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## 104<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WES BUSINESS MEETING Laramie, Wyoming February 8, 2024

**Call the Meeting to Order** – President Carlson  
Appointed Zia Yasrobi as the Sergeant at Arms

**Reading of the 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting Minutes** – Secretary Young  
**Motion to dismiss the reading of the minutes by Mark Madsen; 2<sup>nd</sup> Josh Fuller; Vote: All in Favor**

**Annual Report of the State of the Society for 2023**– Executive Director Grigsby

**Membership:** Currently for 2024, the Wyoming Engineering and Surveying Society had about 200 paid members, however, they continue to come through the Cvent system in conjunction with the convention. We currently have 39 honorary members.

**Exhibits:** For the 104<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention we had 9 sponsor/exhibitors – 6 Platinum (\$600) which included Keller, UW College of Engineering and Physical Science, Contech Engineered Solutions, Russell Industries, WWC Engineering, Frontier Precision, and WWC Engineering; 3 Silver Sponsors (\$350) which included the NU Locating, Concrete Stabilization Technologies, and JLK. In addition, we had 30 exhibitors (\$425) which included Russell Industries, Baker Manufacturing, Vaughn Concrete Products, NU Locating, Ferguson Waterworks, ADS Pipe, Cogent Companies, Keller, UW College of Engineering and Physical Sciences, Contech Engineering Solutions, Frontier Precision, NSPE, Wyoming Board of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors, Concrete Stabilization Technologies, Hixon Manufacturing, Geotech Industrial Supply, American AVK Companies, Dana Kepner, Dewalt, USDA, R Plus Energies, Brierley Associates, and Vectors, Inc for support of WES at \$425.

In addition, this year, we had tables occupied by 3 different UW Clubs, Wyoming Motorsports who also had their Hybrid Formula Car on display, EngineersWithout Borders, and Cowboy Robotics.

**Registration:** As of February 7, 2024 we had 408 registered for the convention for \$85,905. We have 17 non-members attending and 5 non-members attending virtually. We have 78 registered for Part 1 of the ASCE course tomorrow and 64 signed up for part 2. So out of the \$85,905, we will be writing a check to ASCE for \$7,260 for the ASCE Chapter at UW. That leaves WES with a net of \$78,645 currently.

**Finance Committee:** – Finance Committee Member, Jeff Bates, reported the committee met to review and discuss the finances of the organization, approve the finances, and did not recommend any changes at this time.

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Secretary/Treasurer, Jeff Young, stated that he had reviewed the financial records of the Society, as presented in the documents noted below, and found them to be accurate, correct and to reflect the financial condition of the Society, with all transactions suitably supported by proper documentation.

1. Summary of Revenue/Deposits – FY 2023
2. Summary of Expenditures – Checks written – FY2023
3. Edward Jones Year-end report FY2023
4. Bank Statements – 2023

**Financial Reports:**

Total Income (2023)	\$97,270.58
Total Expenses (2023)	\$100,804.81
<b>Net Loss</b>	<b>\$3,534.23</b>

Edwards Jones Account      \$103,429 (Ending Balance)      **Net Gain \$9,164.88**

**Overall Loss for 2023                      \$3,534.23**

<b>Year End Balances (12/31/2023)</b>	Check Book	\$52,510.80
	Edward Jones Account	\$103,429.11
	<b>WES Net Worth (12/31/2023)</b>	<b>\$155,939.91</b>

**Motion to Accept the Financial Report as presented by Mark Madsen; 2<sup>nd</sup> Erin Gates; Vote: All in Favor**

**Motion to raise the dues as recommended by the Financial Committee by Travis Conklin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Del McOmie; Vote: Majority Aye, One Nay**

**Resolutions:** Josh Fuller reported on behalf of the committee. Whereas, in the past year the good Lord has called the following of our members to their final home – Sherman Allred, Wesley “WES” Reed, James Kor, Kenneth Fink, Forest “Frosty” Kepler, John Loutas and Gloria Mathis. Chairman Fuller asked that those in attendance observe a moment of silence in memory of our members lost, but not forgotten, who passed in 2023.

