

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WYOMING

The Transportation Commission of Wyoming met via Zoom and in person May 15-16, 2024 in Rock Springs. Chair Holmes convened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. on May 15th and 12:30 p.m. on May 16th. The following members were present both days, constituting a quorum.

Chair Susan Holmes, Sheridan
Vice Chair Jon Dolezal, Evanston (*only attended May 16th session*)
Commissioner Micheal Baker, Thermopolis
Commissioner Patrick Crank, Cheyenne
Commissioner Mark Hughes, Sundance
Commissioner Brandt Lyman, Rock Springs
Commissioner Jim Willox, Douglas
Commission Secretary Caitlin Casner
Director Darin J. Westby

Others present and participating in the meeting: Dennis Byrne, Chief Financial Officer (CFO); Mark Gillett, Chief Engineer; Tom DeHoff, Assistant Chief Engineer, Operations; Nathan Smolinski, Chief Technology Officer; Major James Thomas, Wyoming Highway Patrol (WHP); MacKenzie Sewell, Assistant Attorney General; Brian Olsen, Aeronautics Administrator; Rodney Freier, Budget Program Manager; John Eddins, District 3 Engineer; Doug McGee, Public Affairs; Jordan Young, Public Affairs; Taylor Rossetti, Support Services Administrator; Misty Zimmerman, Driver Services Program Manager; Richard Duran, Federal Highway Administration; John Davis, Management Services Manager; Nicholas Gronski, Procurement Services Manager; Kelli Little, Association of General Contractors-Wyoming (AGC-WY); Representative Kevin O'Hearn; Susan Elliott, Executive Assistant; Kimberly Chapman, Public Safety Communications Commission and Aeronautics Commission Secretary.

May 15, 2024

1. Director's Report: Director Westby reminded the Commission of his focus on creating a work/life balance for all employees, and the importance of this balance.

Westby summarized his recent visit to Madison, Wisconsin, to attend an AASHTO Spring Meeting. There was an emphasis placed on how to reduce fatalities on the nation's roads, and there will be an AASHTO safety summit in the fall to continue this discussion. There was also much discussion regarding the next Federal funding bill, which is two years away. Westby and WYDOT staff will be working with the Wyoming delegation to Washington, D.C. regarding Wyoming priorities for the funding bill. There were also several discussions regarding the Build America, Buy America (BABA) program and the waivers that are currently in place. These waivers are scheduled to terminate, which may make projects difficult until manufacturing and supply chains catch up. Artificial Intelligence (AI) was also discussed at the AASHTO Spring Meeting and how it will impact on technology as well as current procedures and policies.

Director Westby advised that Teton County staff recently came to Cheyenne regarding a wildlife crossing project north of Jackson. They are seeking a federal grant, and have all matching funds, so there is zero out-of-pocket cost to WYDOT. WYDOT will work with the Game and Fish Department to appropriately support this project, balanced against other similar projects that may have a higher priority. Mr. Gillett clarified that if this project is to go forward, there would need to be an agreement with WYDOT and Teton County as to designing, letting, and administering the project. Mr. Gillett also stated that staff will keep the Commission updated on the status of this project and challenges that may arise.

Director Westby recently attended a Western States Coalition Leadership Academy meeting in Sheridan. Several states send employees of all levels and types to these meetings to focus on soft skills, hard skills, and leadership. These meetings also allow DOT leaders to collaborate and gain new perspectives on issues that they may be facing.

Interim work has begun for the Legislature, and several WYDOT employees have attended committee meetings. Several topics will be discussed, including 911, projects on the Wind River Reservation, Driving Under the Influence (DUI) reduction, a required Aeronautics report, gun free zones, statutory updates, electric vehicle taxation, and Peace Officer training.

The second internal WYDOT leadership group will begin in the next week, which will allow selected WYDOT employees to better understanding of the agency as a whole as well as enhancing leadership skills.

Westby will be part of panel in Utah for the National Coalition for Open Roads the week of May 27th. DOT leaders from other states will also be part of this panel, and road closures is anticipated to be a main topic of discussion.

At the beginning of June, Westby will address Teton County regarding the intersection of Highways 22 and 390 and the ability to exit Teton Village. This intersection sees a high volume of traffic, but the current project there is progressing ahead of schedule and may be open much earlier than expected. However, weather delays are always possible and additional staff may be called in to complete the project earlier, which will cause increased costs. An update will be provided at June's Commission meeting.

