs County Residents to apply to serve on the following Hot Springs County Board to fill an open seat due to resignation:

Land Use Planning Commission, (Term thru April 30, 2025)
One Rural Member

Residents of Hot Springs County interested in applying to serve on a Board or position should submit their County Board Application (available on the County website www.hscounty.com or at the County Clerk's Office) to the Hot Springs County Clerk's Office.

Becky Kersten
Hot Springs County Clerk

Pub. April 25, 2024 No. 1601

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

COUNTY OF) FIFTH JUDICIAL
HOT SPRINGS) DISTRICT

No. CV2024-7

IN THE MATTER OF)
THE ESTATE OF)
)
DENNIS CLYDE WICKENHAUSER,)
)
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF PROBATE

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that on the 14th day of March, 2024, the estate of the above named Decedent was admitted to probate by the above named court, and that Leigh Vigil was appointed Administrator and Rexford Wickenhauser was appointed Co-Administrator thereof.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the decedent or to decedent's estate are requested to make immediate payment to the Estate of Dennis Clyde Wickenhauser, c/o Williams Law Office, 339 Arapahoe Street, Thermopolis, Wyoming 82443.

Creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to file them in duplicate with the necessary vouchers, in the Office of the Clerk of said Court, on or before three months after the date of the first publication of this notice, and if such claims are not so filed, unless otherwise allowed or paid, they will be forever barred.

DATED this 22nd day of March, 2024.

Leigh Vigil
Personal Representative

Pub. April 11, 18 & 25, 2024 No. 1585

INVITATION TO BID

The Board of Trustees of Hot Springs County School District #1, Thermopolis, Wyoming, is receiving bids for the purchase of a 1-ton truck for Transportation Services Department. Vehicle requirements are:

Year 2024 or newer, single axle non-dually, automatic transmission, gas engine, any color excluding black and high-visibility colors, dark interior, snowplow package, power seats & windows, 4wd, airbags, USB port, tow package, long bed truck box. Please contact Levi Benboe (Transportation Director) lbenboe@hotsprings1.org or call 307-864-6699 with any questions or concerns. All bids must be sealed and clearly marked "HSCSD#1 Vehicle Purchase" must be received by **1:00 P.M., Mountain Savings Time, at the Hot Springs County School District No. 1 Administrative Office, 415 Springview St, Wyoming, on or before April 30th 2024**.

Any bids received after the bid deadline will be returned unopened. The district shall reserve the right to reject any and all bids and to waive irregularities and informalities in the bidding.

By Order Of:
Dustin Hunt
Superintendent
Hot Springs County School District #1

Pub. April 18 & 25, 2024 No. 1588

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

COUNTY OF) FIFTH JUDICIAL
HOT SPRINGS) DISTRICT

Probate No. 2024-CV-10

IN THE MATTER OF)
THE ESTATE OF)
)
CARL D. WORKMAN,)
)
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF PROBATE

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF CARL D. WORKMAN:

You are hereby notified that on the 1st day of April, 2024, the Estate of the above named decedent was admitted to probate by the District Court, Fifth Judicial District, Probate No. 2024-CV-10, Hot Springs County, Wyoming, and that Gary Giannino was appointed Executor.

NOTICE is further given that all persons indebted to the decedent or to his estate are requested to make immediate payment to the Estate of Carl D. Workman, 117 Cedar Ridge, Thermopolis, WY 82443.

Creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate are requested to file them in duplicate with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the clerk of said court, on or before three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice, and if such claims are not so filed, unless otherwise allowed or paid, **they will be forever barred**.

DATED: April 11th, 2024.

Jill Logan, WSB#6-4256
Attorney for the Estate of
Carl D. Workman

Pub. April 18, 25, & May 2, 2024
No. 1589

Notice

The Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners is asking Hot Springs County residents to apply to serve on the Hot Springs County Travel and Tourism Board:

Hot Springs County Representative – Three (3) year term – One Member
Town of Thermopolis Representative – Three (3) year term – One Member
(Travel & Tourism applicants shall be from the lodging and/or tourism industry)
All of the above positions begin June 1st, 2024

Residents of Hot Springs County interested in applying to serve on the Board should submit their County Board Application (available on the County website www.hscounty.com or at the County Clerk's Office) to the Hot Springs County Clerk's Office.

