

Minutes of the
EMPOWER NORTH DAKOTA COMMISSION

September 16, 2020
TEAMS conference call
Bismarck, ND 58503

Members present:

Vawnta Best, Al Christianson, Ron Day, Ron Ness, Dale Niezwaag, Mark Nisbet, Jay Skabo, David Straley, Danette Welsh

Ex Officio Members present:

Stacey Dahl, Julie Voeck, Wade Boeshans

Public present:

Call in only via Microsoft TEAMS Platform

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

James Leiman, proxy for Chairman Kommer, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., welcoming members and guests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Ness and seconded by Niezwaag to approve the August 24, 2020 minutes. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF DRAFT REPORT

James Leiman

James discussed the draft report that will be presented to the Interim Energy Development and Transmission Committee on October 6th in Bismarck.

Business Friendly Development

- Continue educating regulators and legislators on growth requirement.
- More effective collaboration between governments at all levels and industry
- Quarterly workgroup meetings
- Perform regulatory review and make recommendations to reduce burdensome regulations.

Public Education and Communication

- Educate communities throughout the state
- Industry importance
- Growth and opportunities
- Engage EDND for public education and more outreach to rural communities.

Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance

- What is ESG and its \$45 trillion impact on equity
- The opportunity
- How ND can lead
- Private Sector and Government responsibilities
- Environmental Scan as well as Regulatory Scan

Transmission

- The Challenge
- The Vision
- Coal Creek Opportunity
- Need for federal help

Exploring Hydrogen Solutions

Justin Kringstad

Justin presentation; Exploring Hydrogen Solutions discussed the options of using hydrogen as the connecting link for energy resources of wind, gas pipelines, lignite and petroleum.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Christianson and seconded by Boeshans to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.



10/13/20
James Leiman, Proxy for Michelle Kommer Date



10.12.2020
Sherri Frieze, Boards & Commissions E.A. Date