

EMERGENCY COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, September 15, 2022, 3:00 p.m.
Fort Totten Room – State Capitol

MINUTES

Members present in room were Governor Doug Burgum and Secretary of State Al Jaeger. Members present via Microsoft Teams were Senator Rich Wardner, Representative Chet Pollert, Senator Karen Kresbach, and Representative Keith Kempenich. Governor Burgum called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

1. **North Dakota Department of Commerce (North Dakota Development Fund) * (Request # 2069)**
Withdrawn

2. **North Dakota Department of Public Instruction * (Request # 2072)**
Request approval for a line item transfer of \$500,000 from the integrated formula payments line to the grants – program and pass-through line (\$500,000) to support Leveraging the Senior Year program to ensure growth academically for all students.

Representative Pollert moved to approve the request. Senator Wardner seconded the motion. Voting yes were Wardner, Pollert, Kresbach, Kempenich, Jaeger, and Burgum. Motion carried.

3. **North Dakota Department of Mineral Resources (Request # 2073)**
Request increased spending authority of \$45,200 to accept federal funds from the US Environmental Protection Agency, Safe Drinking Water Act, for salary line (\$45,200) to implement delegated Underground Injection Control (UIC) program to ensure protection of underground sources of drinking water.

Representative Pollert moved to approve the request. Senator Wardner seconded the motion. Voting yes were Wardner, Pollert, Kresbach, Kempenich, Jaeger, and Burgum. Motion carried.

4. **North Dakota Adjutant General (Request # 2074)**
Request increased spending authority of \$83,250,000 to accept federal funds for the disaster costs line (\$74,250,000) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as authorized in N.D.C.C. § 37-17.1-23 and to accept loan proceeds for the disaster costs line (\$9,000,000) from the Bank of North Dakota as authorized in N.D.C.C. § 54-16-13 for Public Assistance Program and Hazard Mitigation Program because of severe storms and flooding occurring from April 22 to May 25, 2022, in 40 counties.

Representative Pollert moved to approve the request. Representative Kempenich seconded the motion. Voting yes were Wardner, Pollert, Kresbach, Kempenich, Jaeger, and Burgum. Motion carried.

5. **Office of the Governor * (Request # 2078)**
Request increased spending authority of \$65,000 to accept other funds contributed to the Recovery Reinvented Program for the salary line (\$64,000) and the operating line (\$1,000) to support the Governor's Recovery Reinvented Program.

Secretary Jaeger moved to approve the request. Senator Kresbach seconded the motion. Voting yes were Wardner, Pollert, Kresbach, Kempenich, Jaeger, and Burgum. Motion carried.

6. **North Dakota Department of Agriculture * (Request # 2079)**
Request increased spending authority of \$420,000 from the US Department of Agriculture, Local Food Purchase Assistance program for the grants line (\$420,000) to provide funds to charitable food organizations with proper storage facilities to store perishable items to purchase food from local, regional, and disadvantaged farmers/producers for distribution to underserved communities.

Senator Wardner moved to approve the request. Representative Pollert seconded the motion. Voting yes were Wardner, Pollert, Kresbach, Kempenich, Jaeger, and Burgum. Motion carried.

7. **North Dakota State Library * (Request # 2081)**
Request approval of a line item transfer for \$138,000 from the salaries line to the operating line to ensure compliance with the current maintenance of effort required for full grant funding in future years.

Representative Pollert moved to approve the request. Senator Kresbach seconded the motion. Voting yes were Wardner, Pollert, Kresbach, Kempenich, Jaeger, and Burgum. Motion carried.

8. North Dakota Secretary of State (Request # 2082)

Request increased spending authority of \$40,000 to accept state contingency funds for Public Printing (2021 Session Laws, Chapter 2, HB 1002, Section 1, Subdivision 2) to cover costs associated with Century Code Replacement Volumes and Court Rules Supplements.

Representative Pollert moved to approve the request. Representative Kempenich seconded the motion. Voting yes were Wardner, Pollert, Kresbach, Kempenich, Jaeger, and Burgum. Motion carried.

9. North Dakota Department of Commerce * (Request # 2070)

Request increased spending authority of \$1,550,000 to accept federal pass-through funds from the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department for operating line (\$1,550,000) for projects that support travel, tourism, and outdoor sectors with marketing and technical support.

10. North Dakota Department of Commerce * (Request # 2071)

Request increased spending authority of \$250,000 to accept federal funds from the US Department of Agriculture Rural Placemaking Innovation Challenge for the salary line (\$75,000), the operating line (\$132,000), and the grants line (\$43,000) for a pilot program to support outdoor recreation and plans to attract visitors traveling to and from state parks.

11. North Dakota Department of Commerce * (Request # 2075)

Request increased spending authority of \$19,036,625 to accept federal funds from the United States Department of Energy for Infrastructure, Investment, and Jobs Act (IIJA) SEP and Weatherization line (\$19,036,625) for projects related to energy savings, increased renewable energy capacity, jobs created, and updated resiliency and emergency plans.

12. North Dakota Department of Commerce * (Request # 2076)

Request approval for an intra-agency line item transfer of \$16,308,809 from COVID Funds – DHS to COVID 19 Response line to develop state energy conservation policy and manage federal energy conservation programs in public and private sectors related to the prudent and efficient use of energy resources.

13. North Dakota Department of Commerce * (Request # 2077)

Request approval for an intra-agency line item transfer of \$1,306,112 from DHS federal funds to the grants line (\$1,110,424.70), the salaries line (\$130,368.20) and the operating line (\$65,319.10) for the Division of Community Services to support furnace repair and cooling contracts with Community Action Agencies and expanded cooling program for qualifying citizens.

14. North Dakota Council on the Arts (Request # 2080)

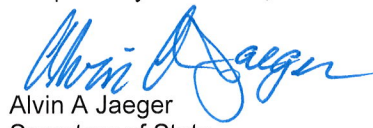
Request increases spending authority of \$28,000 to accept pass-through funds from the Department of Commerce for the grants line (\$7,500) and the operating line (\$20,500) for a pilot program to attract visitors traveling to and from the state parks.

Senator Wardner moved to approve requests # 2070, # 2071, # 2075, # 2076 (reduced from \$16,308,809 to \$14,222,975), # 2077, and # 2080. Senator Krebsbach seconded the motion. Voting yes were Wardner, Kresbach, Jaeger, and Burgum. Voting no were Pollert and Kempenich. Motion carried.

The Governor expressed gratitude to Senator Rich Warder, Representative Chet Pollert, and to Secretary Al Jaeger for their many years of service to the Emergency Commission, which will end at the end of their respective terms. All stated that it has been an honor to serve in this capacity during their time in office.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Alvin A Jaeger
Secretary of State
Secretary to the Emergency Commission