**Scholarship:** Committee Chairman, Justin Terfehr:

Scholarship Name	2023 Scholarship Winner	UW Engineering Department
Past President's (\$3000)	Kevin Anderson	Architectural
WES General (\$2000)	Izzy Bergemann	Civil
WES General (\$2000)	Saba Sadiq	Petroleum
WES General (\$2000)	Zaw Than Soe	Civil
WES General (\$2000)	Alice Cox	Mechanical
WES General (\$2000)	Tatiana “Tanya” Lubashkina	Petroleum
WES General (\$2000)	Yesenia Vicencio-Delgado	Architectural
Carl Oslund Memorial (\$2000)	Dallin Kurth	Civil

<b>Nominating UW Engineering Department</b>	<b>Student's Name</b>	<b>Award / Honorarium Amount</b>
Outstanding Student Engineer of the Year - Electrical	Hannah Hood	(\$3,000) Award
Architectural	Nicholas Kulow	(\$1750) Honorarium
Chemical	Anna Steele	(\$1750) Honorarium
Civil	Ian Meyer	(\$1750) Honorarium
Mechanical	Jacob Kravetsky	(\$1750) Honorarium
Computer	Jaymison "Jay" Cox	(\$1750) Honorarium
Energy Systems	Heather Budge	(\$1750) Honorarium
Petroleum	Tatiana "Tanya" Lubashkina	(\$1750) Honorarium

**Publicity:** Committee Chair, Ryan Waterbury

Submitted report. (appended) Suggested the membership submit job openings to be posted on LinkedIn.

**Presidential Project Award:** Committee Chair, Keith Fulton

Awarded at luncheon.

For the 2023 award the following projects were submitted:

- Sutton Parcel Retracement – submitted by AVI
- Curtis Street Interchange – submitted by WYDOT
- I-25 over Walsh Drive – submitted by WYDOT

The winning surveying project was the Sutton Parcel Retracement submitted by AVI.

The winning engineering project was the I-25 over Walsh Drive project submitted by WYDOT.

(Report Appended)

**Site Selection:** Committee Chair, William Dolinar, was unable to attend, so President Carlson reported

Next year (2025) - Cheyenne

Tentative Following Year (2026) - Sheridan

Motion to confirm by Andy Patceg; 2<sup>nd</sup> Cotton Jones; Vote: All in Favor

**Legislation:** Committee Chair, Mark Madsen, reported on key issues in the State Legislature. (Report appended)

**Report of the Wyoming Board of Registration:** President, Shelby Carlson, asked Jeff Fuller to provide a report on the activities of the Wyoming Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors.

- Number of new licensures in Wyoming in 2023
  - EIT – 54 Resident Individuals, 53 Non-Resident, Total 89
  - LSIT – 1 Resident, 0 Non-Resident, Total 1
  - LS – 5 Resident Individuals, 11 Non-Resident, Total 16
  - PE – 58 Resident Individuals, 628 Non-Resident, Total 686
  - Engineering Firm Registrants, 6 Resident Firms, 129 Non-Resident, Total 135
  - Surveying Firm Registrants, 3 Resident Firms, 6 Non-Resident, Total 9
  - Engineering and Surveying Firm Registrants, 1 Resident Firms, 5 Non-Resident, Total 6
  
- Number of Licensees in Wyoming 2023
  - EIT – 1,242 Resident Individuals, 851 Non-Resident, Total 2,093
  - LSIT – 26 Resident, 10 Non-Resident, Total 36
  - LS – 114 Resident Individuals, 176 Non-Resident, Total 290
  - PE – 1,042 Resident Individuals, 6,614 Non-Resident, Total 7,656
  - PELS – 35 Resident Individuals, 17 Non-Resident, Total 52
  - Engineering Firm Registrants, 102 Resident Firms, 1326 Non-Resident, Total 1428
  - Surveying Firm Registrants, 19 Resident Firms, 38 Non-Resident, Total 57
  - Engineering and Surveying Firm Registrants, 32 Resident Firms, 68 Non-Resident, Total 100

**Sergeant of Arms:** Zia Yasrobi extended a heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported the Scholarship Fund.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Shelby Carlson reported to the membership that Ann Marie Taylor was put under contract as the new executive director on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 to serve in an assistant capacity until Gary Grigsby’s tenure officially concludes on April 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024, at which point she will take up all Executive Director duties until April 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

Shelby invited the membership to help her extend a sincere thanks to Gary for his years of dedicated service and meaningful contribution in his role as Executive Director.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Imperative call for volunteers was issued. An alternative to redirect workload to the Executive Director was presented and it was noted that this would come at an additional expense.