Residents of the Town of Thermopolis interested in applying to serve on the Board should submit their application (available on the Town website <http://www.townofthermopolis.com> or at Town Hall) to the Town Clerk's Office.

Each application is due to the appropriate entity no later than 5:00 p.m. May 2, 2024. Applications will be considered and appointments made at the meetings held on May 7, 2024.

Becky Kersten
Hot Springs County Clerk

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There is a 2006 utility trailer, VIN # 1UYFS24866A872610 that will be sold at Sheriff's public auction on the front steps of the Hot Springs County Courthouse on April 30, 2024, at 11 a.m. This sale is to satisfy abandoned vehicle costs against Marlene & Paul McKinstry on the above listed vehicle by Smith Oil Field Service in the amount of \$12,500.00

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There is a 2004 Freightliner, red, VIN # 1FUJA6CV14PM19136 that will be sold at Sheriff's public auction on the front steps of the Hot Springs County Courthouse on April 30, 2024, at 11 a.m. This sale is to satisfy abandoned vehicle costs against Marlene H & Paul D McKinstry on the above listed vehicle by Smith Oil Field Service in the amount of \$9,500.00

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There is a 2000 Freightliner, VIN # 1FUJDSEB9YDA90892 that will be sold at Sheriff's public auction on the front steps of the Hot Springs County Courthouse on April 30, 2024, at 11 a.m. This sale is to satisfy abandoned vehicle costs against Marlene McKinstry on the above listed vehicle by Smith Oil Field Service in the amount of \$7,500.00

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There is a 2004 Nissan, charcoal, VIN # 1N6AA07B34N506663 that will be sold at Sheriff's public auction on the front steps of the Hot Springs County Courthouse on April 30, 2024, at 11 a.m. This sale is to satisfy abandoned vehicle costs against John Travis Meece on the above listed vehicle by Smith Oil Field Service in the amount of \$5,000.00

Pub. April 18 & 25, 2024 No. 1594

There is a 2017 Ford F150, charcoal, VIN # 1FTEW1EP5HFC14443 that will be sold at Sheriff's public auction on the front steps of the Hot Springs County Courthouse on April 30, 2024, at 11 a.m. This sale is to satisfy abandoned vehicle costs against Lance Portlock on the above listed vehicle by Smith Oil Field Service in the amount of \$40,000.00

Pub. April 18 & 25, 2024 No. 1593

There is a 2007 Chevrolet Trailblazer, gold, VIN # 1GNLT13S572227797 that will be sold at Sheriff's public auction on the front steps of the Hot Springs County Courthouse on April 30, 2024, at 11 a.m. This sale is to satisfy abandoned vehicle costs against Tim D Beason on the above listed vehicle by Smith Oil Field Service in the amount of \$5,000.00

Pub. April 18 & 25, 2024 No. 1592

There is a 1997 utility trailer, VIN # 1UYFS2483VA313420 that will be sold at Sheriff's public auction on the front steps of the Hot Springs County Courthouse on April 30, 2024, at 11 a.m. This sale is to satisfy abandoned vehicle costs against Marlene & Paul McKinstry on the above listed vehicle by Smith Oil Field Service in the amount of \$7,500.00

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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 cancel tariff Schedule 197, 2017 Federal Tax Act Adjustment, 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. 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 April 8, 2024, RMP filed its Application, requesting authority to cancel tariff Schedule 197, and remove credits related to the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) to customers due to the excess deferred income tax being fully amortized, effective July 1, 2024.

3. RMP recorded the difference between the federal income tax liability in effect on December 31, 2017, and January 1, 2018, per Commission Order in Docket Nos. 20000-510-EA-17, 90000-134-XO-17, 20000-536-ER-18, 20000-560-EA-19, and 20000-578-ER-20. This was done with the intention of returning the benefit to customers under Commission specified terms, which included returning TCJA benefits over a period of 3 years. RMP states it has returned the TCJA benefits to customers, and as of July 1, 2024, the Company expects the remaining tax balance to be fully amortized, rendering Schedule 197 unnecessary.

