



# INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION OF NORTH DAKOTA

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Governor

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Agriculture Commissioner

Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Governor's Conference Room or Microsoft Teams – 1:00 pm

Meeting Coordinators:

Karen Tyler, Executive Director

Reice Haase, Deputy Executive Director

Brenna Jessen, Recording Secretary

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## I. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

(approximately 1:00 pm)

## II. Department of Mineral Resources Director Finalist Interviews

- A. Presentation of DMR Director Search Committee Report – Reice Haase (Attachment 1)
- B. Conduct interviews with candidates for DMR Director position:
  - A. Nathan Anderson (Attachment 2)
  - B. Kevin Connors (Attachment 3)
- C. Industrial Commission discussion
- D. **Selection of DMR Director Candidate**

(approximately 3:30 pm)

## III. Department of Mineral Resources – Mark Bohrer, Reice Haase

- A. Presentation of Oil and Gas Division Quarterly Report – Mark Bohrer (Attachment 4)
- B. **Consideration of Authority to Contract with Lynn Helms for Professional Consulting Services** – Reice Haase (Attachment 5)
- C. Other Department of Mineral Resources business

(approximately 4:00 pm)

**IV. North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund – Keith Pic, NDIRF CEO**

- A. **Consideration of reinsurance policy recommendation for the Excess Loss Reinsurance Coverage – Fire and Tornado Fund** (Attachment 6)
- B. Other North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund Business

(approximately 4:15)

**V. North Dakota Public Finance Agency – DeAnn Ament**

- A. **Consideration of approval for the following loan applications:**
  - 1. **McLean Sheridan Rural Water District \$8,159,000**  
(Attachment 7)
  - 2. **Dickinson – Clean Water - \$3,539,000** (Attachment 8)
- B. Presentation of a memo of State Revolving Fund loans approved by Advisory Committee (Attachment 9)
  - 1. Richardton – Clean Water - \$500,000
  - 2. Rhame – Drinking Water - \$1,199,000
  - 3. St. John – Drinking Water - \$365,000 increase to previously approved \$920,000
  - 4. Taylor- Drinking Water - \$628,000
  - 5. Milnor – Drinking Water - \$300,000

(approximately 4:30 pm)

**VI. Legal Update\* – Phil Axt**

- A. Litigation Status:
  - A. Northwest Landowners v. NDIC
  - B. BLM Venting and Flaring Rule
  - C. BLM Conservation Rule
  - D. Council of Environmental Quality NEPA Phase II Rule
  - E. EPA Mercury and Air Toxics Rule
  - F. EPA Carbon Rule
  - G. EPA Methane/OOOO Rule
- B. Federal Regulatory Update:
  - A. BLM Resource Management Plan
  - B. DAPL Draft Environmental Impact Statement
  - C. EPA Methane Tax Rule

\* Possible Executive Session under N.D.C.C. 44-04-19.1(9) & 44-04-19.2 for attorney consultation

## **Meeting Closed to the Public for Executive Session Pursuant to NDCC 6-09-35, 44-04-18.4, 44-04-19.1 and 44-04-19.2**

(approximately 5:00 pm)

### **VII. Pipeline Authority Executive Session**

- A. Pipeline Authority Capacity Purchase Program confidential business per NDCC 44-04-18.4

(approximately 5:30 pm)

### **VIII. Bank of North Dakota Executive Session – Rob Pfennig, Kirby Evanger, Craig Hanson**

- A. Presentation of Department of Financial Institutions Bank Examination Report – Commissioner Lise Kruse, Ryan Spah (Confidential Attachment 10)
- B. Attorney consultation regarding two loans (Confidential Attachment 11)
- C. Other Bank of North Dakota confidential business

## **Meeting Returns to Public Session**

### **IX. Formal Action Taken in Public Session**

(approximately 6:30 pm)

#### **X. State Energy Research Center – Reice Haase**

- A. **Consideration of Authority to Contract under SERC-2019-01 Task 2: “Expanding and Future-Proofing North Dakota’s Electric Grid in an Evolving Energy Landscape”** (Attachment 12)

(approximately 6:45 pm)

#### **XI. Oil and Gas Research Program – Reice Haase**

- A. Presentation of Oil and Gas Research Program Project Management and Financial Report (Attachment 13)
- B. **Consideration of Application G-060-A: “Well Site Thief Hatch Methane Detectors – Phase II”, Submitted by Blue Comply, Total Project Costs: \$900,000, Request for: \$450,000** (Attachment 14)
- C. Other Oil and Gas Research Program business

(approximately 7:00 pm)

**XII. Office of the Industrial Commission – Karen Tyler**

- A. **Consideration of June 26, 2024 and July 2, 2024 Meeting Minutes**  
(Attachment 15)
- B. **Consideration of approval of 4% legislative salary increases for agency directors – PFA, HFA, Mill** (Attachment 16)
- C. Other Office of Industrial Commission Business

**XIII. Adjournment**

Next Meeting – August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 1:00 pm  
Governor’s Conference Room, Bismarck, ND