

Minutes of the
EMPOWER NORTH DAKOTA COMMISSION LEGISLATIVE SESSION WEEKLY MEETINGS

March 17, 2021 4:00 p.m.
Microsoft TEAMS video conferencing platform and WSI Boardroom

Members present:

James Leiman, Al Christianson, Dale Niezwaag, Ron Ness, Jay Skabo, Danette Welsh

Ex Officio Members present:

Lt. Governor Sanford, Wade Boeshans, Stacey Dahl

Others present:

Public invited via TEAMS video conferencing

Key points of interest:

- Emphasizing industry partners
- Project Tundra
- Amendments to the bill to be addressed
- How to best position the state
- ESG impacts to industry
- SCC reporting to industry

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

James Leiman, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. at the WSI Boardroom, via TEAMS and onsite for members only. The EmPower ND Commission legislative meetings resumed to the 4:00 p.m. timeframe this week. Roll call was taken, and guests were welcomed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments

FUTURE MEETING

The EmPower ND Commission legislative session weekly meetings will continue at 4:00 p.m., with onsite meetings to be held at the Century Center, 1600 East Century Avenue, Suite 2 in the WSI Boardroom, unless otherwise noted. The meetings at the physical location will be open to commission members only, with the option of call in by audio/video through the Microsoft TEAMS platform for the public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Christianson and seconded by Welsh to approve the March 3, 2021 minutes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

**Foreign Direct Investment outside of ND
ND Department of Commerce Update from
Chairman Leiman**

Chairman Leiman testified in front of the House Appropriations Education & Environment division today. The committee asked for a white paper outlining a new name for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and various buying options for \$750 thousand, \$1 million, and \$1.5 million for FDI investment for the state of North Dakota.

Chairman Leiman addressed the use of the buying options, soliciting of new buyers for new products, and the location of finding value added production for North Dakota companies.

James Leiman 04/14/21

James Leiman, Chairman Date

Sherri Frieze 04/14/21

Sherri Frieze, Boards & Commissions E.A. Date

March 17th discussion of TRACKED BILLS

Members focused their discussion on HB 1452

HB 1452 – Clean Sustainable Energy Authority and a Clean Sustainable Energy fund. An exemption from procurement services for energy programs; to provide a continuing appropriation.

HOUSE PASSED

SENATE INTRODUCED

COMMITTEE HEARING 3-19