4. This is not a complete description of the Application. The complete Application is available at the Commission's offices or online at <https://dms.wyo.gov/external/publicusers.aspx> (Enter Record No. 17539), or RMP's website at www.pacificcorp.com.

5. Anyone desiring to file a statement, intervention petition, protest, or request for a hearing must do so in writing, on or before May 16, 2024. Public comments should be submitted to wpsc_comments@wyo.gov. Any intervention request filed with the Commission shall set forth the grounds of the pro-

posed 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. 20000-661-ET-24 in all correspondence with the Commission.

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

Dated: April 16, 2024.

Pub. April 25 & May 2, 2024 No. 1599

NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR THE THERMOPOLIS-HOT SPRINGS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Thermopolis-Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce has four (4) open positions on the Board of Directors. The term limits for these positions will be from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027. According to the Chamber of Commerce Bylaws, the vote for the new Board Members will go to the membership. We have received interest from the individuals listed below:

Bradyn Harvey:
George M. Sliney Lodge #26IOOF
Falina Hill:
Thermopolis Hardware & Mercantile
Jolie Nicodemus:
Hot Springs County School District #1

If you are interested in becoming a candidate for the Board of Directors, a petition bearing the genuine signature of ten (10) voting members of the Chamber of Commerce is required. Such petition shall be filed with the nominating committee on or before 5:00 pm, Thursday, May 9, 2024.

Thermopolis-Hot Springs
Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 768
Thermopolis, WY 82443

Pub. April 25, 2024 No. 1603

STATE OF)	OFFICE OF THE
WYOMING)	BOARD OF
OF)	COUNTY
COUNTY OF)	COMMISSIONERS
HOT SPRINGS)	April 2, 2024

The Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Public Meeting Room at the Government Annex. Present were Commissioners Tom Ryan, Phillip Scheel, and Paul Galovich. Also present were County Clerk Becky Kersten, County Attorney Jill Logan, and Administrative Assistant to the Commissioners Connie Guntly. Chairman Ryan led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda – The Commissioners adopted the agenda.

Approval of Minutes – The Commissioners approved the minutes from March 19, 2024 meeting.

Approval of Bills Accounts Payable Warrant Register – The Accounts Payable (AP) Warrant Register for bills totaling \$564,740.71 was submitted for approval (see end for listing). Payroll for March 2024 - \$200,342.25. The Commissioners approved all three signatures on the AP Warrant Register in the amount of \$546,740.71. Commissioner Scheel recused himself from approval of warrant numbers 65954 and 65976 and Chairman Ryan recused himself from approval of warrant number 65979.

GIS Monthly Update - In the month of March Ardurra, finished drawing and attributing land use change tracts, and requested follow up information from the County Planner. Ardurra received 2023 Septic Permit information and uploaded files into cloud storage. Mrs. Ross began working on the Next Gen 911 data model and another analyst worked on LiDAR elevations. Next month work will continue on the LiDAR Applications and the Next Gen 911 layers. Ardurra will continue to support the County with online applications, and will send out a GIS needs assessment survey to the department heads.

Emergency Management Report – The Bureau of Reclamation sent a notification for increase of river flow. Mrs. Conrad worked with faith based organization in regards to training, awareness and preparedness, and hopes to branch out to other organizations. Mrs. Conrad attended the Spring Coordinators Meeting in Casper with the Wyoming Office of Home Land Security. Chairman Ryan inquired about the River Flow notifications Bill Gordon did around the county. Mrs. Conrad said those notifications will continue and she will contact Mr. Gordon for more information. Mrs. Conrad stated she found a grant from 2022 that was awarded, however not all funds were expended. The state offered to re-award the grant in the amount of \$14,000 so the County can utilize those funds for office supplies and travel. County Clerk stated that may be the best option for budgeting purposes.

