

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Minutes of the

LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Thursday, April 28, 2011
Prairie Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

Representative Al Carlson, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:48 p.m.

Members present: Representatives Al Carlson, Chuck Damschen, David Drovdal, Jerry Kelsh, Shirley Meyer, Kenton Onstad, Dan Ruby, Don Vigesaa, Robin Weisz; Senators Robert Erbele, Joan Heckaman, David Hogue, Ray Holmberg, Gary A. Lee, Larry Robinson, Bob Stenehjem, Ryan M. Taylor

Others present: Jay E. Buringrud, Allen H. Knudson; Legislative Council, Bismarck

Chairman Carlson announced the nominations for chairman of the Legislative Management were open. Representative Weisz nominated Representative Carlson, seconded by Representative Vigesaa. On a roll call vote, Representatives Carlson, Damschen, Drovdal, Kelsh, Meyer, Onstad, Ruby, Vigesaa, and Weisz and Senators Erbele, Heckaman, Hogue, Holmberg, Lee, Stenehjem, and Taylor voted for Representative Carlson. Representative Carlson was elected chairman.

Chairman Carlson announced that nominations for vice chairman were open. **It was moved by Senator Holmberg, seconded by Senator Lee, and carried on a voice vote that a unanimous ballot be cast for Senator Stenehjem as vice chairman of the Legislative Management.**

In response to a question from the chairman, the director indicated traditional business for the Legislative Management is to set two meeting dates--one in early May to review study directives and establish priorities for discretionary studies. The

Legislative Management generally authorizes the chairman to establish a committee structure based on the study directives approved for the interim and a survey is sent to each legislator asking for committee preferences. He said the second meeting should be approximately two weeks after the first to allow staff time to distribute, return, and tabulate the results from legislators. The second meeting of the Legislative Management would be to approve the committee membership assignments.

The Legislative Management discussed various dates for the next two meetings. Chairman Carlson announced the Legislative Management would meet on Tuesday, May 10, 2011, to prioritize studies. He said the second meeting would be Wednesday, May 25, 2011.

It was moved by Representative Vigesaa, seconded by Representative Weisz, and carried on a voice vote that the Legislative Management chairman be authorized to make additional assignments and studies and responsibilities to interim committees.

No further business appearing, Chairman Carlson adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Jim W. Smith
Director