Director Westby discussed upcoming industrial developments in southwest Wyoming, including the Natrium plant near Kemmerer. Commissioner Willox expressed concern that there may be challenges in navigating state and local regulations for industrial siting and permitting. Commissioner Crank asked Mr. Eddins how WYDOT can plan for the impact of new workers coming in to these industrial developments. Mr. Eddins stated that WYDOT will need to begin examining highway preservation and expansion possibilities as well as traffic impact studies. Director Westby agreed, and emphasized the need for increased stateside funding to allow for expansion as well as an exit from WYDOT operating solely in preservation mode to accommodate future developments and workers coming to Wyoming.

Commissioner Baker asked if there was a timeline for Project Cosmos/Meta construction. Westby advised that the infrastructure for this project is under construction, but this is a massive, multi-faceted project that may continue for several years.

2. Highway Patrol Report: Major Thomas presented the Fatal Crash Summary through April 30, 2024, which includes 22 fatal crashes involving 19 deaths. The fatalities include multi-vehicle crashes and commercial crashes.

There have been six fatal crashes deemed drug or alcohol related, resulting in seven deaths through April 2024.

Of the 19 deaths this year, ten were attributed to not using occupant restraints, rollover crashes, multi-car collisions, or fixed objects. Four perished that were under 21 years old.

Of the 22 fatal crashes so far this year, it is unknown whether 11 of those drivers had no distractions. Two drivers were distracted, and 12 were not.

Of the 22 fatal crashes that have occurred this year, five occurred on city/county roads, nine occurred on primary/secondary highways, and five occurred on interstate highways.

The days of the week for fatal crashes in 2024 are as follows:

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| Sunday | 2 crashes |
| Monday | 2 crashes |
| Tuesday | 3 crashes |
| Wednesday | 1 crash |
| Thursday | 1 crash |
| Friday | 5 crashes |
| Saturday | 5 crashes |

The times of day for fatal crashes in 2024 are as follows:

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| 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. | 4 crashes |
| 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. | 3 crashes |
| 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. | 7 crashes |
| 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. | 5 crashes |

There were 1,586 patrol investigated crashes so far in 2024.

Major Thomas presented to the Commission regarding the Highway Patrol Field Operations and Support Services organizational charts. Thomas also presented to the Commission regarding challenges the Highway Patrol faces, including housing costs in different areas of Wyoming, coverage and staffing levels, lack of amenities in rural areas, and morale. Major Thomas highlighted the importance of proactive enforcement as well as policy reviews to decrease danger to the public and Troopers.

Commission recessed to break at 3:14 p.m.

Commission returned to public session at 3:25 p.m.

3. Mr. Olsen presented the Aeronautics Report, beginning with the April 2024 Aeronautics Flight Operations Passenger Summary Report.

Federal Update: Mr. Olsen reminded the Commission that work continues on the Fiscal Year 2025 appropriations.

Mr. Olsen advised that the FAA Reauthorization final bill passed the Senate in the last week and passed the House as of today, and he will be reviewing it for potential impacts to Wyoming, which should be mostly positive. This Reauthorization will last for the next four years, but appropriations will continue to be needed on a yearly basis.

Olsen advised that Congresswoman Hageman recently submitted community project funding requests, also known as earmarks, on behalf of aviation in Wyoming for the coming fiscal year. The first project requests \$9.6 million of funding for phase two of the de-icing pad project in Jackson. The second project requests \$3.8 million for the Rock Springs airport for a rehabilitation of the general aviation apron.

Division and Airport Updates: Mr. Olsen recently participated in a runway safety action team meeting for the Jackson Hole Airport. This meeting is an annual opportunity for air traffic controllers, airport management, tenants, and users or stakeholders to discuss runway incursions or troubling trends or areas of the airport.

Mr. Olsen and staff also attended the National Association of State Aviation Officials (NASAO), who asked Wyoming to chair a working group to identify challenges and solutions regarding air service to small communities. Two meetings have been held in the last month, and upcoming meetings will focus on solutions for previously identified problems.

Olsen reminded the Commission that Aeronautics has a priority rating model, which is used to prioritize projects. This model is reviewed every two to three years by aviation industry stakeholders, and is also used for infrastructure and the air service enhancement project. The Aeronautics Commission will approve any proposed changes to this model.

