

Minutes of a Meeting of the Industrial Commission of North Dakota

Held on January 6, 2026, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Governor's Conference Room – State Capitol

Present: Governor Kelly Armstrong, Chairman

Attorney General Drew H. Wrigley

Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring

Also Present: This meeting was open through Microsoft Teams so not all attendees are known.

Agency representatives joined various portions of the meeting.

Governor Armstrong called the meeting of the Industrial Commission to order at approximately 9:02 a.m.

Ms. Karen Tyler, Executive Director, took roll call, and Governor Armstrong, Commissioner Goehring, and Attorney General Wrigley were present.

Governor Armstrong invited the room to stand and join the Commission in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

Mr. Nathan Anderson and Mr. Mark Bohrer presented for consideration of approval an order granting approval for a petition for reconsideration of Orders 35034 and 34860 previously approved by the Commission at the November 17, 2025, Industrial Commission meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Goehring and seconded by Attorney General Wrigley that the Commission approve Continental Resources Inc.'s petition for reconsideration of Order No. 35034 entered in Case No. 32279 approving the application of Phoenix Operating LLC to amend the applicable orders for the South Meadow-Bakken Pool to authorize up to four wells to be drilled on a previously established 1280-acre spacing unit described as Sections 6 and 7, T.158N., R.96W., Williams County, ND, or granting such other relief as may be appropriate, and reconsideration of Order No. 34860 issued in Case No. 32171 denying the application of Continental Resources Inc. to amend the applicable orders for the Hanson-Bakken Pool and/or South Meadow-Bakken Pool, Williams County, ND, to create and establish two overlapping 2560-acre spacing units comprised of Sections 6, 7, 18 and 19, T.159N., R.96W.; and Sections 30 and 31, T.159N., R.96W. and Sections 6 and 7, T.158N., R.96W., authorizing the drilling of a total not to exceed five wells on each proposed overlapping 2560-acre spacing unit, and such further relief as appropriate.

On a roll call vote, Governor Armstrong, Attorney General Wrigley, and Commissioner Goehring voted aye. The motion carried unanimously.

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

Ms. Karen Tyler presented for consideration of approval the December 17, 2025, Industrial Commission meeting minutes.

It was moved by Commissioner Goehring and seconded by Attorney General Wrigley that the Industrial Commission approve the December 17, 2025, Industrial Commission meeting minutes.

On a roll call vote, Governor Armstrong, Attorney General Wrigley, and Commissioner Goehring voted aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Tyler provided an update on the search process for the North Dakota Mill and Elevator President and CEO and presented for consideration of approval the search committee members appointed by the Commission to assist in the search process.

It was moved by Commissioner Goehring and seconded by Attorney General Wrigley that the Industrial Commission appoint a search committee to assist the Commission in the process of hiring the next North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association President and CEO who will succeed current President and CEO Vance Taylor upon his retirement, with such search committee consisting of:

Aaron Weber, Policy Director, Governor's Office

Claire Ness, Chief Deputy Attorney General, Attorney General's Office

Tom Bodine, Deputy Commissioner, Agriculture Commissioner's Office

Karen Tyler, Executive Director, NDIC Administrative Office (Non-Voting)

On a roll call vote, Governor Armstrong, Attorney General Wrigley, and Commissioner Goehring voted aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Tyler, along with the Commission members expressed their gratitude to Sherry Neas, Seth Westby and the team at the State Procurement Office for their work in prioritizing and publishing an RFP for a search firm with proven experience placing President/CEO level executives in the agriculture manufacturing sector, including milling, baking, pasta production, and related commodities trading.

The next Industrial Commission meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2026, at 9:00 am in the Governor's Conference Room.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:25 am.

North Dakota Industrial Commission



Karen Tyler, Interim Executive Director



Jordan Kannianen, Deputy Executive Director