

STATE OF NEVADA
COMMISSION ON MINERAL RESOURCES MEETING
TELECONFERENCE
Thursday, August 29, 2013 – 10:00 a.m.
Nevada Division of Minerals
400 W. King Street, Suite 106
Carson City, Nevada

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE	STAFF IN ATTENDANCE
Fred Gibson (Chairperson) – <i>via telephone</i> Dennis Bryan – <i>via telephone</i> John Mudge – <i>via telephone</i> Richard DeLong – <i>via telephone</i> David Parker	Alan Coyner Valerie Kneefel Mike Visher Dennis Belcourt (Deputy Attorney General)

I. OPENING AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m., with a quorum of five Commissioners present. Alan Coyner introduced Commissioners and Staff in attendance. Dennis Belcourt, Deputy Attorney General, provided a brief description of his professional background. Alan Coyner noted Commissioners John Snow and John Stout were not in attendance.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT – There were no public comment requests.

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Richard DeLong moved to approve the August 29, 2013 meeting agenda. Dennis Bryan seconded the Motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF THE PROCESS FOR THE SELECTION OF A NEW ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DIVISION OF MINERALS DUE TO THE RETIREMENT AND RESIGNATION OF THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATOR

Chairperson Gibson noted he asked Commissioner Mudge to chair the Committee that would oversee the selection process.

Dennis Belcourt, Deputy Attorney General, explained Committee meetings held in person or via telephone would need to be noticed if a quorum of Commissioners were to serve on the Committee.

Alan Coyner suggested a Commissioner be selected to solicit the input needed from the selected list of individuals and companies and to present this information at a future Commission meeting. He noted the position would be an appointment by the Commission on Mineral Resources. He cautioned that applicants may have managerial experience, but not mining experience.

Commissioner Mudge suggested the position be posted on the State website in order to keep Governor Sandoval involved and to have a short timeframe for response, which would help manage the volume of potential applicants.

Commissioner Bryan commented that the job announcement qualifications should disqualify individuals without mining background.

Alan Coyner added he met with Gerald Gardner regarding his resignation and that Mr. Gardner showed no interest in being involved in the selection process.

Discussion was heard about posting the job announcement on the State website and the Commission on Mineral Resources website.

Commissioner Mudge suggested the job posting be presented to the Board members of the Nevada Mining Association, the Mackay School of Mines Advisory Board, and the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology. Discussion was heard to contact agency heads regarding the job posting to be forwarded to qualified applicants in their respective agencies.

Commissioner Bryan suggested also presenting the job posting to the NMEC.

Discussion followed to contact the GSN President regarding the job announcement.

Chairperson Gibson suggested Commissioners be asked for any specific recommendations. He recommended Rich Perry for the position.

Commissioner Bryan commented that John Price would be a great candidate, but that he may not want the additional work.

Commissioners discussed and suggested the following changes to the job posting:

- To accept applications until the close of business on Friday, September 20, 2013 and for the hiring process to begin after that date.
- To add language clarifying medical and dental benefits are for the employee and the employee's spouse and family.
- To change the Earth Science degree qualification to a degree or experience relevant to the duties/responsibilities of the Administrator.
- For there to be more emphasis in the job description that the Administrator will be more involved in promoting the industry in order to support its economic development; therefore, travel in and out of the State will be required.
- To include language in the selection process that submittal of a resume may result in public disclosure due to the Nevada Open Meeting Law.
- For the job announcement to be posted August 30, 2013.

Discussion was heard for Commissioner Mudge to review and "whittle down" the number of resumes received and to present only those resumes of qualified applicants during a future Commission meeting. The Commission also requested Mike Visher applies for the Deputy Administrator position by Friday, September 13, 2013, if interested.

Alan Coyner suggested the Commission consider Mike Visher in the interim to be paid at the Administrator's rate, at the direction of the Chairperson. Chairperson Gibson stated he wanted to wait to make that decision. Dennis Belcourt, Deputy Attorney General, stated he would look into that consideration.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT – There were no public comment requests.

Alan Coyner stated he would solicit a resume for distribution from Arthur Henderson, the new Oil and Gas Commissioner from Total Oil Company in Texas.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

John Mudge moved to adjourn the meeting. Richard DeLong seconded the Motion. Motion carried unanimously.