Mr. Olsen advised that the Reno Air Races are still deciding on the city the Reno Air Races will be relocated to. The top three cities being considered are Casper, Wyoming, Pueblo, Colorado, and Roswell, New Mexico.

The Aeronautics Commission will be meeting in Cody May 20-22, 2024 and will tour all of the airports in the Big Horn Basin. Mr. Olsen stated that during travel meetings for the Aeronautics Commission, members try to interact with local airports to discuss vision, ongoing projects, and any issues or challenges they may face.

The Cody airport will have a dedication ceremony for their newly expanded commercial terminal, which will honor the late Senator Hank Coe. Olsen stated that Senator Coe was an avid supporter of aviation and air service and made several positive impacts on aviation in Wyoming.

Air Service News: Load factors in Wyoming in April remained consistent with levels seen in March. Cheyenne and Gillette continue to have strong numbers. Forward bookings are showing high levels, and Mr Olsen believes that the summer months will have a strong performance.

Mr. Olsen stated that Aeronautics was able to work with Sky West to bring back twice daily flights in to Rock Springs and Riverton, beginning July 1. Both of these communities have had one flight a day, and the second flight will allow for a backup plan for those affected by mechanical or weather delays.

First quarter earnings reports are all in, and results seem to be down Delta Airlines and Allegiant/Sun Country earnings were at a high level, but all other major airlines in the U.S. lost money in the first quarter. Mr. Olsen believes that United Airlines probably would have posted a profit, but the grounding of the 737 MAX aircraft in January and February affected earnings.

Mr. Olsen also noted that airlines continue to suffer heavily from delivery delays of Boeing and Airbus products. Pratt and Whitney has been having problems with their geared turbo fan engine, which is in use by several 320 Airbus products. Several of the aircraft using these products have been grounded as well.

4. Chief Technology Officer's Report: Mr. Smolinski presented the Chief Technology Officer's Report.

WyoLink: Mr. Smolinski summarized the WyoLink map provided to the Commission and briefly described current projects. Mr. Smolinski also summarized the Top 20 talk groups, and advised that this information is constantly analyzed and there are no concerns at this time.

In the last week, a major system upgrade occurred, which brought the system ahead by five versions. Upgrades will continue to occur in the near future, which will bring WyoLink into a protected status.

Technicians are ramping up for the season, and site access is beginning to open up, which will allow for tower climbing, site repair, and inspections. A new site is scheduled to be constructed outside of Saratoga and Encampment. WYDOT will be meeting with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to sign an agreement and begin survey work for this new site.

Mr. Smolinski highlighted a recent meeting with the Wyoming Association of Fire Marshals to go over bidirectional amplifiers, which is what allows WyoLink to work inside of buildings, basements, and locations such as correctional facilities. This meeting also addressed code changes that can prevent WyoLink from working properly and continuing to be available.

Public Safety Communications Commission (PSCC): The PSCC visited the AT&T First Net laboratories in Boulder on May 7th and 8th. First Net demonstrated the abilities of a First Net device over a standard cellular device and how it helps first responders.

During this meeting, Lumen also presented to the PSCC regarding 911, outages, and how they affect customers and Public Safety Answering Ports (PSAPs). The Joint Corporations Committee for Wyoming has asked the PSCC and the telecom industry to draft language that will strengthen and enforce changes to 911 and funding that will help PSAPs, who in several counties, are operating at approximately a third below what they need to break even.

Mr. Smolinski advised that he is currently on the Senior Advisory Committee for the State Homeland Security Program, overseeing grants. Grant applications will be reviewed and scored, with hopes that the awardees will be able to enhance communication and upgrade equipment.

5. Presentation on Rock Springs/Green River Service Road: Mr. Gillett presented to the Commission regarding a possible I-80 alternate route. Mr. Gillett discussed the background of the proposed alternate route, road closure percentages for commercial and passenger vehicles, previously completed feasibility reports, costs for proposed alternate routes, and additional options for alternate routes.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Holmes at 4:39 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2024.

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7. Pledge of Allegiance: Chair Holmes led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

9A. April 17-18, 2024 Business Meeting Minutes: It was recommended by Secretary Casner, moved by Commissioner Hughes and seconded by Commissioner Dolezal to approve the April 17-18, 2024 Business Meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Chapters 1 and 29 Rules: Chair Holmes explained that Chapters 1 and 29 were previously considered by the Commission and approved to be sent to the Governor's Office for approval. The Governor's office has approved the rules, and so they are now being presented to the Commission for final approval and adoption.

