AGENDA
LIGNITE RESEARCH COUNCIL MEETING
GRANT ROUND LRC (110)

Thursday, November 12, 2026 - 1:30 p.m.
Bismarck State College
National Energy Center of Excellence
Conference Room 335

I. **Call to Order** – Jonathan Fortner
Welcome newly appointed Lignite Mining & State Agency Representatives
- Travis Horning - Coyote Creek Mine
- Troy Leingang - Falkirk Mine
- Jennifer Turnbow – Department of Environmental Quality
- Clint Boyd – Geological Survey

Welcome Beth Nangare, new NDIC Grant Program Administrative Assistant

II. **Executive Committee Members**
Previously: Ed Murphy and Jay Kost

III. **Approval of Minutes**
LRC Grant Round 109, May 8, 2026 – Jonathan Fortner
- ACTION ITEM: Approval of Minutes

IV. **Updates**
- Project Management and Financial Report – Jordan Kannianen

V. **Consideration of Projects**

LRC-110A: Development of Next-Generation Carbon Capture Technologies for Efficiency Improvement and Cost Reduction (Years 1, 2, and 3)

Submitted by: EERC
Principal Investigator: Tony Snyder
Request for: $3,138,750
Total Project Costs: $10,462,500
Project Duration: 30 months

LRC-110B: Demonstration of economic rare earth and critical materials production from lignite at scale

Submitted by: UND College of Engineering and Mines
Principal Investigator: Dan Laudal
Request for: $2,000,000
Total Project Costs: $15,661,609
Project Duration: 15 months

LRC-110C: The Regulatory and Litigation Support Project for the North Dakota Lignite Industry

Submitted by: Lignite Energy Council
Principal Investigator: Jonathan Fortner
Request for: $1,500,000
Total Project Costs: $1,500,000
Project Duration: 39 months

LRC-110D: Expanded Support for the PCOR Partnership Program

Submitted by: EERC
Principal Investigator: Kevin Connors
Request for: $3,000,000
Total Project Costs: $6,000,000
Project Duration: 36 months

VI. **Conflict of Interest Discussion** – Jordan Kannianen

VII. **Voting Process**
ACTION ITEM: Voting on Proposals

VIII. **Voting Results and Other Business**

IX. **2026 - 2027 Calendar**

- Industrial Commission Meeting - Monday, November 23, 2026
- Spring Grant Deadline – Thursday, April 1, 2027
- Spring LRC Meeting – Thursday, May 6, 2027
- Fall Grant Deadline – Friday, October 1, 2027
- Fall LRC Meeting – Thursday, November 4, 2027

X. **Adjourn**