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Wyoming GAC Q3 2024

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Zoom

Participants:

Bill Willingham, Co-Chair WyHy FCU, Brian Rohrbacher, Co-Chair Atlantic City FCU, Brandon Smith, Meridian Trust FCU, Bryan Thomas, Meridian Trust FCU, Dave Krause, CEO UniWyo FCU, Jim Yates, First Education FCU, Tyler Valentine, CEO StagePoint FCU, Tyson Taylor, Black Hills FCU, Jeremy Gibson, CEO Trona Valley FCU, Stephanie Teubner, Blue FCU, Rebecca Thoe-Heuer, Blue FCU, Tyler Disburg, Pathfinder FCU

GoWest Staff:

Troy Stang, President & CEO
Jennifer Wagner, Chief Advocacy Officer
Ryan Fitzgerald, SVP, Advocacy
Pam Leavitt, SVP, Grassroots/Political Programs
Jordan Beyer, AVP, Grassroots Engagement
John Trull, VP Regulatory Advocacy
Maddie Robertson, Director, Federal Legislative Affairs
Gracie Nelson, Manager, Regulatory Affairs
Chris Kemm, AVP, Political Engagement

Co-Chair Willingham called the meeting to order. He thanked everyone for participating and announced Bobbie would take silent roll call.

Chair Willingham thanked the GAC for their support of the WYCUPAC which has allowed credit unions to contribute to several campaigns this election cycle.

State Advocacy Update

Bobbie reviewed the highlights from written report emphasizing the Joint Transportation Committee in June and the E-titling workgroups presentation to the Committee with recommendations for statutory changes to facilitate moving the state to an electronic titling system. The Committee directed the Legislative Service Office to draft legislation for consideration at their next meeting on September 12 and 13 in Laramie. Bobbie announced that GoWest would host a reception in Laramie on the evening of September 12 after the meeting for the Committee and members of the Electronic Titling workgroup. She updated the committee on the housing discussions in the Joint Corporations Committee meeting and specifically that a few legislators have sought our input on legislation to add \$60 million to the WCDA program. The committee will meet July 30 and 31, in Evanston. She highlighted upcoming activities and events.

Co-Chair Willingham brought up that the economic and community impact survey's will be coming to credit unions soon and that there were additional questions specific to electronic titling

to respond to the Joint Transportation Committee's questions. He emphasized the importance of the credit unions responding as quickly as possible, so the information is on hand for the committee meeting.

Co-Chair Willingham asked for input from members on legislator campaign contribution meetings. He indicated that he participated in some in Cheyenne and that the candidates are very appreciative of the credit union support. Bryan Thomas indicated that Senator Nethercott was going door to door, and she thanked him for the credit union support. Jeremy Gibson gave an update on the campaign checks delivered to several Sweetwater and Uinta County legislators and that the conversations were valuable. Brian Rohrbacher said he had delivered to Representative Lloyd Larsen and Ember Oakley.

Stephanie Teubner, Blue FCU moved to request the GoWest Credit Union Association's formal endorsement of Kim Wither's candidacy for Wyoming state senate district 6. Brian Rohrbacher seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The committee discussed the Joint Corporations housing proposed legislation. Dave Krause suggested that attention should be focused on the local regulatory issues impeding housing developments and Tyler Valentine raised the issue of infrastructure costs being prohibitive to most developers and the need for state support infrastructure development. The committee discussed credit union participation in the WCDA program and the importance of increasing participation directly or through Centennial. Stephanie Teubner offered to discuss with Centennial leadership.

Political and Grassroots

Brian Rohrbacher, Trustee and Chris Kemm provided an update on PAC fundraising and status.

Pam Leavitt and Jordan provided an update on advocacy advancement to date this year and advancing grassroots advocacy in the coming months.

Federal Issues

Ryan Fitzgerald gave an update on the federal legislative priorities and credit union related legislation development for the 119th Congress and an update on GoWest campaigns and elections.

John Trull provided a Federal Regulatory Overview on NCUA & CFPB proposed regulations and discussed the Supreme Court decision on overturning the Chevron Doctrine and the statute of limitations. There was discussion on the opportunities and potential challenges from Supreme Court decisions.

Future Events

Co-Chair Willingham reminded GAC members of the upcoming events.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.