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Thursday, February 6, 2020

1:00 P.M.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

The Agenda for this meeting of the Commission on Mineral Resources has been properly posted for this date and time in accordance with NRS requirement.

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Pursuant to N.R.S. 241, this time is devoted to comments by the public, if any, and discussion of those comments. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item on the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on a successive agenda and identified as an item for possible action. Public comments may be limited to 5 minutes for each person. **ACTION WILL NOT BE TAKEN**

I. AGENDA

A. Approval of the Agenda

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

II. MINUTES

A. Approval of the November 21, 2019 meeting minutes

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Election of new Mineral Commission Chairman**

Under NRS 513.043, the Commission shall select a chair who serves at the pleasure of the Commission. At the February 2018 meeting, the Commission adopted a practice of choosing a chairman every two years.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

B. **2019 Minerals Education Summary**

Division Staff provide educational presentations at career fairs, in K-12 classrooms and at civic group and trade organization meetings. Field Specialist Rebecca Ely will present a summary for CY 2019.

FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

C. **Relocation of NDOM Las Vegas Office.**

NDOM and NDEP are relocating to a new office building located at 375 Warm Spring Road in Las Vegas. Garrett Wake will present.

FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

- D. **Request for support for the Nevada Earth Science Teacher’s Workshop.** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
The Education Committee of the Nevada Mining Association has requested support of \$15,000 per year for 2020-2021. In the past the Division has provided this support in the form of rock and mineral kits, reference books, hand lenses and educational supplied that NDOM buys directly for the workshops. This expenditure was legislatively approved in the FY 2020-2021 budget.

- E. **Reclamation of the Fallon Bentonite Mine** **FOR DISCUSSION ONLY**
The Fallon Bentonite Mine had a reclamation performance bond through the NDOM bond pool. The owners ceased paying the premiums and the bond was forfeited to the BLM to pay for reclamation at the site. Reclamation work was completed in October, 2019. Mike Visser.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Update to Regulation Changes to NAC 517, Mining Claims chapter** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
At the November 2019 CMR meeting, the Division was directed to update NAC 517 with changes to descriptions for placer claims on claim maps and filing forms. The Division submitted a draft to the Legislative Council Bureau (LCB) for legal review. It was determined that the changes would require a statutory change to NRS 517. Possible actions include but are not limited to a bill to change the statute for the next Legislative session. Mike Visser.

- B. **Update on Regulation changes to NAC 534A and NAC 519A.290** **FOR DISCUSSION ONLY**
The CMR approved LCB file R032-19 (Geothermal Resources) and LCB file R044-19 (Reclamation Bond Pool) with minor changes at the November 21, 2019 meeting. The Legislative Commission reviewed both regulation changes at their December 30, 2019, meeting and adopted the regulations. Both regulations became effective on December 30, 2019.

- C. **Las Vegas Natural History Museum Exhibit** **FOR DISCUSSION ONLY**
The CMR approved expenditure up to \$50,000 for an earth science/ natural resource exhibit at the August 23, 2018 meeting. An RFP was released in November, 2019. Garrett Wake will provide an update.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

- A. Staff Reports and set date for next Commission meeting.
- B. **Discussion of process for the recruitment and appointment of a new Administrator.** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
Possible actions include but are not limited to: modification and/or approval of recruitment document, establishment of timelines related to recruitment, designation of an individual or subcommittee to evaluate applicants and schedule interviews.

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ADJOURNMENT

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