

Minutes of a Meeting of the Industrial Commission of North Dakota

Held on December 17, 2025, 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 9:07 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, Mr. Mark Bohrer, Mr. Ed Murphy, and Mr. Ned Kruger presented for consideration of approval the following orders:

- i. **Reconsideration of Order 34956 in Case 32201** – In the matter of a hearing called on a motion of the Commission to consider amendments to the “General Rules and Regulations for the Conservation of Crude Oil and Natural Gas” and “Geological Storage of Carbon Dioxide” codified as articles 43-02-03 and 43-05-01 of the North Dakota Administrative Code.

It was moved by Commissioner Goehring and seconded by Attorney General Wrigley to approve in part in part, the North Dakota Petroleum Council’s petition for reconsideration and deny KODA Resources Operating, LLC’s petition for reconsideration of Order No. 34956 entered in Case No. 32201 which approved the amendments to the “General Rules and Regulations for the Conservation of Crude Oil and Natural Gas” and “Geological Storage of Carbon Dioxide” codified as Articles 43-02-04 and 43-05-01 of the North Dakota Administrative Code; and to approve Order No. 35231 entered in Case No. 32201 approving in part, the North Dakota Petroleum Council’s petition for reconsideration and denying KODA Resources Operating, LLC’s petition for reconsideration.

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

Mr. Nathan Anderson, Mr. Ed Murphy, and Mr. Ned Kruger presented for consideration of approval the following case:

- ii. **Order 35230 in Case 32456** – relating to a motion of the Commission to consider the creation of the “Rules and Regulations for Exploration and Production of Critical Minerals in Coal-Bearing Formations” codified as Article 43-02 of the North Dakota Administrative Code.

It was moved by Commissioner Goehring and seconded by Attorney General Wrigley that Geological Survey is authorized to proceed with the administrative hearing process for Case No. 32456 and publish for hearing and comment the creation of the “Rules and Regulations for Exploration and Production of Critical Minerals in Coal-Bearing Formations” codified as Article 43-02 North Dakota Administrative Code.

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

Under other business, Mr. Anderson stated that the Department of Mineral Resources is moving forward with six Deputy Director applicants and interviews will be conducted over the next few weeks.

NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY

Ms. DeAnn Ament presented for consideration of approval the following State Revolving Fund Loans:

- i. **South Central Regional Water District – Drinking Water - \$5,625,000.** The purpose of this loan is to connect the City of Napoleon to the South Central Regional Water District. The requested loan term is 30 years and the District will issue revenue bonds payable with water user fees. The average annual payment will be \$59,256.

It was moved by Commissioner Goehring and seconded by Attorney General Wrigley that the Industrial Commission approve the State Revolving Fund Drinking Water Loan of \$5,625,000 for the South Central Regional Water District.

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

A RESOLUTION WAS MADE

RESOLUTION APPROVING LOAN FROM DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND

WHEREAS, the Industrial Commission has heretofore authorized the creation of a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program (the “Program”) pursuant to N.D.C.C. chs. 6-09.4, 61-28.1, and 61-28.2; and

WHEREAS, the State Revolving Fund is governed in part by the Master Trust Indenture dated as of July 1, 2011 (the “Indenture”), between the North Dakota Public Finance Authority (the “NDPFA”) and the Bank of North Dakota (the “Trustee”); and

WHEREAS, South Central Regional Water District (the "Political Subdivision") has requested a loan in the amount of \$5,625,000 from the Program to connect the City of Napoleon to South Central Regional Water District; and

WHEREAS, NDPFA's Advisory Committee is recommending approval of the Loan; and

WHEREAS, there has been presented to this Commission a form of Loan Agreement proposed to be adopted by the Political Subdivision and entered into with the NDPFA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Industrial Commission of North Dakota as follows:

1. The Loan is hereby approved, as recommended by the Advisory Committee.

2. The form of Loan Agreement to be entered into with the Political Subdivision is hereby approved in substantially the form on file and the Executive Director is hereby authorized to execute the same with all such changes and revisions therein as the Executive Director shall approve.

3. The Executive Director is authorized to fund the Loan from funds on hand in the Drinking Water Loan Fund established under the Indenture upon receipt of the Municipal Securities described in the Political Subdivisions bond resolution, to submit to the Trustee a NDPFA Request pursuant to the Indenture, and to make such other determinations as are required under the Indenture.

