

Minutes of the
EMPOWER NORTH DAKOTA COMMISSION
HELD WEEKLY DURING LEGISLATIVE SESSION

January 20, 2021
4:00 p.m.

Microsoft TEAMS video conferencing platform

Members present:

James Leiman (proxy for Shawn Kessel), Jason Bohrer, Al Christianson, Ron Ness, Dale Niezwaag, Jay Skabo, David Straley, Danette Welsh

Ex Officio Members present:

Lt. Governor Sanford, Stacey Dahl, Julie Voeck

Others present:

Public invited via TEAMS video conferencing

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

James Leiman called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll call was taken, and guests were welcomed.

REVIEW OF TRACKED BILLS

Legislative bills will be brought forth at each weekly meeting for review with relative feedback for consensus to, “**watch bill**,” “**support bill**,” or “**oppose bill**.”

HB 1095 – Siting of a repowered wind conversion facility that has not previously been issued a certificate of site compatibility & relating to the definition of a repower for a wind facility and waivers or extension for light mitigation technology systems. HOUSE – PASSED
SUPPORT BILL

HB 1292 – Electric energy conversion facility retirement, status report requirements, limitations for recovery costs associated with electric generation built to replace a retiring electric energy conversion facility, and site reclamation and bond. HOUSE – INTRODUCED
OPPOSE BILL

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 – INTRODUCED
SUPPORT BILL

HB 1455 – Retirement of an electric energy conversion facility and site reclamation and bonding. HOUSE – INTRODUCED
OPPOSE BILL

HB 1458 – Grants for grid reliability and resiliency resources. Supplemental wind generation tax, to provide a continuing appropriation, and to provide an effective date. HOUSE – INTRODUCED
OPPOSE BILL

SB 2137 – Sales and use tax exemption for enterprise information technology equipment and computer software purchased for use in a qualified data center; to provide an effective date, and to provide an expiration date. SENATE – INTRODUCED
SUPPORT BILL

FUTURE MEETINGS

Meetings will be held weekly on Wednesday at 4:00 p.m., via Microsoft TEAMS platform or until further notice.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Welsh, seconded by Christianson to adjourn the meeting. With no further discussion, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

James Leiman 02/03/21

James Leiman (proxy for Interim Chairman Kessel)
Date

Sherri Frieze 02/03/21

Sherri Frieze, Boards & Commissions E.A. Date