Mr. Rossetti and Ms. Zimmerman presented the final draft of Chapter 1 regarding driver's license and motor vehicle safety and summarized the updates from the current version.

It was recommended by Mr. Rossetti, moved by Commissioner Lyman, and seconded by Commissioner Willox to adopt the updated Chapter 1 rules. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. DeHoff presented the final draft of Chapter 29 regarding emergency lighting for snow removal equipment and summarized the updates from the current version.

It was recommended by Mr. DeHoff, moved by Commissioner Baker, and seconded by Commissioner Hughes to adopt the updated Chapter 29 rules. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Mr. Rossetti presented the Support Services Report.

Employment Summary: WYDOT employed 1,831 personnel as of April 25, 2024, compared to 1,839 a month ago and 1,770 one year ago.

Commissioner Crank confirmed with Mr. Rossetti that progress is being made towards filling open positions in Highway Patrol Dispatch, and attributed this progress in part to salary adjustments approved by the Commission.

Mr. Rossetti also reminded the Commission that the Alumni Association for the University of Wyoming recently put out options for plate design for the 2025 reissuance. There was an overwhelming favorite, which will be presented to the Commission at the June meeting.

WYDOT staff has also worked with stakeholders regarding the wildlife conservation plates redesign, which will also be presented at the June meeting.

12. Mr. Byrne presented the Chief Financial Officer's Report.

12A. Monthly Budget Report: Mr. Freier presented the monthly budget report. Overall, the budget report revealed that the Commission budget was 56 percent expended, and the legislative budget was 76 percent expended in Fiscal Year 2024.

12B. Award of Procurement Services Bids. It was recommended by Mr. Byrne, moved by Commissioner Dolezal, and seconded by Commissioner Lyman to move Request for Proposal (RFP) Number 24-094NG and Bid Number 24-158NG to a consent list. The motion carried unanimously.

It was recommended by Mr. Byrne, moved by Commissioner Willox and seconded by Commissioner Baker to approve, by consent, the following bids and requisitions. The motion carried unanimously.

- RFP Number 24-094NG to furnish Wyoming Highway Patrol vehicle upfitting for use by the Department. The bid was awarded to Bearcom, of Evans, Colorado, for the sum of \$636,730.00.
- Bid Number 24-158NG to furnish a Headquarters roof replacement for buildings 6145 and 6426 to the department located in Casper. The bid was awarded to Built Right Roofing and Construction, of Rapid City, South Dakota, for the sum of \$432,600.00.

It was recommended by Mr. Byrne, moved by Commissioner Hughes, and seconded by Commissioner Lyman to award Bid 24-170RE to Jerry Bornhoft Construction, Inc., of Riverton, Wyoming, to furnish six (6) new modular homes to the department in Muddy Gap and four (4)

new modular homes to the department located in Shirley Rim for the sum of \$2,015,555.00.

Mr. Byrne explained that the bid came in higher than the amount previously authorized by the Commission. Mr. Byrne also stated that the amount above the previously authorized cost will be funded by cost savings from District 2.

The motion carried unanimously.

13. Chief Engineer's Report: Mr. Gillett updated the Commission regarding the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), including a recent Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFO). The NOFO is for the Highway Construction Training Program (HCTP) grant. This grant is intended to develop, test, review, and implement their curricula and educational programs to train and place individuals in highway construction jobs. A total of \$4.2 million in grant funds will be available, with a maximum of \$300,000.00 per award. Eligible recipients for the HCTP grant are the State Department's transportation educational institutions, which includes institutions of higher education such as universities and community colleges.

Mr. Gillett reminded the Commission that he also recently attended the AASHTO Spring Meeting. Mr. Gillett stated that one theme that was evident throughout the meeting was the FHWA August redistribution of funds. Another theme was construction project cost development or estimating. Several states are having challenges estimating projects, and the Florida DOT presented on possible solutions and an integration of predicted future inflation into their estimates. Florida also has hired retired construction company employees to assist with estimating projects from a contractor's standpoint.

