

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

January 13, 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, Jeff Zueger

Ex Officio Members present:

Lt. Governor Sanford, Wade Boeshans, Stacey Dahl, Julie Voeck

Others present:

Public invited via TEAMS video conferencing

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

James Leiman called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken, and guests were welcomed.

REVIEW OF TRACKED BILLS

Legislative bills will be brought forth at each weekly meeting for review and 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, and to amend and reenact sections 49-22-03 and 49-22-16.04 of NDCC, relating to the definition of repower for a wind facility and waivers of extensions for light mitigation technology systems.

HOUSE – INTRODUCED by ENR

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

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

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 Zueger, seconded by Bohrer to adjourn the meeting. With no further discussion, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

James Leiman 01.20.21
James Leiman (proxy for Interim Chairman Kessel)
Date

Sherri Frieze 01.20.21
Sherri Frieze, Boards & Commissions E.A. Date