**Honorary Members:** Harrison Carter and Dayton Alsaker

**Nominations:** Committee Member, Ryan Kobbe, reported the committee – consisting of himself and fellow Past Presidents Harrison Carter and Murray Schroeder nominate the following slate of officers to serve until the 105<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention to be held in 2025: Bryce Dorr, President; Jeff Young, Vice-President; and Garrett Zimmer, Secretary-Treasurer.

**Motion by Dr. Thomas Edgar; Second by Murray Schroeder; Vote: All in Favor**

Passing of the Gavel from Out-going President Carlson to In-coming President Bryce Dorr.

There being no further business, President Dorr requested a motion to adjourn.

**Motion by Bryce Dorr? (No Second required) Vote: All in Favor?**

February 7th, 2024

Wyoming Engineering and Surveying Society  
Attn: Shelby Carlson, President

**RE: Summary of Publicity Committee Happenings February 2023 – February 2024**  
**Members: Ryan Waterbury, Garrett Zimmer (??), Heath Overfield (??), Josh Fuller (???)**

Mrs. President and Esteemed Society Members,

The Publicity Committee comprised of myself, and four members, has been working tirelessly to promote the happenings of the Society, its members, and *this* Convention. The past year we have continued to see use of our digital platforms and have consistently provided an online presence to the face of engineering in the great State of Wyoming.

The following is a summary of the activities of the Publicity Committee since the conclusion of Annual Business Meeting in February 2023:

- The website for the Society, located at [www.wyomingengineeringsociety.org](http://www.wyomingengineeringsociety.org), and is being used by our members. Statistics are unavailable for this platform. This committee does not oversee this website.
- Facebook Page
  - To date, the Facebook Page has 357 followers, up twenty-three from last year 61.5% men and 38.5% women.
  - We have published posts throughout the year including Convention information, obituaries of members and close friends of the society, and inspirational quotes, etc. There were twenty-four posts made since the last convention.
- LinkedIn Group Page
  - We have maintained an active group page with 144 members, to date, up 3 from last year. The page is centered on encouraging members to post job openings on the page, sharing industry news, and providing a direct link to the Society's website for more information.

As we move toward the 105<sup>th</sup> Annual Wyoming Engineering Society Convention next year, we strongly encourage other Society Committees, and Society Members at-large, to reach out to us with exciting happenings, industry news, and any information that is relevant to the practice of engineering. We will continue to provide an active digital presence and function as a comprehensive content source for the Wyoming Engineering Society.

Respectfully,

Ryan Waterbury  
Publicity Committee Chair

## 2024 AGC Bill Tracking – Summaries

### House Bills

#### HB0003 - Property tax exemption for long-term homeowners.

Exempts 50% of property tax on residential real property for a primary residence homeowner if they and/or their spouse is 65 or older and the owner and/or their spouse has paid residential property tax in Wyoming for 30 years.

**Staff Suggestion:** Monitor

**AGC Position:** Monitor

#### HB0004 - Property tax refund program.

Amends the qualifications for the property tax refund program from a household income threshold of 125% of the median household income for the applicant's county of residence or the state to 175% of the same.

**Staff Suggestion:** Monitor

**AGC Position:** Monitor

#### HB0006 - Light and high profile vehicle closures.

Specifies that any person who willfully fails to observe any sign, marker, warning, notice or direction for closure to light and high profile vehicles is subject to:

- Misdemeanor
- \$2500 fine
- Imprisonment for not more than 30 days

Specifies the driver themselves is the liable party.

Deemed reckless driving for federal CDL regulations.

