

## MINUTES

NORTH DAKOTA ATMOSPHERIC RESOURCE BOARD JULY 14, 2005

In the absence of the elected officials Mr. Dale Frink volunteered to chair the meeting. Acting Chairman Frink called the telephone conference call to order at 9:00 a.m. Thursday July 14, 2005.

### ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken and members present were Hank Bodmer, John Bollingberg, Judith DeWitz, Bobb Brewer, Dale Frink, Gary Ness, and Steven Weber. Staff members present were Darin Langerud, Director; LeNor Dollinger, Business Manager; and Dawn Moen, Administrative Assistant.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Judith DeWitz made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2005 telephone conference call. Seconded by Mr. Gary Ness. Motion carried.

### PERMIT EXEMPTION FOR CLOUD SEEDING RESEARCH

Darin Langerud reviewed with the participating members his *Memorandum – Permit Exemption for Research Seeding Trials*, dated June 30, 2005. The research to be carried out includes the University of North Dakota, Weather Modification, Inc., Ice Crystal Engineering, and the Board. The area of exemption would be a 30-mile radius of the University of North Dakota radar in Grand Forks within North Dakota.

Henry Bodmer moved exemption of permit for the Board for purposes of cloud seeding research trials in the Grand Forks area with consideration of moisture conditions in the area. Second by John Bollingberg. There were 6 votes aye, 0 nay, and 1 abstaining. Motion carried.

### RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT S.517 AND H.R.2995

Darin Langerud reviewed a copy of a resolution previously mailed to the Board. The resolution supports Senate Bill 517 and House Resolution 2995 of the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress, entitled the Weather Modification Technology Transfer Act of 2005. The Board would greatly benefit from a coordinated national program that advances the field of weather modification as it relates to hail suppression and precipitation enhancement.

Gary Ness moved the Board adopt the resolution in support of S.517 and H.R.2995. Second by Bobb Brewer. Motion carried.

ND ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CHAPTER 89-07-02

The members of the Board had previously been mailed copies of North Dakota Administrative Code Chapter 89-07-02 showing amended and reenacted sections of chapter 89-07-02 as it pertains to weather modification practices in North Dakota. Darin Langerud reviewed the proposed changes and answered questions.

Bob Brewer moved the Board adopt the proposed changes to the North Dakota Administrative Code Chapter 89-07-02. Second by Henry Bodmer. Motion carried.

ND Cloud Modification Project Update

Darin Langerud briefly updated the Board regarding project flight hours flown, suspension of precipitation enhancement flights due to moisture conditions, and condition of operating radars.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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DALE FRINK, ACTING CHAIRMAN

Transcribed by LeNor Dollinger