

MINUTES

NORTH DAKOTA ATMOSPHERIC RESOURCE BOARD MARCH 11, 2004

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken and members present were Jay Sandstrom, Hank Bodmer, John Bollingberg, Judith DeWitz, Dave Schmidt, Bobb Brewer, and Dale Frink. Staff members present were Darin Langerud, Director; LeNor Dollinger, Business Manager; Dawn Feist, Administrative Assistant; and Aaron Gilstad, Chief Meteorologist. Other present were Bruce Boe, Meteorologist for WMI.

WEATHER MODIFICATION LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Mr. Darin Langerud informed the board that both Weather Modification, Inc. and Atmospheric, Inc. have sent in their renewal applications and paid the \$50 fee. Mr. Langerud commented that everything is in order and he then made the recommendation to the board to approve the licenses for 2004 to Weather Modification, Inc. and Atmospheric, Inc.

Mr. Bobb Brewer made the motion to approve the licenses renewals for both Weather Modification, Inc. and Atmospheric, Inc. for 2004. Seconded by Ms. Judith DeWitz. Members Hank Bodmer, John Bollingberg, Judith DeWitz, Dave Schmidt, Bobb Brewer, and Dale Frink voted aye. There were no nay votes. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF WMI PERMIT EXEMPTION REQUEST FOR FOG DISPERSAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Langerud informed the board that Weather Modification, Inc. (WMI) has applied for a weather modification permit exemption for fog dispersal research and development. The research areas within the state are northeast of Bismarck and the other at the Fargo Hector International Airport on the north side of Fargo. Mr. Langerud mentioned that WMI has submitted the information required by the Administrative Rule. Mr. Langerud mentioned that the information is complete and he is satisfied that it explains the activities that WMI will undertake. The temporary permit will expire May 31, 2004. Mr. Langerud made the recommendation to the board to approve the permit exemption.

Mr. Dave Schmidt made the motion to approve the permit exemption for WMI to conduct research and development for fog dispersal. Seconded by John Bollingberg. Members Hank Bodmer, John Bollingberg, Judith DeWitz, Dave Schmidt, Bobb Brewer, and Dale Frink voted aye. There were no nay votes. Motion carried.

WEATHER DAMAGE MODIFICATION PROGRAM UPDATE

Mr. Langerud mentioned that there was a meeting held pertaining to the research program. Representatives from University of North Dakota, South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, and the Bureau of Reclamation attended the meeting in Bismarck. The University of North Dakota and South Dakota School of Mines & Technology reported on the research and the progress they have made up to this point.

NORTH DAKOTA CLOUD MODIFICATION PROJECT

Mr. Langerud provided an update to the board on preparations for the 2004 project. There has been further work on the electronic system that was developed last year by Mr. Paul Moen. The system has been updated based on comments provided by two of last year's pilots. There will also be a manual written for the electronic system. The goal is to have the entire electronic system implemented by beginning of the project.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

HATTIE MELVIN, SECRETARY

JAY SANDSTROM, CHAIRMAN

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