

## MINUTES

### **NORTH DAKOTA ATMOSPHERIC RESOURCE BOARD NOVEMBER 17, 1998**

A telephone conference call meeting of the Atmospheric Resource Board was called to order by Chairman William Geiger at 9:00 a.m. CST, Tuesday, November 17, 1998. Members participating in the call were William Geiger, Mary Cichos, James Haaland, Jay Sandstrom, and David Sprynczynatyk. Staff members present were Bruce Boe, Director; LeNor Dollinger, Business Manager; and Darin Langerud, Chief Meteorologist. Also present was Fred Remer, Chief Meteorologist, Weather Modification, Inc. A quorum was not established, though enough members had indicated their intention to participate.

#### **UPDATE ON STUDY OF NDCMP ECONOMIC IMPACT**

Mr. Bruce Boe mentioned that the Board has entered into an agreement with the help of the participating counties each of which is contributing \$1,000, and the Weather Modification Association, which will contribute an additional \$1,500, for a revised economic study of North Dakota Cloud Modification Project (NDCMP) operations. The study will be based on the six crops in the early evaluations, plus soybeans, and dry edible beans. A rough draft should be provided to the Board by the middle of December and the final draft no later than mid-January. This will estimate increases in production, and from that, an estimate of increased revenue to the state general fund will be made.

#### **UPDATE ON SLOPE COUNTY**

Mr. Boe reported to the Board this morning in the Bismarck Tribune there was an article (with a very small headline) that notes that the Slope County Weather Modification Authority will probably be reinstated. The petition had thirty more signatures than needed. The authority will be reinstated for 10 years beginning in January and they have appointed Ryan Brooks, Bowman; Don Burke, Bowman; Clint Jacobs, Amidon; Robert Narum, Bowman; and Melvin Pierce, Scranton, as board members.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

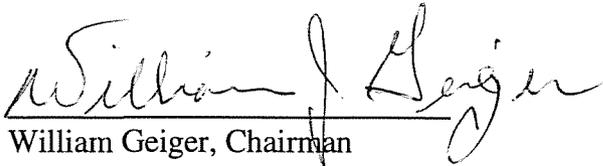
Mr. Sandstrom asked about the problem with the radios this summer; if putting up the taller antenna helped. Mr. Boe said that helped a little bit but reception is not to where it should be. The top seeder was relaying messages a lot to the base seeders. Mr. Sandstrom asked if something should be put in the proposal about using FM radios.

Mr. Boe and Mr. Langerud indicated that the FM frequency used by the contractor is an "itinerant" frequency, used widely by many others, and thus usually too busy to be reliably used.

The members present were polled regarding a possible conference call the next day to address the contractors' final 1998 NDCMP report, and it was agreed that this would be attempted if a quorum

could be achieved.

The conference call ended at 9:35 a.m. CST.

  
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William Geiger, Chairman

Date 3-3-99

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Hattie Melvin, Secretary

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