

# STATE OF NEVADA COMMISSION ON MINERAL RESOURCES

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Tuesday May 30, 2023 2:00 P.M.

#### **MINUTES**

Commissioners	Staff	Public	
Mary Korpi	Mike Visher		
Art Henderson (via zoom)	Rob Ghiglieri		
Randy Griffin (via zoom)	Rebecca Tims		
Stephanie Hallinan (via	Nathan Holland, DAG		
zoom)			
	Jim Faulds		

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

2:04 PM

#### **ROLL CALL**

All Commissioners were present except Josh Nordquist, Bob Felder, and Nigel Bain. Quorum noted.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## **COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

There were no public comments.

## I. AGENDA

Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda made by: Stephanie Hallinan

<u>Seconded by:</u> Randy Griffin <u>Unanimously approved.</u>

#### II. Old Business

## A. Review of the NBMG Interlocal Contract for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025

Administrator Visher reviewed Attachment A which is the proposed scope of work for the new 2-year contract with the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology (NBMG). Compared to the previous 2-year contract with NBMG, there are now only three projects for the biennium. The first project is sample curation at \$20,000 a year. The Minerals Industry (MI) Report is the second project at \$35,000 per year. The last project is the Exploration Survey which is every other year to coincide with the legislative session at \$35,000. Administrator Visher stated that in the new proposed contract, project 4 has been eliminated. The proposed contract does not include the allowed indirect cost rate of up to 8% to NSHE. NDOM has incorporated the Governor's cost of living adjustments (COLA) for State employees of 10% in fiscal year 2024, and

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4% in fiscal year 2025 which is reflected in the table on page 2 of the contract. The pay bill that was associated with the COLA's is Assembly Bill 522 and depending on the outcome, the table will be adjusted. The total proposed contract amount is \$163,460. \$60,500 in FY 24 and \$102,960 in FY 25.

**Mary:** Mike, could you review the reason we want to execute this contract now? Is it to ensure that the proposed contract keeps NBMG projects in the right place at the right time?

**Mike:** The budget authority was included in our budget for this contract, but it was using the prior total amounts as the placeholder. We have that authority if our budget passes. It has passed all the necessary hurdles, but until the end of the legislative session we won't know for sure. I do not expect any changes to this project. We want to make sure that we have the authority to spend that money by getting the contract approved at the Board of Examiners meeting. To meet the deadline for July 14<sup>th</sup> Board of Examiners meeting, we have to provide the Governor's Finance Office with the signed contract by June 7<sup>th</sup>. That is what precipitated this special meeting. The Bureau traditionally has started working on the MI Report at the beginning of the fiscal year.

**Jim:** We start work immediately at the beginning of the fiscal year to ensure that the greatest amount of work is met on the MI report. Sample curation is ongoing through the entire year. The critical one to get going is the work on the MI Report.

Motion to approve the new contract as proposed made by: Randy Griffin

**Seconded by:** Stephanie Hallinan

Unanimously approved.

## COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Jim Faulds thanked the chair and the commissioners, and stated he greatly appreciates the support.

ADJOURNMENT 2:17 P.M.