Fixed Based Operator (FBO) Monthly Report – There were 168 total recorded operations. Fuel sales include 1,044.59 gallons of Avgas and 801.4 gallons of Jet Fuel. Mr. Messenger completed the annual Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

inspections on the fuel systems. Parking curbs were replaced for the handicapped parking spaces. Mr. Messenger is preparing the tractors and mowing equipment for the summer; tires may be needed for the International 1566 tractor, funds for the tires may be requested in fiscal year 2024-25 budget.

Maintenance Monthly Report – The intake bathroom work for the Law Enforcement Center is continuing. Jadeco and TW Enterprises are going test run the new generator on April 3rd ; the power may be off for a few minutes during testing. The old generator will go to Road and Bridge for use during power outages, including the fueling stations.

Road and Bridge – Road blading is being conducted when weather allows and winter equipment maintenance is almost complete. The new truck and patch trailer have been delivered. Mr. Rankin stated the Road and Bridge crew removed fuel from the old tank underground behind the courthouse that was used for the old generator. Mr. Rankin presented two approach agreements for approval. The Commissioners approved Chairman's signature on Brian Johnson's Approach Agreement, County Road 25 (not 75 as stated on Agenda), Missouri Flat Road, for the County to install a 30-foot culvert. All fees have been paid. The Commissioners approved Chairman's signature on Rocky Yetter's Approach Agreement, Lane 7, for the County to install a 30-foot culvert, all fees have been paid.

Youth Alternatives Monthly Report - There are 9 youth in the program, 5 males and 4 females. Mrs. Rice reported two program participants are enrolled at the High County Behavioral Health Center, she is concerned about Mental Health issues in the County. Mrs. Rice is looking into access to resources and services for youth who may need it.

Planner/Project Manager Monthly Report – The Construction Season Advisory notice draft was presented to the Commissioners; this notice will be sent to the Independent Record for publishing. Mr. Culliton reported the notice is usually released once in the Spring, however he would like to get it published once a month during construction season. All Commissioners agree for the notice to run monthly in the newspaper. Commissioner Scheel would like item 5 of the notice to be reworded to not state "building permit," but "construction notice." Natural Resource Planning Commission is meeting on April 10th, and some members have been wondering about the shooting complex; Commissioner Galovich will attend the meeting and provide an update. The Land Use Planning Commission does not have any scheduled hearings; they may have a work session again.

Public Health /Prevention Monthly Report – Prevention Coordinator Jen Cheney joined Public Health Nurse Manager Tricia McPhie to update the Commissioners on Prevention activities. Mrs. Cheney reported in February she conducted a suicide prevention class and provided another one in March. Mrs. Cheney is working on bringing a guest speaker to Hot Springs County in May to talk about high potency marijuana. National Mental Health Awareness month is in May; Prevention will be conducting activities throughout the month.

Public Health Nurse Manager Tricia McPhie presented the monthly Public Health Statistics for March 2024; statistics included Child and Adult Immunizations totaling 33, Children's Special Health clients totaling 3, Long Term Care 101 visits totaling 10, Chronic Disease Clinic visits totaling 23, and other visits totaling 18. Mrs. McPhie stated Public Health, through State funding, has the ability to fund a digital sign for the front of the building and inquired whether she can look into this option, get quotes and get back to the Commissioners, the Commissioners agreed. Mrs. McPhie also presented the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Grant Application that was filled out by High Country Behavioral Health, because they provide the services. The Commissioners approved Chairman's signature on the TANF grant application. Mrs. McPhie clarified the funds are a pass through in the amount of \$20,000.

Weed and Pest Second Mill Request – A request for a Weed and Pest's second mill levy was presented to the Commissioners. Ms. Love stated Weed and Pest uses the second mill for mosquito abatement, testing for West Nile virus, and whitetop (a state designated weed that spreads quickly and is poisonous to animals) abatement. The Commissioners approved the second mill request for Weed and Pest for mosquito and whitetop abatement. Commissioner Scheel stated this request comes to the Commissioners every year and has been approved every year.

Travel and Tourism Update – Tourism Director, Jackie Dorothy, handed out a flyer, Hot Springs County Tourism magazine and a Draft Resolution for Commissioners review. Ms. Dorothy requested the Commissioners review the draft Resolution that will approve a 2% lodging tax in Hot Springs County to be on the election ballot in November and have the final on the next meeting's Agenda for review and possible approval. The Travel and Tourism board is working on a digital sign that will be placed out by Wyoming Department of Transportation building.

