

Minutes of a Meeting of the Outdoor Heritage Fund Orientation and Policy Review
Held on May 13, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. CST
ND State Capitol – Pioneer Room

Present: Tyler Dokken, OHF Advisory Board Chairman
Brian Amundson, OHF Advisory Board
Patsy Crooke, OHF Advisory Board
David Dewald, OHF Advisory Board
Tyler Stafslie, OHF Advisory Board
Tyler Jacobson, OHF Advisory Board
Randy Kreil, OHF Advisory Board
Rachel Retterath, OHF Advisory Board
John Weinand, OHF Advisory Board
Jeremy Eckroth, OHF Advisory Board
Tom Claeys, OHF Advisory Board (Non-voting)
Rhonda Kelsch, OHF Advisory Board (Non-voting)
Jeb Williams, OHF Advisory Board (Non-voting)
Cole Garman, OHF Advisory Board (Non-voting)
Reice Haase, OHF Advisory Board (Non-voting)

Others Present: Brenna Jessen (NDIC), Erin Stieg (NDIC)

Chairman Tyler Dokken called the meeting of the Outdoor Heritage Fund Orientation and Policy Review to order at 8:30 a.m.

Ms. Brenna Jessen went through the OHF orientation presentation which contained the background of the fund being established, the current board members and who they represent, the four OHF directives, how much funds have been awarded to date, the match requirements, and the application process.

Ms. Jessen gave a legislative update on the Outdoor Heritage Fund including the updated voting language and the addition of a new ex-officio, non-voting member from the Department of Water Resources.

Governor Armstrong shared his remarks on the Outdoor Heritage Fund program and highlighted the importance that access plays for the state of North Dakota.

The committee discussed various policy reviews consisting of the following:

- i. Funding per grant round
- ii. Review, Scoring, and Approval Process
- iii. Open Discussion after Voting
- iv. Prohibited Projects
- v. Technology Follow-ups
- vi. Allowable Costs and Cost-share
- vii. State Agency OHF Funds
- viii. Definitions/Clarifications

- ix. Annual Board Member Orientation/Policy Meeting
- x. Grant Round Advisory Board Meeting Dates Set in Policy
- xi. Any other policies addressed by Board Members

Under other board discussion, Ms. Jessen noted that there would be a memo created for the next Industrial Commission meeting to decommit OHF funds to a number of grantees/contracts that either never signed their contracts, signed their contracts but did not move forward with their projects, or started their projects but have not completed them per their contracted time frames.

Being no further business, Chairman Dokken adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.