

## **MINUTES**

### **North Dakota State Water Commission Working Meeting Bismarck, North Dakota**

**June 22, 2016**

The North Dakota State Water Commission held a working meeting in Lecture Rooms A and B, North Dakota Heritage Center, Bismarck, North Dakota, on June 22, 2016. Governor Jack Dalrymple, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.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  
Arne Berg  
Maurice Foley  
Larry Hanson  
George Nodland  
Robert Thompson

#### **STATE WATER COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Doug Goehring, Commissioner, North Dakota Department of Agriculture, Bismarck  
Harley Swenson  
Douglas Vosper

#### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Todd Sando, State Engineer, and Chief Engineer-Secretary,  
North Dakota State Water Commission, Bismarck  
Garland Erbele, State Engineer, and Chief Engineer-Secretary,  
North Dakota State Water Commission, Bismarck  
State Water Commission Staff  
Approximately 30 people interested in agenda items

The attendance register is on file with the official minutes.

**APPRECIATION TO TODD SANDO,  
17TH NORTH DAKOTA STATE ENGINEER  
(SWC Resolution No. 2016-07-530)**

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 engineer. 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.

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 "Todd 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."

Secretary Sando was presented with a Resolution of Appreciation, No. 2016-07-530, in addition to a plaque recognizing his 31 years of admirable and dedicated service to the people of the great State of North Dakota as an employee of the State Water Commission. **SEE APPENDIX "A"**

Secretary Sando reflected on his tenure as State Engineer that was fulfilled with phenomenal opportunities and monumental growth in water development, and successful management of water resources throughout the state. He said "there have been many memorable projects and experiences throughout my career. The record flooding events that took place in 2011, and the construction and operation of the Devils Lake outlets are certainly some of the highlights. I am immensely thankful to the State Water Commission for the opportunity to serve our state and the citizens of North Dakota."

**INTRODUCTION OF GARLAND G. ERBELE, 18TH NORTH DAKOTA STATE ENGINEER** On April 27, 2016, the State Water Commission unanimously adopted a motion approving 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. Governor Dalrymple stated that "Garland Erbele's proven leadership and technical expertise involving the management of major water resources will be a tremendous asset to the State Water Commission and to the state as a whole."

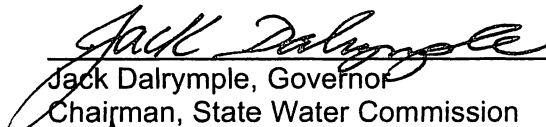
Garland Erbele expressed his appreciation to the State Water Commission for the responsibilities entrusted to him, and said that "water has always been my passion - and I am excited about the opportunity to serve the people of North Dakota as their next State Engineer."

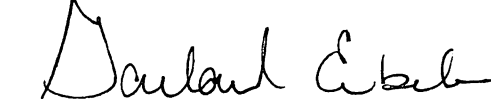
Mr. Erbele completed his undergraduate degree and Master of Science Degree in environmental engineering at North Dakota State University. Mr. Erbele worked for 35 years at the South Dakota Department of Environmental and Natural Resources (DENR) as a natural resource engineer, and served as the agency's 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.

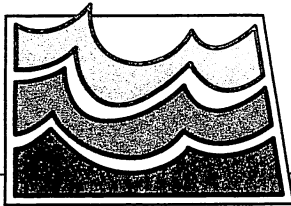
The State Water Commission members expressed their condolences to the family of Curtis Hofstad, Representative from District 15, Devils Lake, North Dakota, in his passing on June 18, 2016.

There being no further business to come before the State Water Commission, Governor Dalrymple adjourned the June 22, 2016 working meeting at 1:10 p.m.



  
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Jack Dalrymple, Governor  
Chairman, State Water Commission

  
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Garland G. Erbele, P.E.  
North Dakota State Engineer,  
and Chief Engineer-Secretary  
to the State Water Commission



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RESOLUTION NO. 2016-07-530

*In Appreciation To*

**Todd Sando**

**WHEREAS**, Todd Sando began his career with the North Dakota State Water Commission in 1985 and has admirably served the people of North Dakota for over 31 years as a Water Resource Engineer, Chief of the Investigations Section, Director of the Water Development Division, Assistant State Engineer, and since 2010 - as North Dakota's 17<sup>th</sup> State Engineer and Chief Engineer-Secretary to the State Water Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Todd has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to sound management of North Dakota's water resources in a way that has supported and enhanced the economic well-being of the state, while also protecting it for generations to come; and

**WHEREAS**, because of Todd's thoughtful approach to water development efforts in times of unprecedented challenges and great financial need, North Dakota has been able to make advancements on critical flood protection projects in all of the state's major drainage basins; and in addition, dozens of rural, regional, and municipal water supply systems across the state have been improved and expanded to serve hundreds of thousands of our citizens with clean, reliable water supplies; and

**WHEREAS**, Todd's knowledge about the Missouri River system and its operation, and his involvement with the Master Manual revision, surplus water and water reallocation challenges, and sovereign land management have contributed to greatly improved management and protection of one of North Dakota's most valuable resources – the Missouri River; and

**WHEREAS**, Todd's expertise and guidance during the ongoing decades-long flood fight in the Devils Lake Basin, and many statewide flood-fighting efforts, including the devastating floods of 1997, 2009, and 2011 resulted in the protection of countless people and critical infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, because of the admiration and respect of his peers, Todd has served with distinction on several state, national, and international water resource organizations throughout the years on behalf of the state; and

**WHEREAS**, Todd is retiring as North Dakota's State Engineer and Chief Engineer-Secretary to the State Water Commission on July 5, 2016.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Governor Jack Dalrymple, other members of the North Dakota State Water Commission, and the Water Commission staff, hereby convey their gratitude and appreciation to Todd Sando for his admirable and dedicated service to the people of the Great State of North Dakota as an employee of the State Water Commission; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we wish Todd and his wife Lunette the best of health and happiness in the future.

**FOR THE NORTH DAKOTA STATE WATER COMMISSION:**



JACK DALRYMPLE, GOVERNOR  
CHAIRMAN

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Jack Dalrymple, Governor-Chairman

GARLAND ERBELE, P.E.  
CHIEF ENGINEER-SECRETARY