Shall have their license suspended:

- 90 days first offense
- 6 months second offense
- Revoked after 3 convictions in a 5-year period

**Staff Suggestion:** Monitor to Oppose

**AGC Position:** Monitor (more info)

#### HB0007 - Alternative fuel tax-electricity amendments.

- Increases the annual decal for EV vehicles to \$200, adds a annual decal for a plug-in hybrid vehicle for \$100.
- A tax is levied of \$.04/kwh for all electric energy used, sold or distributed for EV charging at a DC fast charging station.

**Staff Suggestion:** Support

**AGC Position:** Support

#### HB0008 - Commercial driver license-hazardous materials endorsement.

Authorizes operation intrastate (with a license endorsement) of a vehicle transporting hazardous materials for ages 18+.

**Staff Suggestion:** Support

**AGC Position:** Support

<b><u>HB0018 - Property tax-inflation cap.</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specifies an increase in taxable value on residential property can't increase in any 1 year by more than the rate of inflation or 5% whichever is less. Increases related to changes, additions, reductions or improvements do not apply. When the property transfers to a new owner, the house is assessed at fair market value.</li> <li>• Requires passage of a constitutional amendment in the next election.</li> </ul>
<b>Staff Suggestion:</b> Monitor
<b>AGC Position:</b> Monitor

<b><u>HB0019 - Education savings accounts.</u></b>
<p>Creates the ability to enter into an agreement with the state dept of education to receive an Education Savings Account for a preschool or nonpublic primary or secondary school, including online. \$5000/year into the qualified account for each approved/eligible student.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At or below 250% of the federal property level</li> <li>• Not graduated high school, equivalency certification, or is not less than 3 years old</li> <li>• Tuition at a qualified school, tutoring, extracurriculars activities/programs, textbooks &amp; other materials, computers/tech devices, software, uniforms, testing fees, summer school tuition, therapies, higher education, transportation, etc.</li> </ul>
<b>Staff Suggestion:</b> Support
<b>AGC Position:</b> Monitor (more information)

<b><u>HB0020 - School finance-regional cost adjustment study.</u></b>
<p>Requires reporting of education employment vacancy rates, mileage reimbursed (Dept. of Ed); detailed wage information for each occupation for each county, school district employees leaving – title and salary before and after (DWS); the date each education system employee is eligible to receive 100% retirement benefits (WRS); mileage by roadway shortest routes between cities and towns, distance from each school district buildings/facility to the center of the nearest town of 15,000 and 50,000 (WYDOT)</p>
<b>Staff Suggestion:</b> Monitor
<b>AGC Position:</b> Monitor

<b><u>HB0021 - Charter school leasing.</u></b>
<p>Specifies school districts will “make available” space for charter schools, if adequate and available.</p>
<b>Staff Suggestion:</b> Monitor
<b>AGC Position:</b> Monitor

<b><u>HB0022 - Sales tax revisions.</u></b>
<p>Revises 18 provisions related to sales tax. Applicable provisions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Power used in the transportation business – exempts excise tax for sales of power or fuel for “transporting tangible personal property by railroad or by pipeline”</li> <li>• Taxation on digital products (imposes sales tax on access to digital products through streaming services)</li> <li>• Vendor compensation -1.95% credit for accounting and reporting of taxes not to exceed \$500</li> <li>• Removal of the NAICS code for the manufacturing exemption – north American industry classification system</li> <li>• Principal residence for motor vehicles – indicated on DL or other gov issued ID</li> </ul>

<b>Staff Suggestion:</b> Monitor
<b>AGC Position:</b> Monitor

<b><u>HB0023 - Vehicle registration e-certificate and grace period.</u></b>
Allows electronic issuance of the certificate of registration by the county treasurer; adds a 30-day grace period for placement of validation stickers.
<b>Staff Suggestion:</b> Support
<b>AGC Position:</b> Support

<b><u>HB0033 - Mining operations-blasting requirements.</u></b>
Specifies rules governing the use of explosives for non-coal surface mines and LMOs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Standards and procedures for use in accordance with state and federal law, incorporating the international fire code and the national fire protection association explosives material code; maintaining a detailed log of blast details; types of explosives and detonation equipment allowed; trained and competent operators as certified by DEQ</li> <li>A blasting plan now included with application; compliance thereof</li> <li>Adds a new position in DEQ to oversee the implementation of these changes</li> </ul>
<b>Staff Suggestion:</b> Support
<b>AGC Position:</b> Support

