

Minutes of the
EMPOWER NORTH DAKOTA COMMISSION

February 4, 2013
ND Tax Department
1601 E. Century Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58503

Members present:

Al Anderson, Ron Ness, Dale Niezwaag, Mike Rud, Randy Schneider, David Straley, Sandi Tabor, John Weeda

Ex Officio Members present:

Dave Schmitz
Julie Voeck, proxy for John DiDonato

Others present:

Justin Dever, ND Department of Commerce
Mike Fladeland, ND Department of Commerce
Sherri Frieze, ND Department of Commerce
Karlene Fine, ND Industrial Commission
Deana Wiese, ND Ethanol Council
Lance Gaebe, ND Department of Trust Lands
Ryan Rauschenberger, ND Tax Department
Shane Goettle, Odney Advertising
Carlee McLeod, USND

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and welcomed Commission members and guests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Schneider and seconded by Tabor to approve the Minutes of January 28, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

EmPower ND Bills

Justin Dever walked through the bills being tracked by EmPower ND.

HB 1029 – bill has passed the House.
HB 1382 – hearing went well last week
SB 2027 – assigned to SB 2014 Subcommittee.
SB 2028 – failed the Senate.
SB 2029 – to be heard today.
HB 1121 – bill to be added to the *Tracked Bills Listing*.

Legislative Update by Industry

Discussion was held on various bills being covered by the EmPower ND members.

SB 2209 – Niezwaag commented that it had a hearing last week Thursday and the Committee passed it on Friday.

HB 1413 – Niezwaag commented this bill would be for sales tax exemption for materials used to construct a facility for coal gasification byproducts.

HB 1359 – Carlee McLeod, USND commentd this bill would be for a one-call notice system with penalty provisions.

SB 2312 – Staley commentd this bill would give the Board of University & School Lands discretion to set coal royalty rates. Committee hearing to be this Thursday.

SB 2027 – Schneider commented this bill has had very good support.

S.T.E.M. Bills – Tabor commented that there are four bills and they would be gathered for the next meeting. The bills possibly will be combined into one bill.

HB 3026 – Tabor commented this bill would encourage the EPA to work with the State of ND.

HB 1030 – Tabor commented it was amended and passed the House.

SB 2287 – Weeda commented the hearing was last week.

Education piece - Weeda commented he is working with various agencies to bring this project to fruition. He will have more information to provide at the next meeting.

HB 1358 – Ness attended hearing today and it went well.

HB 1410 – Rud commented that he would like to see an amendment made.

SB 2245 – Rud mentioned it will be heard next week.

SB2370 – Ness commented it will have a hearing tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned unanimously at 1:45 p.m.

Al Anderson
Chairman

Date

Sherri Frieze
Recording Secretary

Date