During the Spring Meeting, a resolution for adding or changing route numbers throughout the US was passed. Wyoming recently added a national bike route designation to this list of route numbers. U.S. Bike Route 76 was formally adopted, which runs from Idaho to Colorado via Teton Pass to Jackson, then to Dubois and Lander, down Muddy Gap, over to Alcova and down to Medicine Bow and Walcott Junction and finally to Riverside in Colorado.

Mr. Gillett advised that the lawsuit filed against WYDOT by McMillen Construction citing a breach of contract for differing site conditions concerning deer fence post hole excavation on the Dry Piney wildlife crossing project on US 189 recently had a Motion to Dismiss filed by Ms. Sewell and Mr. Kahler. A response from McMillen's attorneys is expected soon.

13Ai. Mr. DeHoff presented the Engineering and Planning Report, beginning with the bid tabulations from the May 9, 2024 letting.

Federal Project STP-0504020 to mill and overlay, chip seal, and complete bridge rehabilitation at five locations (one location over railroad) (bridge deck repair and overlay, bearing device modifications, approach slab replacements, bridge railing and expansion joint upgrades, and erosion control repairs) on approximately 6.00 miles on WYO 95 beginning at RM 1.69 north of Glenrock. Completion Date: October 31, 2025.

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| <i>Engineer's Estimate</i> | \$6,516,547.00 | |
| S&S Builders, LLC, Gillette, WY | \$6,851,808.00 | 5.1% |
| Reiman Corp., Cheyenne, WY | \$7,048,688.50 | |
| Croell, Inc., Sundance, WY | \$7,364,643.75 | |
| JTL Group, Inc., DBA Knife River, Cheyenne, WY | \$7,392,050.95 | |

It was recommended by Mr. DeHoff, moved by Commissioner Hughes and seconded by Commissioner Baker that S&S Builders, of Gillette, Wyoming, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as the responsive low bidder. The motion carried unanimously. FHWA concurred with this decision.

Federal Project HSIP-N345111 involving slope flattening, extending, cleaning and/or repairing culverts on approximately 7.50 miles on US 310 beginning at RM 249.5 between Deaver and Montana. Completion Date: June 30, 2025.

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| <i>Engineer's Estimate</i> | \$1,886,898.00 | |
| Wilson Bros. Construction, Inc., Cowley, WY | \$1,774,148.05 | -6.0% |
| Barnum, Inc., Buffalo, WY | \$1,877,820.00 | |
| Holden Excavating, Inc., Columbus, MT | \$2,199,787.00 | |
| Oftedal Construction, Inc., Casper, WY | \$2,475,789.00 | |

It was recommended by Mr. DeHoff, moved by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Willox that Wilson Bros. Construction, Inc., of Cowley, Wyoming, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder. The motion carried unanimously.

Federal Project STP-GM-B244022 for culvert cleaning, lining, and replacement at various locations on I-90 from RM 97.14 to RM 118.33 in Campbell County. Completion Date: November 30, 2024.

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| <i>Engineer's Estimate</i> | \$1,681,395.00 | |
| Wilson Bros. Construction, Inc., Cowley, WY | \$1,510,340.50 | -10.2% |

It was recommended by Mr. DeHoff, moved by Commissioner Lyman and seconded by Commissioner Dolezal that Wilson Bros. Construction, Inc., of Cowley, Wyoming, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder. The motion carried unanimously. FHWA concurred with this decision.

State Project SCP-TC-BR-B233037 involving bridge rehabilitation on three bridges (deck repair and overlay, abutment and girder repair, expansion joint repair, slope paving, and bridge rail modification) at various locations in Lincoln and Uinta counties. Completion Date: June 30, 2025.

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| <i>Engineer's Estimate</i> | \$1,245,445.00 | |
| Reiman Corp., Cheyenne, WY | \$1,739,157.25 | 39.6% |
| Coldwater Group, Inc., Pleasant View, UT | \$1,749,114.00 | |
| <i>Plus 5% for Comparison</i> | \$1,836,569.70 | |

It was recommended by Mr. DeHoff, moved by Commissioner Dolezal and seconded by Commissioner Hughes that Reiman Corp., of Cheyenne, Wyoming, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder.

Vice Chair Dolezal emphasized the importance of this project for Lincoln and Uinta counties. Commissioner Crank expressed concern at the high percentage difference between the Engineer's Estimate and the bids received. Mr. DeHoff explained the differences between the Engineer's Estimate and the actual bids received for this project, including costs for traffic control and mobilization as well as bringing in heavy equipment. Mr. DeHoff stated that he believes the Engineer's Estimate is low, and that he is comfortable with the two bids received.

