

MINUTES
January 15th, 2025
8:00 A.M.
Special Board Meeting-Zoom Video Conference
NDPISB

1. Chairman Mike Wetsch called the Zoom special meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. Board members present: Mike Wetsch, Randy Ziegler, Steven Lundin, Justin Blinsky. Board members absent: Ernie Thurman. Others present: Executive Director John Shorey and Board Legal Counsel Chris Redmann.


2. John provided an update on SB 2051 and HB 1045 to Board Members.

3. Legislative Board funding options. John stated the Board is self-funded and doesn't get appropriations from the State. John stated he had reached out to Allyson Hicks with the Office of Attorney General who had done some preliminary research on funding options for the Board and that he and Chris took that and ran with it. John stated it appeared the mechanism would be a grant versus an appropriation and there were some deadlines to find a legislator to put through a proposed bill for the grant. John stated he and Chris got into contact with Senator Jose Castaneda who was willing to write and sponsor a bill for the Board. John stated in talking with Senator Castaneda the best course of action would be for the Board to tie the grant request to extra ordinary expense of the Board. John stated in those discussions with Senator Castaneda that there was a DAPL disaster relief fund. John stated he thought if the Board looked at DAPL related expenses, post any settlement the Board entered, and total that amount to go to the legislature with. John stated he had spent yesterday just compiling those figures. John provided a breakdown and explanation of those expenses, which totaled \$36,318.11. The break down was as follows: Legal Fees: \$29,726.87, unfunded Board Staff time redaction of documents: \$6006.25, OAH: 525.00, and external hard drive for the documents: \$59.99. John stated there were many hours of his time working on DAPL related issues that were not documented post any settlement. John stated it was difficult to quantify, as he did not document those hours, as there was no mandate to document them. John stated in retrospect it would have been nice to document those hours. Steve made a motion to engage Senator Castaneda to put forth bill for a grant for reimbursement of DAPL related expenses in the amount of \$36,318.11 with an emergency clause. Justin seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and it was unanimous to approve the motion.

4. Application procedures, additional information letter and requests, withdrawn application procedure. John stated he has a group of applications where individuals have applied with the Board, a letter requesting additional information was sent to the applicant and agency, and no additional information has been received. John stated in some cases the agencies have withdrawn those applications for one reason or another. John stated he was looking for Board direction on how to handle applications, where a letter requesting additional information has been sent, and no additional information has been received by the applicant. John stated he was also looking for direction on applications where a letter requesting additional information has been sent, no additional information has been received by the applicant, and the application has been withdrawn and inactivated, and then later a new application has been submitted for the same applicant, no letter requesting additional information was needed, and the application would meet the criteria for the registration to be issued. John wanted to know if that application would need to come before the board based on the previous application and letter being sent, or

conversely, if the application should be treated as a separate new application and the registration be issued. Steve commented he thought after a letter had been sent for new applications to applicants requesting additional information, if no additional information had been received within 30 days, for John to inactivate that application with no further action needed. Steve commented on applications where a letter has previously been sent, and the file inactivated, and a new application was submitted where no letter was needed, that John should act on the new application and issue a registration. Mike agreed with Steve's comments. John asked if a motion was needed or just Board direction. Chris stated just Board direction as fine and no motion was needed. John stated he would handle those types of applications in the manner that was discussed going forward.

5. Justin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and it was unanimous to approve the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 A.M.



Chairman

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Date



NDPISB Executive Director

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