

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Tentative Agenda

WATER TOPICS OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 25, 2017
Coteau A and B Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
- 9:05 a.m. Comments by the Chairman
- 9:15 a.m. Presentation by Legislative Council staff regarding *Supplementary Rules of Operation and Procedure of the North Dakota Legislative Management*
- 9:25 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Ken Vein, Second Vice Chairman, Garrison Diversion Conservancy District Board of Governors, regarding Army Corps of Engineers management of water levels in Lake Sakakawea and Lake Audubon
- 9:45 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Vein regarding use of a \$30 million grant for the Red River Valley Water Supply Project and progress on the project
- 10:05 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Garland G. Erbele, State Engineer, regarding temporary water permits on the Little Missouri River
- 10:35 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Erbele regarding a request for proposal to study privatization of Western Area Water Supply equipment
- 10:55 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Erbele regarding progress on developing a cost-benefit analysis formula
- 11:05 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Erbele regarding state funding of cloud seeding and the cloud modification project
- 11:15 a.m. Presentation by Dr. Tim Mahoney, Mayor, Fargo, regarding a Red River flood control project
- 11:35 a.m. Presentation by Dr. Mahoney regarding the Lake Agassiz Water Authority
- 11:50 a.m. Luncheon recess
- 12:50 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Ryan Ackerman, President and CEO, Ackerman-Estvold, regarding progress on a Souris River flood control project
- 1:10 p.m. Presentation by Representative Scott Louser regarding a light detection and ranging (LiDAR) mapping study
- 1:25 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff regarding committee studies and plans of work
- 1:40 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Dave Laschkewitsch, Director, Administrative Services, State Water Commission, regarding purpose funding budget information and balances
- 2:00 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Laschkewitsch regarding the amount of funding for drainage projects
- 2:15 p.m. Break
- 2:25 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Eric Volk, Executive Director, North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association, regarding an update on rural water system projects and issues

- 2:40 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Blake Crosby, Executive Director, North Dakota League of Cities, regarding an update on municipal water projects and issues
- 2:55 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Bank of North Dakota regarding the status of Western Area Water Supply debt refinancing
- 3:10 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff regarding a revenue report
- 3:25 p.m. Discussion regarding condemnors' authority to enter private land to conduct examinations for eminent domain purposes
- 3:45 p.m. Comments by interested persons
- 4:00 p.m. Discussion of future committee meetings and other administrative matters
- 4:15 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Representatives: Jim Schmidt (Chairman), Dick Anderson, Tracy Boe, Chuck Damschen, Michael Howe, Bob Martinson, Alisa Mitskog, Jon O. Nelson, Mark Sanford, Roscoe Streyle, Denton Zubke

Senators: Jonathan Casper, Curt Kreun, Gary A. Lee, Larry J. Robinson, Donald Schaible, Ronald Sorvaag

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