Big Horn Basin Nature and Discovery Center (BHBND) Sponsorship – Request for sponsorship of the Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant was requested by BHBND. Mr. Schenck stated the total project cost is about

\$520,000; BHBND will provide a 9.51% match totaling \$49,450. The Commissioners approved to sponsor the BHBND WYDOT TAP application for construction.

Bureau of Land Management Federal Land Policy Management (FLPMA) Draft Right-Of-Way Permits – Chairman Ryan presented this item stating he met with the representatives last week to complete the documents. The right-of-way needed to be completely changed, and is only a partial change to the total right-of-way. These are draft documents, the final documents with the attachments will be mailed soon to the County. One right-of-way is temporary for the culvert work, and one right-of-way is perpetuity for the culvert maintenance and improvements. The Commissioners approved Chairman Ryan to sign the FLPMA Right of Way permits once received.

Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) Grant Discussion – This grant is for federal land and economic drivers access. The Black Mountain Road project should qualify for this grant. Chairman Ryan met with Ardurra and representatives for this grant, and hopefully funds may be used to pave the remainder of the project. Ardurra will assist with the grant submission and getting the documents to the Commissioners for review.

Other Business – 1) Consideration of Request for Reimbursement #5. Seal Coat and Mark Pavement Project in the Amount of \$7,133.20 – The Commissioners approved Reimbursement #5 for seal coat and mark pavement at the airport (\$6,419.88 WYDOT pays; \$713.32 County pays). 2) Consideration of Request for Payment #21. Black Mountain Road Project, in the Amount of \$20,366.15 – The Commissioners approved Payment #21 for Black Mountain Road (\$17,311.23 WYDOT pays; \$3,054.92 County pays).

Correspondence – 1) **Hot Springs County Rural Water Joint Powers Board Minutes** – January 2024; 2) **State of Wyoming Department of Audit** – Special District Compliance; 3) **Bureau of Reclamation Announcement** – Reclamation Schedules Flushing Below Buffalo Bill Reservoir; 4) **United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service** – Notice of Opportunity to Comment on the Shoshone National Forest, Wind River Range, Green Union Project (Administrative Assistant to the Commissioners will reach out to Wyoming County Commissioners Association, Micah Christensen, and the Natural Resources Planning Committee for any comments.) 5) **Bureau of Reclamation News Release** – Reclamation Announces Public Meeting to Discuss Buffalo Bill Reservoir Water Supply and Water Operations; 6) **Kinder/Morgan Letter** – Excavation Project Reminder

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

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners will be held on May 7, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., at the Hot Springs County Annex building, 117 N. 4th St. Thermopolis. The public is invited to attend in person, or view the meeting via Zoom through the link provided on the County website. 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 (f), 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

Thomas J. Ryan, Chairman
Becky Kersten, County Clerk

BILLS – March 2024

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Six fatal crashes so far in Campbell County this year

GILLETTE (WNE) --- So far in 2024, 21 people have died in 18 fatal crashes in Wyoming. A third of those crashes, which resulted in six deaths, happened in Campbell County.

In 2023, there were 11 fatal crashes in Campbell County. In 2022, there were seven. 2021 had four fatal crashes, and 2020 had eight.

Campbell County Sheriff Scott Matheny said when it comes to these crashes, "it randomly spikes and sometimes it doesn't."

The first crash wasn't until Jan. 30, then there was another one about two weeks later.

Of the five crashes, one was on Highway 50, one was on Interstate 90 and one was on Highway 51. Another was on Echeta Road, and a fifth was on Country Club Road. The most recent one, on Saturday, was on North Highway 59.

The winter has been pretty mild this year, and weather conditions were listed as a contributing factor in only one of the six crashes. Matheny said the nice weather means that "more people are out and about on the highway." And the more drivers there are, the greater the risk for accidents.

Since 2020, there have been 36 fatal crashes in Campbell County. Fourteen of those had speed listed as a contributing factor, while driver inattention was an element in nine of the crashes.