4. The Commission declares its intent pursuant to Treasury Regulations '1.150-2 that any Loan funds advanced from the Federally Capitalized Loan Account shall be reimbursed from the proceeds of bonds issued by the NDPFA under the Indenture.

Adopted: December 17, 2025

ii. **Western Area Water Supply Authority – Drinking Water - \$16,000,000.** The purpose of this loan is for Williston water treatment plant intake remediation, NWRWD Trenton Rural & Marley Crossing service area transmission and distribution, R & T Water District Stanley distribution part 2, alternate 2, Little Knife Bay cottage site, Battleview and McGregor Phase I alternate. The requested loan term is 30 years and the Authority will issue revenue bonds payable with user fees. The average annual payment will be \$673,370.

It was moved by Commissioner Goehring and seconded by Attorney General Wrigley that the Industrial Commission approve the State Revolving Fund Drinking Water Loan of \$16,000,000 for the Western Area Water Supply Authority.

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

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Ms. Ament presented a Memo of State Revolving Fund Loans Approved by PFA Advisory Committee pursuant to Policy P-3B.

- i. City of Page – Clean Water - \$1,545,000
- ii. City of Mott – Clean Water - \$1,118,000
- iii. City of Mott – Drinking Water - \$523,000
- iv. City of Grand Forks – Drinking Water - \$1,191,000
- v. City of Valley City – Drinking Water - \$1,500,000
- vi. City of Wilton – Drinking Water - \$350,000 increase to previously approved \$1,520,000
- vii. City of Wilton – Clean Water - \$150,000 increase to previously approved \$1,520,000

LIGNITE RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING PROGRAM, GRANT ROUND 108

Mr. Jordan Kannianen presented the Lignite Research Program Project Management and Financial Report. There are currently 16 active projects with a cash balance of \$24,262,728.31. Committed funds are \$17,032,659.20 and uncommitted funds currently available are \$7,230,069.51.

Mr. Kannianen presented for consideration of approval the following Grant Application as Recommended by the Lignite Research Council:

- i. **LRP-018A:** “Enhance, Preserve, Protect the North Dakota Coal Industry” Lignite Energy Council, **\$3,316,695**

It was moved by Commissioner Goehring and seconded by Attorney General Wrigley that the Industrial Commission accept the recommendation of the Lignite Research Council, approve the funding of the following project in the amount recommended, and authorize the Office of the Industrial Commission to enter into a contract for the project:

FY25-108-A: Lignite Energy Council: “Enhance, Preserve, Protect the North Dakota Coal Industry”, \$3,316,695

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

Mr. Mike Holmes presented for consideration of approval the following Grant Applications as Recommended by the Lignite Research Council:

- ii. **LRP-018B:** “Pilot Expansion and Testing for Improving Lignite Fuels and REE Processing” UND, **\$1,100,000**

It was moved by Commissioner Goehring and seconded by Attorney General Wrigley that the Industrial Commission accept the recommendation of the Lignite Research Council, approve the funding of the following project in the amount recommended, and authorize the Office of the Industrial Commission to enter into a contract for the project:

FY25-108-B: UND: “Pilot Expansion and Testing for Improving Lignite Fuels and REE Processing”, \$1,100,000

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

- iii. **LRP-108C:** “Efficient Refining of Germanium Metal from Fly Ash-Derived Concentrates” Microbeam, **\$400,000**

It was moved by Commissioner Goehring and seconded by Attorney General Wrigley that the Industrial Commission accept the recommendation of the Lignite Research Council, approve the funding of the following project in the amount recommended, and authorize the Office of the Industrial Commission to enter into a contract for the project:

FY25-108-C: Microbeam: “Efficient Refining of Germanium Metal from Fly Ash-Derived Concentrates”, \$400,000

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

Under other business, Mr. Holmes stated that he would like to present an annual review of the Lignite Research, Marketing and Development Program to the Industrial Commission when the schedule allows. Mr. Holmes will be retiring from the Lignite Energy Council on June 30, 2026.

STATE ENERGY RESEARCH CENTER (SERC)

Mr. Kannianen presented the SERC Contract Task 2 Budget and Project Update.