<b><u>HB0035 - Limitation on environmental rulemaking.</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prohibits the EQC from promulgating any rules or regulation that impose standards or requirements more stringent than federal law, rules or regulation applicable to any federal program the state maintains primacy over</li> <li>Requires a review of existing rules and regulations to comply</li> </ul>
<b>Staff Suggestion:</b> Support
<b>AGC Position:</b> Support (with further information)

<b><u>HB0036 - Natural Resource Protection Act.</u></b>
After determination that a federal executive order, rule, or regulation does not comply with federal law regarding federal land management, the state and all political subdivisions shall stop enforcing or administering said order, rule, or regulation until such time as a court has ruled the order, rule, or regulation lawful.
<b>Staff Suggestion:</b> Support
<b>AGC Position:</b> Support

<b><u>HB0045 - Property tax exemption-residential structures.</u></b>
Any assessed value in excess of the prior year assessed value plus 5% is exempt from property taxation; unless the increase is attributable to changes or the owner acquired the property during the prior calendar year. Mirrors SF0063
<b>Staff Suggestion:</b> Monitor
<b>AGC Position:</b> Monitor



<b><u>HB0052 - Property tax-homestead exemption.</u></b>
Provides a temporary homestead exemption for a primary residence until 12/31/27 based on age. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 64 or less - \$50,000 of the FMV is exempt</li> <li>• 65-74 - \$100,000 of the FMV is exempt</li> <li>• 75 or older - \$150,000 of the FMV is exempt</li> </ul>
<b>Staff Suggestion:</b> Monitor
<b>AGC Position:</b> Monitor

<b><u>HB0064 - Fire prevention and electrical safety-amendments.</u></b>
Increases the percentage amount of the fees collected for the purpose of providing electrical inspectors. Doesn't increase the fee, just changes the distribution. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Old 60% inspector fund/40% general fund</li> <li>• New 95% inspector fund/5% general fund</li> </ul>
<b>Staff Suggestion:</b> Support
<b>AGC Position:</b> Support

<b><u>HB0071 - Broadband development subaccount-amendments.</u></b>
Authorizes the use of broadband development subaccount funds as matching grant funds (including IJJA grants) and reasonable administrative expenses of the WBC (not to exceed \$300,000)
<b>Staff Suggestion:</b> Monitor
<b>AGC Position:</b> Monitor

<b><u>HB0073 - Abandoned mine reclamation accounts.</u></b>
Creates the long-term abandoned mine reclamation account, allows for authorized IJJA funds to go into the account for IJJA permitted reclamation projects.
<b>Staff Suggestion:</b> Monitor
<b>AGC Position:</b> Monitor

<b><u>HB0075 - Public property-amendments.</u></b>
Addresses and overhauls the statutes related to major maintenance of public property, specifically as they apply to neglect of routine maintenance, failed components, equipment or systems and what entity is responsible for repair or replacement.
<b>Staff Suggestion:</b> Monitor
<b>AGC Position:</b> Monitor

<b><u>HB0086 - Vehicle lien-amendments.</u></b>
Requires a towing and recovery service to request a title search within 5 business days after a towed vehicle has remained in a recovery lot for more than five business days with deadlines for response from WYDOT or other jurisdictions and notification of the owner/lienholder.
<b>Staff Suggestion:</b> Support
<b>AGC Position:</b> Support

**HB0096 - Abandoned mine land program.**

Creates a grant program for local governments or joint powers boards for aml projects.  
*Does this create "federal aid" projects from federal funds for local governments, implications?*

**Staff Suggestion:** Support

**AGC Position:** Monitor (more info)

**HB0098 - Duties of registered agents-amendments.**

Requires registered agents to maintain a list of names and addresses of each entity's owners including partners, members, and shareholders; unless the entity has more than 100 owners.