Jason Roascio, public information officer for Wyoming Highway Patrol District 4, said many drivers have gotten comfortable with driving distracted.

"They're taking their attention away from what's

already a very dangerous task," he said. "We take it for granted, our speed limits in Wyoming are 80 mph. That speed is serious, and it can be done safely as long as you are paying attention to driving."

"How do we make them more attentive?" Matheny asked. "I don't know what to do."

While an increased law enforcement presence may help drivers slow down on the highways, Matheny said speed traps "don't do anything with distractedness."

The numbers are concerning, he added, and "honestly, all law enforcement should be diligent in making sure people are paying attention."

"Maybe it's time for the police department, highway patrol and the sheriff's office to do more," he said.

Health Trust denial prompts indignant email from Rescue Mission

CASPER (WNE) --- The Wyoming Rescue Mission's stance that it hires only Christians may have cost the group a \$160,000 grant.

On Thursday, the non-profit organization's director of development blasted the Natrona Collective Health Trust, another local non-profit, in an email to media outlets. In the email, Cheryl Austin alleged that three employees from the trust had taken a 1-1/2 hour tour of the mission the day before, and one had called her that day to tell her the mission would not be giving the group the \$160,000 grant it had applied for.

Austin said she recorded the phone call, in which she was allegedly told that since not all Natrona County residents can work at the mission, the trust would not approve its grant application.

There was no application date or deadline listed on the attachment Austin sent with her original email.

The Wyoming Rescue Mission is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that has a statement of faith, although Austin stresses in her email that it allows people of all faiths, genders and backgrounds to come into the mission and receive its services.

"We made it clear that ANYONE is welcome at the Wyoming Rescue Mission. We showed firsthand how we serve the homeless in our community, partner them with case management and back-to-work plans and provide long-term recovery programs," Austin wrote in the email.

She formatted the last sentence of the email in italicized, bold font: "I wonder how the county commissioners feel about the decisions of the Natrona Collective Health Trust to denying funding for human service agencies that serve residents of Natrona County."

Beth Worthen, CEO of the health trust, declined to comment on the dispute.

Austin, who previously worked as a reporter, later sent an apology email asking media outlets not to report the story as a favor, noting she understood that messages can't be unsent. In the email, which was carbon copied to mission Executive Director Brad Hopkins, she wrote she had "acted independently" and that Hopkins preferred private discussions with the trust.

The mission had applied

for \$80,000 per year for two years, the highest yearly amount the group could apply for, the grant application stated.

In the application, the health trust asked for a "statement of inclusiveness" to be included.

"Wyoming Rescue Mission is committed to ensuring that people in need from all backgrounds have unrestricted access to our services and interventions. WRM serves those in need without exclusion, applying and allowing no bias in our services. The Mission is inclusive of clients of any religion, ethnicity, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, nationality, economic status, physical ability, mental ability, resident immigration status, veteran status, marital status, or any other distinguishing factor for which discrimination might occur," its response stated.

Its hiring practices, however, are not inclusive, and the group has fought to keep them so.

In 2022, the mission sued state and federal agencies after being threatened with punishment for refusing to hire a non-Christian for a clerk position at its Rescued Treasures thrift store in 2020. In a settlement, the state acknowledged the group held a religious exemption and could discriminate based on faith, according to media reports.

After explaining the current situation, Austin asked, "How discriminatory is the action of the Natrona Collective Health Trust?"

In 2023, the mission reported to the IRS that it had \$15.1 million in assets and \$4.9 million in revenue -- including \$4.5 million in contributions and grants, according to its GuideStar profile.

In the same year, the mission spent \$4.09 million, including nearly \$2 million in salaries and \$1.5 million on programs at its Park Street Center in Casper, providing 36,000 nights of shelter, 72,742 meals and 11,180 weekly case management sessions. The organization's second biggest expense was its Rescued Treasures stores, which cost it \$1.4 million and had \$1.9 million in sales. The mission reported no employees making \$100,000 or more per year, and all of its board members were uncompensated.