The memo reads as follows:

“With the creation of the State Energy Research Center (SERC) within the Energy and Environmental Research Center (EERC) in 2019 (SB 2249), one of the tasks formalized in statute was to give “greater access to energy experts for timely scientific and engineering studies to support the state’s interests” (NDCC 15-11-40.1(b)). This is Task 2 in the contract between the NDIC and the EERC.

The appropriation to SERC for the 2025-2027 biennium is \$7.5 million. The current SERC contract maintains that \$750,000 of the biennium appropriation is to be dedicated to Task 2.

In the current biennium, \$250,000 has been approved by the NDIC for a study on the feasibility of geothermal energy in North Dakota.

The current request is for \$250,000 for the creation of an Energy Atlas, and if approved there would be \$250,000 remaining under Task 2 funding for the biennium.”

Mr. Tom Erickson presented the SERC Annual Report. The program has funded over 80 projects/strategic initiatives across all North Dakota energy platforms. SERC exploratory projects lead to larger research and development projects resulting in greater opportunities for North Dakota - \$77 million on proposed follow-on R&D, \$43 million in awarded R&D to date, and \$8 million in pending awards. SERC technologies are being protected and already commercialized to serve North Dakota - 14 U.S. patent applications have been submitted to date, 8 U.S. patents have been received to date, two commercial licenses have been finalized, and other conversations are occurring about licensing opportunities.

Mr. Erickson presented for consideration of approval the Proposed Project under SERC Task 2: **Research and Production of Energy Atlas – Navigating North Dakota’s Energy Future: A Road Map for Resource Recovery, Infrastructure, and Industrial Synergy - \$250,000**

It was moved by Commissioner Goehring and seconded by Attorney General Wrigley that the Industrial Commission approve the request by EERC for \$250,000 in funding under SERC contract 2025-01 Task 2: Providing Prompt Expertise for North Dakota, to create an Energy Atlas, mapping the connections between oil, coal, power, and agriculture for policy makers, educators, industry representatives, and the general public.

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

OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND GRANT ROUND 27

Ms. Brenna Jessen presented the Outdoor Heritage Fund Project Management and Financial Report. There are currently 82 active projects with a cash balance of \$40,233,104.62. Committed funds are \$35,282,769.65 and uncommitted funds currently available are \$4,950,334.97. \$15 million in new funding was approved by the legislature for the 25-27 biennium.

Mr. David Dewald and Ms. Jessen presented for consideration of approval the following Grant Applications as Recommended by the OHF Advisory Board:

- i. 27-2: Private Forest Improvement and Protection Program, ND Game and Fish Department; **\$600,000**
- ii. 27-4: Planting for the Future, ND Petroleum Foundation; **\$510,000**
- iii. 27-5: Accessible Kayak Launch at Nickeus Park, Jamestown Parks and Recreation District; **\$41,873**
- iv. 27-7: ND Prairie Management Toolbox, Audubon Great Plains; **\$1,050,000**
- v. 27-8: MAYSA Cross Country Trails, Minot Park District; **\$61,958**
- vi. 27-9: Big Stick Conversion Well Pipeline, Medora Grazing Association; **\$300,584**
- vii. 27-10: Governor's LEGACY Soil Health and Habitat Program, ND Association of Soil Conservation Districts; **\$4,310,000**
- viii. 27-11: ND Wetland Access and Restoration Project, Ducks Unlimited; **\$570,000**
- ix. 27-14: Grasslands Enhancement Project Phase III, Ducks Unlimited; **\$555,852**
- x. 27-16: Educational Prairie Trails, United Prairie Foundation; **\$113,700**

It was moved by Commissioner Goehring and seconded by Attorney General Wrigley that the Industrial Commission accept the recommendations of the Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board, approve the following projects, and authorize the Office of the Industrial Commission to enter into contracts for the following projects:

27-2 (C) Private Forest Improvement and Protection Program, ND Game and Fish Department; \$600,000

27-4 (C) Planting for the Future, ND Petroleum Foundation; \$510,000

27-5 (D) Accessible Kayak Launch at Nickeus Park, Jamestown Parks and Recreation District; \$41,873