It was moved by Commissioner Willox and seconded by Commissioner Hughes to amend the project to be a federally funded project, which would be paid for with the upcoming August re-distribution according to WYDOT rules and regulations. Mr. Byrne explained that federal funds have been obligated through the Department's planning process, and that every year money is put aside through the budget process to be used on projects. If the funding source for this was changed, it could affect funding for future projects as well as the amount of time until the project can begin and require a re-bidding process to meet federal requirements. The motion failed 3-4. *Commissioners Holmes, Dolezal, Lyman, and Baker voted no on this motion. FHWA concurrence was not required.*

The original motion for this project passed 4-2. *Commissioners Crank and Willox voted no on this motion.*

Federal Project CM-N121116 for new eastbound access to the US 30 Port of Entry and roadway lighting installation at the Kemmerer Port of Entry on US 30. Completion Date: November 30, 2024.

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| <i>Engineer's Estimate</i> | \$1,130,776.00 | |
| Oftedal Construction, Inc., Casper, WY | \$1,483,126.60 | 31.2% |
| Reiman Corp., Cheyenne, WY | \$1,694,756.35 | |

It was recommended by Mr. DeHoff, moved by Commissioner Dolezal and seconded by Commissioner Hughes that Oftedal Construction, Inc., of Casper, Wyoming, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder. The motion carried. *Commissioner Crank voted no on this motion.*

13Aii. May FY 2024 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Addendum: Mr. DeHoff presented the May FY 2024 STIP Addendum.

It was recommended by Mr. DeHoff, moved by Commissioner Willox and seconded by Commissioner Baker to approve the May FY 2024 STIP addendum. The motion carried unanimously.

13B. Mr. DeHoff presented the Operations Report.

Mr. DeHoff advised that progress is being made on seasonal passes, and US 14A is expected to open on May 17th. Wyoming 130 and Wyoming 70 are expected to be open by Memorial Day weekend, and the new LaRue rotary plows are significantly helping with these efforts.

Mr. DeHoff stated that a maintenance team member was recently injured in a plow pinch point incident. This incident was considered critical and the team member did have to stay in the hospital for approximately a week and a half, but they have since been sent home and recovery is progressing well. DeHoff is confident that appropriate action has been taken statewide to prevent a similar injury.

Maintenance: Crews are continuing to prepare equipment for summer operations, and are completing projects as weather permits.

The total number of snow plow hits for this year is 13, compared to 25 last year.

District 3 Update: District Engineer Eddins updated the Commission regarding upcoming industrial developments, staffing levels, staff housing in Jackson, and thanked the Commission for approving the purchase of the LaRue rotaries, which have significantly improved operations.

14. June 2024 Commission Meeting: Secretary Casner advised that the June 2024 meeting will be held in Cheyenne. The Education Session will be a tour of the rigging shop with catered lunches on both days of the meeting.

15B. Commissioner Comments: Commissioner Willox thanked Mr. Eddins for accommodating the Commission for this meeting. Commissioner Hughes thanked Commissioner Crank for his inquiries regarding bids and federal versus state funds. Commissioner Crank requested an education session in the future regarding federal and state funds and how they are allocated. Crank also stated that he believes that bridge project bids continue to be a concern, and he urged the Commission to continue examining the bids in depth. Crank also asked for consideration of restroom facilities at newly constructed parking areas. Commissioner Baker expressed his thanks for the work that is occurring across the state, and thanked the Commission for their work on important issues. Commissioner Lyman thanked the Commission for coming to Rock Springs, and commended the efforts of the Commission. Vice Chair Dolezal also thanked the Commission for their work for the State of Wyoming, as well as Mr. Eddins for hosting this meeting. Chair Holmes echoed these comments, and also commented on WHP enforcement along Highway 287.

15C. July 2024 Meeting: Secretary Casner reminded the Commission that the July meeting will be via Zoom only on the 18th, and there will be no Education Session.

15D. August 2024 Meeting: Secretary Casner advised that the Commission will be brought in earlier than normal so that they can participate in the annual employee appreciation luncheon.

17. It was moved by Commissioner Crank and seconded by Commissioner Baker to adjourn the meeting at 2:35 p.m. on Thursday, May 16, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.