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Minutes of the Board of Water and Natural Resources Telephone Conference Call Meeting 523 East Capitol Pierre, South Dakota

January 11, 2017 11:30 a.m. CST

<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brad Johnson. The roll was called and a quorum of the board participated.

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u>: Brad Johnson, Jackie Lanning, Dr. Paul Gnirk, Jerry Soholt, and Paul Goldhammer.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Gene Jones, Jr. and Todd Bernhard

OTHERS: Jim Feeney, Mike Perkovich, Andy Bruels, DENR.

<u>APPROVE AGENDA</u>: There were no changes to the posted agenda. Chairman Johnson approved the agenda.

<u>CONFLICT OF INTEREST WAIVER REQUEST</u>: With the passage of House Bill 1214, SDCL 3-23-1 through 3-23-5, the Disclosure Laws, became effective July 1, 2016.

Absent a waiver, the Disclosure Laws prohibit current and certain former members of certain State boards, commissions and authorities from contracting with, or from deriving direct benefits from a contract with, a state agency if the contract is within the jurisdiction or related to the subject matter of the board. Absent a waiver, the Disclosure Laws also prohibit board members from contracting with, or deriving direct benefits from contracts with, political subdivisions of the State that administer or execute similar subject matter programs as the member's board. These prohibitions also apply to direct benefits derived from a state or political subdivision contract by a spouse or other person living with the board member and commingling assets with the board member.

Mike Perkovich presented the conflict of interest waiver requests submitted by Gene Jones, Jr.

Mr. Jones requested a waiver as President of Maguire Iron. McGuire Iron intends to enter into an agreement with the city of Edgemont to construct a water tower. Edgemont received funding from the Board of Water and Natural Resources for this project.

Staff recommended the board approve the conflict of interest waiver.

Motion by Lanning, seconded by Gnirk, that the board finds that the request for a conflict of interest waiver by board member Gene Jones, Jr. be approved and that the board hereby determines that the

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transaction for which the waiver is requested is fair, reasonable, and not contrary to the public interest. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jones requested a waiver as President of Maguire Iron. McGuire Iron intends to enter into an agreement with the city of Springfield to construct a water tower. While Springfield has not received funding from the Board of Water and Natural Resources for this project, this would be a contract by a political subdivision dealing with a subject matter similar in nature to matters undertaken by the board.

Staff recommended the board approve the conflict of interest waiver.

Motion by Lanning, seconded by Goldhammer, that the board finds that the request for a conflict of interest waiver by board member Gene Jones, Jr. be approved and that the board hereby determines that the transaction for which the waiver is requested is fair, reasonable, and not contrary to the public interest. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN: Chairman Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Approved this 30th day of March, 2017.

(SEAL)

Chairman, Board of Water and Natural Resources

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Water and

Natural Resources