27-7 (C) ND Prairie Management Toolbox, Audubon Great Plains; \$1,050,000

27-8 (D) MAYSA Cross Country Trails, Minot Park District; \$61,958

27-9 (B) Big Stick Conversion Well Pipeline, Medora Grazing Association; \$300,584

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27-14 (B) 27-14: Grasslands Enhancement Project Phase III, Ducks Unlimited; \$555,852

27-16 (D) Educational Prairie Trails, United Prairie Foundation; \$113,700

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

Under other business, Ms. Tyler shared with the Commission that Brenna Jessen's last day with the Industrial Commission Administrative Office is Friday, December 19th. Ms. Tyler and the Commission members thanked Brenna for her service and wished her well in her future endeavors.

NORTH DAKOTA MILL AND ELEVATOR

Ms. Robyn Hoffmann with the State's Auditor's Office presented the FY '25 Audit. In the Auditor's opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities of the North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association, as of June 30, 2025 and June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position, and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Mr. Vance Taylor presented the 1st Quarter FY '26 Results. Sales for the first quarter were \$116,266,426 compared to \$118,548,084 last year, a decrease of 1.9%. Operating costs for the first quarter were \$13,942,290 compared to \$12,707,708 last year, an increase of 9.7%. The mill had profits of \$5,987,995 in the first quarter compared to \$5,123,603 in the last year. This is an increase of 16.9%.

LEGAL UPDATE

Mr. Phil Axt, Solicitor General, presented an update on the following legal matters:

- A. Defenses of State Law
 - i. Pore Space Amalgamation (executive session)
- B. Defenses of Federal Actions:
 - i. DAPL Operation
 - ii. Unleashing American Energy EO
- C. Challenges to Federal Actions:
 - i. EPA - Mercury and Air Toxics Rule
 - ii. EPA - Carbon Rule
 - iii. EPA - WOTUS Rule
 - iv. EPA – Regional Haze Rule
 - v. BLM - ND Resource Management Plan
- D. Challenges to Other States' Laws
 - i. MN Carbon-Free Power Law
 - ii. NY Climate Superfund Law
 - iii. VT Climate Superfund Law

It was moved by Attorney General Wrigley and seconded by Commissioner Goehring that under the authority of North Dakota Century Code Sections 6-09-35, 44-04-18.4, 44-04-19.1, 44-04-19.2, and 54-63.1-06 the Industrial Commission enter executive session for the purpose

of Attorney Consultation, Clean Sustainable Energy Authority confidentiality requests, and Bank of North Dakota confidential business.

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

The Commission is meeting in executive session pursuant to N.D.C.C 44-04-19.1 and 44-04-19.2 for attorney consultation related to litigation. Only Commission members, their staff, and Commission staff will participate in the executive session.

Following the attorney consultation executive session, the Commission is meeting in executive session pursuant to N.D.C.C. 44-04-18.4, 54-63.1-06 and 44-04-19.2 to consider confidentiality requests made by applicants to the Clean Sustainable Energy Authority grant program. Only Commission members, their staff, Commission staff, and Bank of North Dakota staff will participate in the executive session.

Following the CSEA confidentiality request executive session, the Commission is meeting in executive session pursuant to N.D.C.C. 6-09-35 and 44-04-19.2 to consider those items listed on the agenda under Bank of North Dakota Confidential Business. Only Commission members, their staff, Commission staff, and Bank of North Dakota staff will participate in the executive session.

Any formal action taken by the Commission will occur after it reconvenes in open session.

I remind the Commission members and those present in executive session that the discussion must be limited to the announced purposes. The executive session is anticipated to last approximately one hour and will begin at 10:50 a.m.

Meeting Closed to the Public for Executive Session Pursuant to NDCC 6-09-35, 44-04-18.4, 44-04-19.1, 44-04-19.2, and 54-63.1-06.

