

Minutes of the
EMPOWER NORTH DAKOTA COMMISSION

February 17, 2015
ND Tax Department, 8th Floor Conference Room
600 E. Boulevard, Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58501

Members present:

Al Anderson, Ron Day, Dale Niezwaag, Mike Rud,
Jay Skabo, David Straley, Mark Nisbet, Ron Ness

Ex Officio Members:

Julie Voeck
Sandi Tabor
Margaret Hodnik

Others present:

Justin Dever, Department of Commerce
Mike Fladeland, Department of Commerce
Sherri Frieze, Department of Commerce
Kathy Aas, Excel Energy
Carlee McLeod, USND
Cory Fong, Odney Advertising
Rachel Retterath, GRE
Mark Scheid, Ulteig Engineering
Zac Smith, NDAREC
Brent Berger, NDAOGPC
Tyler Hamman, Lignite Energy Council
Deana Wiese, Ethanol Council
Jay Hesse, Geronimo Energy

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and welcomed Commission members and guests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Rud and seconded by Day to approve the minutes of February 3, 2015.

**Review of EmPower ND Bills
Justin Dever**

SB 2032 – Oil and Gas Development Strategic Planning Authority now referred to Western Infrastructure Strategy Office

Senate Appropriations recommends DO NOT PASS.
Association of Counties in support of bill.

SB 2033 – Oil & Gas Tax Trigger Mechanism
Senate Appropriations recommends DO PASS.

SB 2034 – Oil Gathering Pipelines Sales Tax Exemption

Received a DO PASS by the Senate Appropriations.

SB 2035 – Value-Added Energy Facility Sales Tax Exemption

Heard by Senate and Finance Committee, no current action on bill.

SB 2036 – Coal Beneficiation

Passed Senate on January 27th, no current action on bill.

SB 2037 – Wind Energy Incentives & New Coal Mine Sales Tax Exemption

Niezwaag discussed the concerns from the Senate Finance and Taxation Committee on bill.
Niezwaag and Carlee McLeod created a rate comparison spreadsheet among wind projects.
Niezwaag mentioned position on Bill is to Pass as is and add a legislative study for long term.

SB 2318 – Incentivizing CO2 capture and use for EOR

Bill has PASSED the House.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting unanimously adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Al Anderson
Chairman

Date

Sherri Frieze
Recording Secretary

Date