

**FINAL Meeting Minutes**  
**Pinedale Anticline Project Office ---- Agency Managers Committee Meeting**  
**May 3, 2012 8:00 am - Noon**  
**BLM Pinedale Field Office 1625 West Pine Pinedale, Wyoming**

**PAPO Session**

**ATTENDING:**

**BOARD:** Chairman John Corra (DEQ Director), Scott Talbott (WGFD Director), Don Simpson (WY BLM Director), Joel Bousman (Sublette County Commissioner), Jason Fearneyhough (WDA Director), Doug Miyamoto (WDA Deputy Director).

**STAFF:** Shane DeForest (Field Manager, Pinedale Field Office), Eric Decker (JIO PAPO Coordinator), Sheila Keating (Management Analyst HDD), Windy Kelley (WDA/JIO/PAPO), Theresa Gulbrandson (BLM/JIO/PAPO), Therese Hartman (WGFD/PAPO), Dan Stroud (WGFD/JIO), Jennifer Frazier (DEQ/JIO), Brandi O'Brien (DEQ/PAPO), John Ruhs (District Manager, Wyoming BLM High Desert District), Regi Lester, OA Clerk (contract), Jeremy Perkins, HDD/IT Specialist, Theresa Nallick (BLM, JIDMS/PADMS Database Manager).

**OTHER:** John Emmerich (WGFD), Art Reese (USQ), Pete Guernsey (QEP), Aimee Davison (Shell), Cally McKee and Ericka Tokarz (ULTRA), Kelly Bott (USQ), Curt Yanish (Astor Canyon), Barbara MuCray (Conservation Seeding & Restoration Inc.), John Lund (WGFD), Andy Setterholm (Sublette Examiner), Aida Farag (USGS), Tim Lingle (Northwind), Lara Ryan and Kathryn Boswell (Wyoming Land Trust).

**Welcome, introductions and approval of agenda** (Chairman John Corra, action item)  
Don Simpson moved, Jason Fearneyhough seconded Unanimous Decision

**Review and approval of December 1, 2011 meeting minutes** (action item)

Jason Fearneyhough moved, Don Simpson seconded Unanimous Decision

**Review and approval of February 8, 2012 meeting minutes** (action item)

Jason Fearneyhough moved, Don Simpson seconded Unanimous Decision

**PAPO Budget Update** (information, Sheila Keating, Management Analyst/BLM)

Motion to accept the PAPO Budget Financial Statement:  
Jason Fearneyhough moved, Unanimous Decision

Shelia Keating reviewed and explained the Budget Spreadsheet and answered questions posed by the Board. Through 2012 PAPO has enough money available for everything that has been committed for this year. The word "balance" used in the Budget Summary was a concern and the Board asked Shelia to change it to avoid any confusion.

Don Simpson: Do we want to maintain some money for next year?

Eric Decker: Yes, we want to be fiscally conservative in case projects are approved by the Board for 2013. PAPO staff has recommended we allocate approximately 50% of the available project money for projects approved by the Board and the remaining 50% for next year.

\*John Corra: asked operators for estimated spud counts for 2013.

Art Reece: the USQ would need the operators to get together for a meeting to get this information together. Due to the price of gas cannot really depend on the numbers forecasted.

\*John Corra: asked for a best and worst case scenario estimate for the next couple of years by the end of 2012 or beginning of 2013.

\*Art Reece: agreed to provide the estimated data.

### **Pinedale Anticline Database Management System (PADMS) presentation**

(information by Theresa Nallick, JIO/PAPO Database Manager and Windy Kelley, JIO/PAPO WY Department of Agriculture)

John Corra updated members of the public who were not present at the JIO meeting on 5/2/2012 and gave them the option to ask questions.

A brief discussion was held with Tim Lingle, Board members, and staff members as to why the PADMS system is being used versus using the spreadsheet and methods consultants and operators are using.

### **PADMS proposed budget for phase 3 for remaining portion of FFY 2012**

(Action item, Eric Decker, JIO/PAPO Project Coordinator and Theresa Nallick)

Motion carried from 5/2/2012 JIO Meeting

Don Simpson moved, Joel Bousman seconded Unanimous Decision

The Board Motioned to Approve 50% of \$92,750.00 with the recommendation that PAPO fund the other 50% (this related to the following approved PAPO fund expenditures: for 2012 - \$12,200.00 and for 2013- \$34,175.00). Motion was approved during the JIO Meeting on May 2.

Friendly Amendment: Earmark the Jonah portion of unexpended funds for salaries.

### **PADMS proposed budget for phase 1, 2 and 3 for FFY 2013** (action item, Eric and Theresa)

**Request for PAPO clerical support in the Pinedale Anticline Project Office (PAPO)** (action item, Eric and Shane DeForest, Field Manager/BLM)

Funding was requested for an Office Clerk for the PAPO Office for 1 year beginning on June 4, 2012.

A discussion was held concerning the need for a clerical position and the filling of the 2 existing staff vacancies. Eric and Shane explained the need for clerical support and why the BLM's intent to fill the Reclamation position this year and the Range position in 2013.

The Board posed questions and expressed concerns about the allocation of funds and PAPO funds being used for JIO Activities.

