WIR President, Mayor Selby called the meeting to order, and welcomed the Board to Coconino County

President Selby called the roll. Members present were:

- Alaska:
  Hon. Jerome Selby, Kodiak Island Borough

- Arizona:
  Hon. David Tenney, Supervisor, Navajo County

- California:
  Hon. Kevin Cann, Supervisor, Mariposa County
  Hon. David Finigan, Supervisor, Del Norte County

- Colorado:
  Hon. John Martin, Commissioner, Garfield County

- Hawai‘i:
  Dennis “Fresh” Onishi, Council Member, Hawaii County

- Idaho:
  Hon. Gordon Cruickshank, Commissioner, Valley County
  Hon. Robert Cope, Commissioner, Lemhi County

- Montana:
  Hon. Lesley Robinson, Commissioner, Phillips County
  Hon. Mike Murray, Commissioner, Lewis and Clark County

- Nevada:
  Hon. Lorinda Wichman, Commissioner, Nye County
  Hon. Demar Dahl, Commissioner, Elko County

- New Mexico:
  Hon. Walter Armijo, Commissioner, Sierra County
  Hon. Robert Anaya, Commissioner, Santa Fe County

- North Dakota:
  Hon. Scott Ourdnik, Commissioner, Slope County

- Oregon:
Hon. Tim Josi, Commissioner, Tillamook County
Hon. Dan Joyce, Commissioner, Malheur County

- South Dakota:
  Hon. Clint Farlee, Commissioner, Ziebach County

- Utah:
  Hon. Alan Gardner, Commissioner, Washington County

- Washington:
  Hon. Todd Mielke, Commissioner, Spokane County
  Hon. Ron Walter, Commissioner, Chelan County

- Wyoming:
  Hon. Joel Bousman, Commissioner, Sublette County
  Hon. Doug Thompson, Commissioner, Fremont County

Ex officio board members, and staff present were: Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties; Brent Gardner, Utah Association of Counties, Paul Gutierrez, New Mexico Association of Counties; Kathie Wasserman, Alaska Municipal League, Mike McArthur, Association of Oregon Counties; Chip Taylor, Colorado Counties Inc.; Bob Wilcox, South Dakota Association of County Commissioners; Seth Grigg, Idaho Association of Counties; Nicole Stickler, Arizona Association of Counties; and Ryan Yates, NACo.

9:00 a.m. Welcome – President Jerome Selby

9:05 a.m. Welcome from Hawaii - Dennis “Fresh” Onishi
2015 WIR Conference is scheduled for Kauai County, HI
Gifts for WIR Executive Committee Members

9:07 a.m. Welcome from Alaska – Kathy Wasserman, AML
2014 WIR Conference is Scheduled for Anchorage, AK

9:09 a.m. Welcome to Coconino County, Arizona – Supervisor Liz Archuleta

9:11 a.m. Roll Call & Approval of minutes

9:12 a.m. Approval of WIR Financial Report and Investment Report - David Keen, NACo

9:13 a.m. Developing North American Energy: An Overview of the TransCanada Corporation
Alex Osborne, Manager, US Land Management, TransCanada

  - Competitively positioned in pipeline and energy infrastructure
  - Approximately $48 billion of premium pipeline and energy assets
  - Employs about 5,000 people in nearly 50 professions, trades and fields, located in 7 provinces and 32 states
• Our Vision: To be the leading energy infrastructure company in North America with a strong focus on pipelines and power generation opportunities, located in regions where we enjoy or can develop significant competitive advantage.

• Our Mission: To provide reliable supplies of energy across the continent – safely and responsibly. We are proud that millions of North Americans can depend on us for the energy they need.

• One of North America’s Largest Natural Gas Pipeline Networks
  • Operating 68,500 km (42,500 mi) of pipeline
  • Average volume of 14 Bcf/d or 20% of continental demand

• North America’s 3rd Largest Natural Gas Storage Operator
  • 406 Bcf of capacity

• Canada’s Largest Private Sector Power Generator
  • 21 power plants, 11,800 MW
  • Diversified portfolio, including wind, hydro, nuclear, coal, solar and natural gas

• Premier North American Oil Pipeline System
  • 1.4 million Bbl/d ultimate capacity*

• Safety: TransCanada’s first priority is always the safety of our employees and the public. With one of the best safety and operating records in the industry, we are serious about maintaining the safety and integrity of our energy infrastructure system.

• Land Use Planning & Transmission: The Pipelines and Informed Planning Alliance (PIPA) is a collaborative effort of pipeline safety stakeholders who developed recommended practices for protecting communities and transmission pipelines and communicating among stakeholders.

• Investing in Communities:
  • At TransCanada, we believe in making a positive difference in the lives of others, through investing in our communities, with one goal in mind: creating a brighter future.
  • Through investments in the communities where we live and work, we are forging meaningful partnerships that serve as community assets in empowering individuals and building strong communities.
In 2011, we distributed more than C$9.6 million in financial and in-kind donations in communities across North America. Our community investment program focuses on three key areas: community, safety and the environment.

