

Minutes of the
EMPOWER NORTH DAKOTA COMMISSION

June 6, 2016
Northern Great Plains Research Laboratory
1701 10th Avenue SW
Mandan ND

Members present:

Al Anderson, Mark Nisbet, Jay Skabo, John Weeda,
Jason Bohrer, Terry Goerger, Dale Niezwaag, David
Straley, Ron Ness, Mike Rud, Ron Day,

Ex Officio Members:

Mark Bring, Wade Boeshans for Margaret Hodnik

Others present:

See [Appendix A](#) for additional public

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and welcomed Commission members and guests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Weeda and seconded by Niezwaag to approve the minutes of May 11, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of EmPower Policy Updates & Recommendations – First Draft, April 1, 2016

Members discussed revisions on language and made adjustments to each industry section.

Infrastructure

Paragraphs were broken down into bulleted items, grammar changes were fixed and language was updated to address the local and state permitting process, including political subdivisions and state primacy.

Regulatory

Paragraphs were broken down into bulleted items, grammar changes were fixed and language was updated to recognize the use of by-products or value-added technologies.

Research & Development

Paragraphs were broken down into bulleted items, grammar changes were fixed and language was updated to recognize the role of state government, emphasis for research and development for pilot and commercial demonstration.

Key Recommendations to the Energy Development and Transmission Committee

It was discussed to bring forward five key recommendations for the ED&T Committee to take action on.

- 1.) Continue to support existing R&D programs for the development of new technologies.
- 2.) Support fundamental research for value-added energy that advances product research at UND EERC.
- 3.) Support additional appropriation of dollars to be used by the lignite and oil and gas research councils for pilot and commercial demonstration.
- 4.) Remove the sunset on the sales tax exemption for the construction of wind powered electrical generating facilities.
- 5.) Support incentivizing man-made CO₂ for use in enhanced oil recovery.

Public Comment

No comments were given

Future Meetings

It was discussed to have less speakers, set aside more time for industry discussion and invite the Governor's office to future EmPower ND Commission meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned unanimously at 3:30 pm.

Al Anderson
Chairman

Date

Sherri Frieze
Recording Secretary

Date