Powell man imprisoned for child abuse, drug use

POWELL (WNE) --- As he appeared before the Park County District Court for sentencing on counts related to child abuse and drug use, Juan L. Marquez Jr. described it as a case of history repeating itself. Marquez noted his father had appeared before the same court on similar charges decades earlier. In that case, Marquez was the young victim, and he said the abuse he suffered at his father's hands has stuck with him "forever."

But on this day in February, the now-42-year-old Marquez was in court as the

perpetrator -- having beaten and choked his own child in 2022. It was also far from Marquez's first run-in with the law, as he entered the hearing with a long record of criminal conduct involving violence and drugs. Marquez asked District Court Judge Bill Simpson to break the cycle by giving him an opportunity to seek counseling and drug treatment, but the judge opted for the approach recommended by prosecutors. He imposed nine to 10 years of prison time.

"I take no great pleasure in the imposition of this sentence, Mr. Marquez, but frankly ... you've had plenty of second chances, regardless of the horrendous upbringing that you suffered from," Simpson said. "Your family has tried to pull together, but unfortunately, the level of violence, anger, frustration, drug use and all that goes with that torment has haunted you just as it did your father, and perhaps his father before him." The judge called the case "a tragedy in every sense of the word."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG) 2025 PARK AND HOT SPRINGS COUNTIES

The Yellowstone Country Assistance Network is pleased to announce a public hearing regarding allocating funds for the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) in Park and Hot Springs Counties for the fiscal year 2025. This hearing aims to provide public discussion and input on the proposed allocation and utilization of CSBG funds to re-

duce poverty, revitalize low-income communities, and empower low-income families and individuals to become fully self-sufficient.

Date: May 21, 2024
Time: 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Location: Online forum
Virtual Attendance Registration: <https://ycanhelp.org/announcements/>

All interested parties, including community members, local organizations, and stakeholders, are encouraged to attend and participate in this important discussion. Your feedback is invaluable to ensuring that the allocation of the CSBG funds effectively addresses the needs of our community.

Written comments may also be submitted before the hearing by May 15, 2024, at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J2KZL6G>

For more information about the public hearing or to request special accommodations, please contact: Julie Dunlap, CEO, ycanhelp@prontomail.com

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COUNCIL MINUTES

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session on April 16, 2024, 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 Attorney Marshall Keller and Town Engineer Anthony Barnett.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the financial statement for March 2024.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: JACKIE DOROTHY: TRAVEL & TOURISM UPDATE: Dorothy noted the group is requesting a 2% lodging tax on the November ballot, instead of 4%. The State of Wyoming is charging 5%, with 2% coming back to Hot

Springs County. She noted the tourism digital sign is anticipated to be located at the southern entrance of town, the 100th anniversary of the Yellowstone highway, an upcoming visit from an international tour company and the increase in lodging tax revenues. Malloy made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve a resolution for the lodging tax to be placed on the ballot.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: AUDRA DOMINGUEZ-WYOMING DISCOVERY DAYS, 4TH OF JULY EVENT: Dominguez requested a malt beverage permit and closure of 5th street from Broadway, south to the alley for a 4th of July event. The event, hosted by Wyoming Discovery Days, is from 5:30 to 10 pm and will feature dinner, live music and other activities. Malloy made a motion and Dorman seconded to approve the street closure and malt beverage permit. In discussion, Estenson suggested Dominguez develop a contingency plan for a large group of people. Motion carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Sam Khalisa asked about the abatement of 117 Fremont. Estenson noted the abatement day was April 16, 2024, and the town is taking the next steps.

CODES ADMINISTRATION: RIGHT-OF-WAY FENCE PERMIT: Jeunehomme presented a right-of-way permit request for a three-foot solid vinyl fence for 440 Amoretti. He noted the fence meets all requirements. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the fence right-of-way permit.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: HOT SPRINGS STATE PARK (HSSP) RFP LETTER OF SUPPORT: Lewis noted he was approached by a state park official to see if the town supported the RFP process. Dorman made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to approve the letter of support to the Wyoming State Parks & Cultural Resources.

MAYOR & COUNCIL OTHER: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to adjourn at 7:20 pm. The next Council meeting is May 7, 2024, at 7pm.

ATTEST:

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

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