Kathy Wasserman: What is the status of the AK pipeline?
A: Project is stuck. This has been an ongoing effort – more than 30 years.

Joel Bousman: Regarding the Keystone XL Pipeline, how much oil will stay domestic vs. international export?
A: Will get back to you.

9:33 a.m. Issues Concerning FLAP, Harold Blattie, MT Association of Counties

Baucus Amendment 831: Under the Forest Highways program, road projects providing access to and through National Forest System lands would proceed as 100% federal share projects. The latest highway bill, MAP-21, did not re-authorize the Forest Highways program, but replaced it in part with the Federal Lands Access Program, which requires a local match for all projects.

After MAP-21 passed, local governments were informed that regardless of existing Project Agreements, they would be required to re-apply under the new program and provide a local match. This amendment will simply allow states – if they choose – to allocate that state’s own unobligated, leftover Forest Highway funds toward the local match requirement.

• Local entities with a signed Project Agreement had the expectation that the project would proceed as 100% federal share.
• Local entities are now re-applying under the new Federal Lands Access Program, which requires a local match for all projects.
• This amendment does not require an offset and does not change the apportionment for any state.
• We do not believe it was Congress’ intent in MAP-21 to require project sponsors with a completed Project Agreement to have to re-apply under different terms than under the agreement.

9:43 a.m. Pam Haze, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget, Finance, Performance, and Acquisition, U.S. Department of the Interior

• 2013 – on June 13 the DOI will distribute FY2013 PILT payments to counties, $400 in payments –
• Most payments should be higher than FY 2012
• Prior year payments went down, shifting PILT payments up
• Sequestration will impact FY 2013 PILT payments
FY2014 Presidents Budget proposal supports a one-year extension of mandatory
PILT payments. Mandatory funding authority expires in 2013. Congress will need to act
for FY 2014 payments

- NACo & DOI testified before the Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee
earlier this year in support of PILT
- President Budget calls for an evaluation of the program. Specific to long-term
funding solutions and a multiyear authorization.
- DOI requests NACo to weigh in on ideas for long-term funding solutions

Q: Robert Cope: Status of FWS appropriated wolf mitigation funding?
Q: Jerome Selby: Status of printed books for PILT program?
A: Due to sequester, DOI will not print books. Will be available online.
Q: John Martin: Referenced creation of special districts for federal mineral leasing.
Formally requests reinstatement of FY11 & FY12 PILT funds.

10:05 a.m. James Reid, El Paso County – Waldo Canyon Fire

Preparation: Relationships
- It is not what you know, but more of who you know
- Partnerships – shared resources
- Cost Savings
- Work together to stabilize the situation
- Delegations of Authority

Mechanics of the Response
- Initial
- Controlled Chaos
- Elected Officials
- Recognizing the Need to Request Help
- The Long Run

After the Fire
- Relief
- Aftermath – What to do now?
- Public Response: Grief, Happiness, & Anger

Recovery is often the most expensive part following a disaster

Encourage counties to develop delegation of authority between all county fire
departments / resources

Quickly delegate authority up the chain to state and federal government
10:23 a.m. Ray Suazo, AZ State Director, Bureau of Land Management
- Sequestration impacts, Cynthia Moses-Nedd unable to travel to Arizona – sends regards to WIR
- BLM manages 200+ million acre surface and 700+ million subsurface estate
- value county partners in land use planning
- Generate more revenue than spends - $4.8 billion in revenues is 1:4 return on taxpayer investment
- 756,000 jobs supported
- Sequester is roughly a 7% cut for BLM
- Not hiring seasonal summer crews due to sequester cuts
- in AZ, this is a $7 million deficit

11:05 a.m. Ryan R. Yates, Legislative Update on WIR priorities

11:16 a.m. Randy Phillips, Update on USDA Forest Service Activities

11:25 a.m. Open Discussion

Doug Thompson – WIR moves a lot of information. Need to spend more time to develop strategies to assist western counties

Robert Anaya – Sequestration doesn’t make sense. Need to change FHWA processes. Wilderness inventory need to identify counties to participate in process. Need more feds present at meeting to discuss policy and networking.

Joel Bousman – Blueways concept for recreation land designations troubling. Local government participating as cooperating agencies – need to educate more counties, schedule more trainings, review with newly elected commissioners. Promote Keystone XL Pipeline. Suggest permanent PILT funding sources for PILT with DOI.

Scott Ouradnik – concerned over bankhead jones payments. Sequestration should not impact payments.

Cope – Suggest using LWCF & land acquisition funds to support an offset for future PILT funding


Mike McArthur – WIR Region Representative – Bylaw change proposal for Annual

11:55 Adjourn