**Staff Suggestion:** Monitor

**AGC Position:** Monitor (more info)

**HB0100 - Critical infrastructure resiliency.**

Creates the new critical resiliency infrastructure board with 9 members (should we have a spot? Yes!)

- National guard; PSC; public utilities/cooperative G&T assoc; oil & gas; coal; telecom; law enforcement; any other critical infrastructure industry.

Specifies duties of the board. Appropriates \$40,000 for operation of the board.

**Staff Suggestion:** Support

**AGC Position:** Monitor (more info)

**HB0103 – Property tax-assessment ratio for residential property.**

This bill establishes a separate assessment rate class for residential property and reduces the assessment rate for residential property from 9.5 percent to 8.3 percent, effective January 1, 2025 (2025 tax year), reducing property taxes beginning in FY 2026. Wyoming electors must approve a constitutional amendment during the 2024 general election to make residential property a separate class for purposes of property taxation.

**Staff Suggestion:** Monitor

**AGC Position:** Monitor

**HB0105 Insurance payments-not taxable.**

This bill creates a sales and use tax exemption on insurance damage settlement payments used to pay for vehicles. The estimated annual decrease in revenue is state general fund -\$559,000 and local share -\$537,000.

**Staff Suggestion:** Monitor

**AGC Position:** Monitor

**HB0107 - Commercial driver license-medical certificate downgrade-1.**

Changes the requirement for presenting to WYDOT a current federal medical qualification certificate from "when requested" to within sixty days after the expiration of the certificate on file with the department. The CDL can be reinstated without taking the knowledge and driving tests if a current medical qualification certificate is provided before the original expiration date of the CDL.

**Staff Suggestion:** Monitor

**AGC Position:** Monitor

**HJ0001 - Property tax-classes of property and residential value.**

A proposed constitutional amendment to change the property tax classes from 3 to 6

- Breaks the “all other” current class to residential real property, commercial, ag/grazing, personal property
- Adds a clause to allow residential real property to be valued at less than full value for capping purposes; allows for subclassifying for residential real property for primary residences
- Overrides the HJ Resolution passed last year and slated to appear on the ballot in 2024

**Staff Suggestion:** Monitor

**AGC Position:** Monitor

**HJ0002 - Political expenditures.**

A joint resolution to request Congress to propose a constitutional amendment publicly IDing the source of political contributions for or against candidates and to limit or prohibit corporations or other entities that are not natural persons from making campaign contributions for or against any candidate. Caveat: organizations that are comprised of natural persons and publicly ID their members should not be restricted.

**Staff Suggestion:** Monitor

**AGC Position:** Monitor

**HJ0003 - Support for local input in federal rulemaking.**

A joint resolution in support of meaningful state and local government involvement in drafting proposed federal rules, resource management plans and environmental impact statements.

**Staff Suggestion:** Support

**AGC Position:** Support

**Senate Files**

**SF0013 - Federal land use plans-legal actions authorized.**

Distinguishes in statute the standing of the Wyoming legislature in NEPA, FLPMA, NHPA, ESA, Clean air act, clean water act interpretation and administration to prosecute an action for judgement to protect the state’s interest. Creates the legislative legal action account and appropriates \$50 million general fund into the account for prosecution for declaratory judgement.

**Staff Suggestion:** Support

**AGC Position:** Support

**SF0028 - Federal natural resource management coordinator.**

Establishes a federal natural resource management coordinator in the Govs office with Senate approval. Among other duties, administer an incentive program for employees of the state who protect the state’s fed natural resource interests from federal overreach.

**Staff Suggestion:** Support

**AGC Position:** Support

**SF0044 - Limited mining operations-amendments.**

Specifies that boards of county commissioners cannot prevent limited mining operations authorized under 35-11-401 (e) (vi).

Increases the bond for LMO operations from \$2,000/acre to \$5,000/acre and for quarries from \$3,000/acre to \$7,000/acre. Also allows a full cost bond to be filed in lieu of the per acre requirement.

- All LMOs existing before July 1, 2024 shall file bonds in accordance with this subparagraph no later than August 15, 2024.