ATTORNEY CONSULTATION RELATED TO PORE SPACE LITIGATION

Industrial Commission Members Present

Governor Kelly Armstrong

Attorney General Drew H. Wrigley

Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring

Others in attendance

Jacy Schafer	Governor's Office
Chris Joseph	Governor's Office
Phil Axt	Attorney General's Office
Matt Sagsveen	Attorney General's Office
Dutch Bialke	Agriculture Commissioner's Office
Nathan Anderson	Department of Mineral Resources
Karen Tyler	Industrial Commission Office
Jordan Kannianen	Industrial Commission Office
Brenna Jessen	Industrial Commission Office

Carmen Devney Industrial Commission Office

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF CONFIDENTIALITY REQUESTS BY APPLICANTS IN GRANT
ROUND 6 OF THE CLEAN SUSTAINABLE ENERGY AUTHORITY GRANT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO
REQUIREMENTS OF NDCC 54-63.1-06**

Industrial Commission Members Present

Governor Kelly Armstrong
Attorney General Drew H. Wrigley
Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring

Others in attendance

Jacy Schafer	Governor's Office
Chris Joseph	Governor's Office
Dutch Bialke	Agriculture Commissioner's Office
Don Morgan	Bank of North Dakota
Kirby Evanger	Bank of North Dakota
Karen Tyler	Industrial Commission Office
Jordan Kannianen	Industrial Commission Office
Brenna Jessen	Industrial Commission Office
Carmen Devney	Industrial Commission Office

BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA EXECUTIVE SESSION

Industrial Commission Members Present

Governor Kelly Armstrong
Attorney General Drew H. Wrigley
Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring

BND Members Present

Don Morgan
Kirby Evanger

Others in attendance

Jacy Schafer	Governor's Office
Chris Joseph	Governor's Office
Dutch Bialke	Agriculture Commissioner's Office
Karen Tyler	Industrial Commission Office
Jordan Kannianen	Industrial Commission Office
Brenna Jessen	Industrial Commission Office
Carmen Devney	Industrial Commission Office

The executive session ended at 11:45 a.m. and the Commission reconvened in open session.

During the attorney consultation executive session, litigation related to pore space was discussed. No action was taken.

During the CSEA confidentiality request executive session, the Commission considered confidentiality requests by applicants to the grant program.

It was moved by Commissioner Goehring and seconded by Attorney General Wrigley that the Industrial Commission approve the partial confidentiality requests as recommended by the Industrial Commission Deputy Director.

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

During the Bank of North Dakota executive session, the confidential agenda items were discussed and no action was taken.

BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA

Mr. Don Morgan presented the CEO report which included an executive summary, strategic discussion, bank financials, and risks levels. The Rough Rider coin use case is on track to hit the 2026 go live date. BND has received 22 applications for \$18 million for the 2026 Farm Financial Stability Program. They have received 2 applications for new Grain Storage Loan Program.

Mr. Morgan gave an update of the Bank's progress in implementing Traction EOS. An updated strategic plan and 2026 goals will be presented at the January Industrial Commission meeting.

Estimated year-end financials for 2025 indicate the Bank's net income at approximately \$225-228 million.

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

Ms. Karen Tyler presented for consideration of approval the October 8th, October 27th, and November 25th Industrial Commission meeting minutes.

It was moved by Commissioner Goehring and seconded by Attorney General Wrigley that the Industrial Commission approve the October 8th, October 27th, and November 25th Industrial Commission meeting minutes.

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

Mr. Jordan Kannianen presented for consideration of approval a Commerce Department Technical Support Contract for Renewable Energy Program Pursuant to NDCC 54-63-03(2). The contract increases the amount paid to the Commerce Dept for support services related to the Renewable Energy Program to \$85,000.

It was moved by Commissioner Goehring and seconded by Attorney General Wrigley that the Industrial Commission approve the technical support contract with the North Dakota Commerce Department for services related to the administration of the Renewable Energy Program for the 2025-2027 biennium.

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

Under other business, Governor Armstrong stated that the Industrial Commission will hold a special meeting related to a petition for reconsideration received by the DMR and Administrative Office on an Order approved by the Commission at the November 25, 2025 Industrial Commission meeting

Governor Armstrong also stated that, with the announcement of Vance Taylor's planned retirement of July 3, 2026, the Commission will be appointing a search committee to begin the process of hiring a new Mill president. The Commission will conduct a nationwide search with the goal of filling the position prior to Mr. Taylor's retirement.

With no further business, Governor Armstrong adjourned the meeting of the Industrial Commission at 12:04 p.m.

North Dakota Industrial Commission



Karen Tyler, Interim Executive Director



Jordan Kannianen, Deputy Executive Director