Scott Talbott: would be more compelled to consider administrative position if the Reclamation and the Range positions were already filled.

Jason Fearneyhough: would prefer the two positions be filled prior to an administrative position.

No Motion was made to approve the request.

John Corra excused himself and Don Simpson acted as Chairperson.

**PAPO Wildlife Monitoring Update** (information by Therese Hartman, JIO/PAPO G&F Biologist)

Therese presented a Wildlife Monitoring Update and a 2012 PAPA Raptor Nests Monitoring Area map. Topics covered included: current/ongoing 2012 monitoring and monitoring to be performed by contractors. The estimate total for 2012 wildlife monitoring is \$830,584.50. The revised map showed a reduced monitoring area. The reduction was made to reduce costs in raptor monitoring and no new leks were found.

Cally McKee requested the hand out be posted on the web.

**PAPO Website Update** (information by Eric, will include updated project solicitation process)

The JIO and PAPO staff has had meetings to go through the web site and are in the middle of making appropriate changes. A significantly updated website should be available by the end of June, 2012.

**Revised PAPO Project Selection Criteria** (information by Eric)

Eric Decker provided information on the 2012 Project Ranking Sheet and explained the revised ranking process. There will be a second score sheet available for 2013 which will include Air Quality. As requested by the Board, a narrative of the project solicitation process will be available on the website by the end of June 2012.

John Corra reviewed the four items of concern that became the basis for revising the project selection criteria:

1. Cost control/prioritization criteria
2. Strategic planning
3. Defining metrics and measures
4. Solicit ideas in a focused manner (it was previously agreed there is a need to seek project proposals that were more directly tied to the mitigation concerns expressed in the ROD).

John Corra requested that the public and the operators to go on the web and review the information about the project selection criteria. Any questions or comments should be sent to Eric Decker.

A decision was made to make this an agenda topic at the December Board Meeting.

**Project application summary for 2012 funding** (information by Eric)

Eric Decker presented a list of projects submitted for possible 2012 PAPO Funding. Information included all projects submitted, the four staff recommended projects and a summary of the budget for each project, requested amount for all 15 projects and the amount available for projects as of March 2012.

Because the JIO/PAPO staff wanted to have funding for 2013, they were more fiscally conservative and they made a concerted effort to focus on the matrix listed species, etc. The objective for the PAPO field trip was to help the Board better understand the ongoing projects and the projects the staff would like to see funded in the future.

**PAPO staff recommended projects for 2012 funding** (information by Eric, action items)

Eric provided the Board information on the four PAPO staff-recommended projects (Mesa Reservoir Well project, Mesa Fertilization Data Collection project, Sublette Mule Deer NEPA/Cultural surveys, and Mesa Wildlife-friendly fence project).

Joel Bousman: Motioned to approve the Mesa Reservoir Well, Mesa Fertilization Data Collection and the Mule Deer NEPA/Cultural surveys and to make the Wildlife-friendly fence project a separate motion.

Jason Fearneyhough moved, Don Simpson seconded Unanimous Decision

A discussion was held to answer questions and address concerns for each project. The Mesa Fertilization Data Collection was discussed in depth.

Mesa Reservoir Well - Therese Hartman gave a summary of the project.

Mule Deer NEPA/Cultural-Dan Stroud gave a summary of the project.

A discussion was held concerning the money allocated and use of the BLM Archaeologist.

A discussion concerning the Mesa Wildlife-friendly fence project led to the decision to combine efforts and funding with the Wyoming Land Trust (WLT). Lara Ryan WLT) agreed on behalf of the WLT to combine the funding with the Wildlife-friendly fence (phase2) funding for this project.

Motion: The authorization of up to \$500,000.00 to be allocated to the potential conversion of fence on the Mesa. The WLT will take the lead in the project with the BLM in a supporting role. Any remaining or extra money available will be used to complete the rest of the fence on the Mesa. The WLT should report back to the Board at the December meeting on how the project is progressing.

Joel Bousman moved, Scott Talbott seconded Unanimous Decision

**PAPO strategic planning** (information by Eric)

\*John Corra: Asked the PAPO staff to look into whether or not a habitat management plan is needed and should it be merged into the Strategic plan? Is the vision statement clear, do we want to have population numbers with goals? 2023-2033

\*The Board asked the Wyoming Game and Fish to bring the Habitat Management Plan, they are currently finalizing, to the December meeting.

**PAPO Office Update** (information by Eric)

Eric Decker advised the Board the PAPO office is working to improve efficiency and communication.

**Public Comment** (facilitated by Chairman Corra)

Aida Farag: provided information about the importance of the water sampling methods used in the New Fork River Water Quality Project.

Eric Decker: responded it was an excellent project but the problem was - with the emphasis on the matrix-specific species - the project didn't rank high enough using the revised project selection criteria.

Lara Ryan: Thanked the Board for the fence project support and provided information about easements and other Wyoming Land Trust activities. There will be a series of easement tours; everyone is invited to become involved and attend.

**Next meeting in Cheyenne** (Chairman Corra, December 6 is proposed)

There was agreement by the Board that the next meeting will be in Cheyenne on December 6, 2012.

With no further business, Joel Bousman moved to adjourn, Don Simpson seconded, with Unanimous Decision. The PAPO Board adjourned at 12:15pm.