Changes the allowed time frame where the director may request an additional bond from 90 days to 150 days after LMO commencement, changes the time frame the operator has to post the additional bond from 30 days to 45 days.

Specifies that after LMO operations have ceased, the operator shall notify the administrator and anticipate commencement of reclamation and restoration within 45 days.

Removes the “small mine” classification after July of this year. Mines classified as such before that date are grandfathered.

Adds additional requirements to the annual report required for LMOs. Those additional requirements include:

- The number of yards or tons of mineral sold during the past year
- If the operator is requesting a renewal to continue for up to an additional five years, evidence that the LMO will continue beyond the initial five year period, which includes but is not limited to any of the following:
  - A mineral supply contract
  - A government project in the area that is scheduled to begin within the new renewal period
  - A major industrial project in the area that is scheduled to begin within the next renewal period
  - Evidence that the operations are active and have commercial sales within the last annual reporting period
  - that a valid surface and mineral owner consent, contract or lease extends beyond the five year renewal term
  - Evidence that the LMO site is under reclamation
  - Any other evidence specified by rule

Specifies that for LMOs, the bond may be released after 2 successful growing season that establish permanent vegetative cover (this is a change from 5 years)

**Staff Suggestion:** Support

**AGC Position:** Support

**SF0054 - Homeowner tax exemption.**

Allows for a portion of property used as a primary residence to be exempt from property tax. The exemption shall be 25.6% of the fair market value not to exceed a total exemption of \$200,000.

**Staff Suggestion:** Monitor

**AGC Position:** Monitor

**SF0059 - Federal unemployment compensation trust fund-adjustment.**

Changes the formula for adjustment revenue distribution on noncharged and ineffectively charged benefits.

- Old – 60% to unemployment compensation fund; 40% to employment support fund
- New – 20% to unemployment compensation fund; 60% to employment support fund; 20% to workforce development training.

**Staff Suggestion:** Support

**AGC Position:** Monitor (more info)

**SF0060 - 2024 large project funding.**

Perennial Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust funding bill for projects over \$400,000

- Upper Greybull Fish Passage
- Baggs Valley Headwaters II
- Seminoe Shirley Habitat

Project appropriation requested totals \$2,150,000

**Staff Suggestion:** Support

**AGC Position:** Support

**SF0061 - Education-charter school amendments.**

Authorizes charter schools to be “local education agencies” to receive and apply for federal and state grants. Modifies payment by school districts to charter schools that are labeled local education agencies.

**Staff Suggestion:** Monitor

**AGC Position:** Monitor

**SF0063 - Property tax exemption-residential structures-2.**

Any assessed value in excess of the prior year assessed value plus 5% is exempt from property taxation; unless the increase is attributable to changes or the owner acquired the property during the prior calendar year.

Mirrors HB0045

**Staff Suggestion:** Monitor

**AGC Position:** Monitor

**SF0068 – Tangible personal property-tax exemption.**

Exempts all tangible personal property from property taxation.

**Staff Suggestion:** Monitor

**AGC Position:** Monitor

Date: February 4, 2024

To: Shelby Carlson, WES President  
Gary Grigsby, WES Executive Director

Re: Report of the President's Project of the Year Committee

The 2022 projects was displayed at the WYDOT main office in Cheyenne.

For the 2023 award the following projects were submitted:

- Sutton Parcel Retracement – submitted by AVI
- Curtis Street Interchange – submitted by WYDOT
- I-25 over Walsh Drive – submitted by WYDOT

A virtual judging meeting was held on Jan 16<sup>th</sup>. In preparation for that meeting, the chair asked each entrant to provide a pdf version of the notebook and poster boards. This information was shared with the committee members for evaluation prior to the meeting. The Committee Chair Keith Fulton and committee members Shelby Carlson, Shelley Macy, Duane Klamm, and Ed Scott all participated in the judging of the projects.

The winning surveying project was the Sutton Parcel Retracement submitted by AVI. The winning engineering project was the I-25 over Walsh Drive project submitted by WYDOT.

It is expected that the projects will be displayed at the Wyoming Board of Registration, WYDOT main office in Cheyenne, and other locations if requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith R Fulton, Chair