

MINUTES

North Dakota State Water Commission Telephone Conference Call Meeting Bismarck, North Dakota

April 27, 2016

The North Dakota State Water Commission held a telephone conference call meeting in the Governor's conference room at the State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on April 27, 2016. Governor Jack Dalrymple, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m., and requested Todd Sando, State Engineer, and Chief Engineer-Secretary to the State Water Commission, to call the roll. Governor Dalrymple announced a quorum was present.

STATE WATER COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Governor Jack Dalrymple, Chairman
Doug Goehring, Commissioner, North Dakota Department of Agriculture, Bismarck
Arne Berg (via telephone)
Maurice Foley (via telephone)
Larry Hanson
George Nodland (via telephone)
Robert Thompson (via telephone)
Harley Swenson
Douglas Vosper (via telephone)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Todd Sando, State Engineer, and Chief Engineer-Secretary,
North Dakota State Water Commission, Bismarck
State Water Commission Staff
Ron Rauschenberger, North Dakota Office of the Governor, Bismarck
Andrea Travnicek, North Dakota Office of the Governor, Bismarck
The attendance register is on file with the official minutes.

The meeting was recorded to assist in compilation of the minutes.

STATE ENGINEER'S SEARCH COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION - APPOINTMENT OF GARLAND G. ERBELE, 18TH NORTH DAKOTA STATE ENGINEER

On March 9, 2016, North Dakota State Engineer and Chief Engineer-Secretary to the State Water Commission, Todd Sando, announced his retirement, effective July 5, 2016. Secretary Sando began his career with the State Water Commission in 1985 as a water resource engine-

er. On July 28, 2010, the State Water Commission approved the appointment of Todd Sando to serve as North Dakota's 17th North Dakota State Engineer, and Chief Engineer-Secretary to the State Water Commission, effective August 1, 2010.

The State Engineer's search committee was appointed consisting of Commission members Doug Goehring, Arne Berg, George Nodland, Maurice Foley, Robert Thompson, and representation from the Office of the Governor. The search committee met on April 15, 2016. The State Engineer's vacancy announcement, position number 770-6725, was posted on March 10, 2016, with a closing date of April 8, 2016 for accepting applications. The State Water Commission received 13 applications by the April 8, 2016 deadline, and completed its candidate interviews on April 19, 2016. The committee noted they were pleased with the caliber of the applicants and appreciative for their interest in the position.

It was the recommendation of the State Engineer's search committee that Garland G. Erbele be appointed as the 18th North Dakota State Engineer, and Chief Engineer-Secretary to the State Water Commission, effective June 1, 2016. The Commission members expressed comments of support for the committee's recommendation. Mr. Erbele's salary would be commensurate with the position and determined by Governor Dalrymple.

It was moved by Commissioner Nodland and seconded by Commissioner Berg that the State Water Commission approve the appointment of Garland G. Erbele as the 18th North Dakota State Engineer, and Chief Engineer-Secretary to the State Water Commission, effective June 1, 2016.

Commissioners Berg, Goehring, Foley, Hanson, Nodland, Swenson, Thompson, Vosper, and Governor Dalrymple voted aye. There were no nay votes. Governor Dalrymple announced the motion unanimously carried.

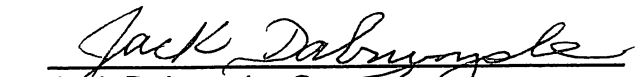
Mr. Erbele completed his undergraduate degree and Master of Science Degree in environmental engineering at North Dakota State University. Mr. Erbele worked for 35 years at the South Dakota Department of Environmental and Natural Resources (DENR) as a natural resource engineer, and served as the agency's chief engineer for the water rights program from 2000 and 2013. In that role, he served as the advisor to the State Water Management Board, was responsible for the administration of state water law including the management of the state's water rights, and was the agency's lead negotiator on water rights issues. Mr. Erbele served as the South Dakota representative on the Western State Water Council and as South Dakota's representative to the Missouri River Association of States and Tribes. Since 2013, Mr. Erbele served as senior water resources engineer for Wenck Associates, Inc. in South Dakota.

Governor Dalrymple and the State Water Commission members expressed their gratitude and appreciation to Secretary Sando for admirably serving the people of North Dakota for more than 31 years. Governor Dalrymple said "Secretary Sando has done an outstanding job managing North Dakota's tremendous water resources at a time of unprecedented growth across our state. He played a key role in North Dakota's flood response, recovery, and prevention efforts, floodplain regulation, and has directed the development of critical flood control and water supply projects throughout the state. He worked extensively to advance management practices involving interstate and international water resources. His distinguished and exemplary service will enhance the lives of people of the great State of North Dakota for generations to come. We thank him for his dedicated public service and we wish him well in his retirement."


Governor Dalrymple and the State Water Commission members expressed their appreciation to the State Engineer's search committee for their efforts. Governor Dalrymple dismissed the committee.

There being no further business to come before the State Water Commission, Governor Dalrymple adjourned the telephone conference call meeting at 10:30 a.m.





Jack Dalrymple, Governor
Chairman, State Water Commission



Todd Sando, P.E.
North Dakota State Engineer,
and Chief Engineer-Secretary
to the State Water Commission