



## State of Idaho Strategic Energy Alliance Board of Directors Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday – September 20, 2023

**Time:** 1:30 – 2 p.m. MST

**Location:** Virtual via Microsoft Teams

**Participate Online:**

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**Attendance:** Chairman Todd Combs, Richard Stover, Emily Her, Marissa Warren, Brenna Garro, Jett Hawk, Kylie Bolland, Collins Sprague, Will Hart, Eric Anderson, Bear Prairie, Lori Blattner, Jared Ellsworth.

### Meeting Minutes

#### Welcome and Approval of Previous Minutes

Will Hart: Moves to approve minutes.

Eric Anderson: Seconds.

*Unanimous approval.*

#### 2023 Revised Idaho Energy Security Plan

Richard Stover: The 2022 Plan was submitted in compliance with the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). OEMR had an Energy Assurance Plan from 2012 and in 2021 OEMR started working on an update. When IIJA came out there were requirements to create a State Energy Security Plan (SESP). The Department of Energy (DOE) conditionally approved the SESP due to the quick turn around time and suggested improvements in each of the six categories. The deadline to submit the improvements is the end of September.

Richard Stover: Jett Hawk has taken the lead on editing the plan to address the six required components through stakeholder engagement and edits. OEMR will review and assess the SESP annually. Particularly, the components of the plan that require parties to carry out response activities. OEMR expects the DOE to provide additional guidance in October that would create additional improvements to the plan.

Richard Stover: Appendix K is a list of revisions to the SESP. OEMR added state specific risks and vulnerabilities due to DOE and congressional guidance. This includes general summary of energy risks in the state, along with examples of what had occurred and how parties responded to the risks. The SESP highlights that Idaho is a bottom-up state. This emphasizes the utilities as first line of

defense, then cities, counties, and tribes, and then the state. The SESP includes statutes, authorities, and regulations for emergencies. In the future, OEMR will update the states vulnerabilities and the cross section of vulnerabilities throughout stakeholders. This document will tie into other grants going forward including the State Energy Resiliency Grant. OEMR will continue to review this document for grammatical errors.

Chairman Todd Combs: The graphic on page 51 depicts the state energy emergency decision tree. How often is the process exercised? Do we know that it can be executed smoothly?

Richard Stover: The process is exercised. Emily Her and Jett Hawk had a preliminary meeting for the exercise yesterday, 9/19.

Emily Her: The exercise event will be held on 9/21 and will simulate the Cascadia earthquake. This exercise will focus on fuel, rail, and grocery sector response.

Chairman Todd Combs: Would OEMR like ISEA to approve the SESP before OEMR submits it to the DOE?

Richard Stover: OEMR would request the Board to approve the 2023 plan for DOE submission.

Bear Prairie: Motion to approve the plan.

Collins Sprague: Seconds.

*Unanimous approval*

Chairman Todd Combs: The SESP is approved barring any substantive changes.

### **Public Comment Period**

No public participation.

### **Wrap up, Next Meeting, and Adjournment**

Chairman Todd Combs: This checks off an action item from the last meeting. When is the next meeting?

Richard Stover: OEMR has been approached by Representative Raybould to conduct an Idaho Energy Summit. Tentatively to be held on November 30. OEMR anticipates a combined effort with ISEA if November 30<sup>th</sup> is a good date. A State Energy Plan Task Force could potentially be within ISEA. Energy plan taskforce date will be early November or late October.

Chairman Todd Combs: Move to adjourn.