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### MINUTES

#### Special Meeting

August 6, 2015 – 3:00 PM

BP Conference Room – Energy Innovation Center, (EIC) Laramie

Teleconference Call

#### **Commission Members Present:**

Tom Fitzsimmons, Chairman, (via Telephone)

Aaron Otteman, Vice Chair, (via Telephone)

Rob Hurless, Representing Governor Mead, Acting EORI Director, EIC

Tom Drean, State Geologist, EIC

Senator Eli Bebout, (via Telephone)

Ron Baugh, (via Telephone)

John MacPherson, UW Trustees, (via Telephone)

#### **Commission Members Excused:**

Jimmy Goolsby

Eric Easton, Senior Assistant Attorney General

#### **Enhanced Oil Recovery Institute Staff Present:**

Steve Carpenter, Incoming Director

Pepper McClenahan, Business Manager

### **I. Call to Order**

Commissioner Hurless opened the meeting at 3:15 p.m. A quorum was established at 3:23. Chairman Fitzsimmons asked Commissioner Drean to chair the meeting from the Laramie location.

### **II. Draft 2017-2018 Biennium Budget Request**

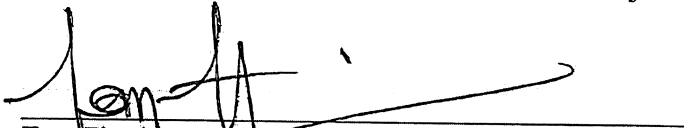
Commissioner Hurless and EORI Business Manager Pepper McClenahan reviewed a draft of the 2017-2018 Biennium Budget request. EORI will request the standard budget amount with the addition of an exception request for the EORI Director's salary plus fringe, and 50% of the EORI Business Manager's salary plus fringe paid through the School of Energy's budget at the FY2015 amounts. The budget request narrative explains that the exception requests mirror an equivalent reduction in SER's budget request and the request results in no net increase in funding. The budget narrative also includes language mirroring that of the University's request for matching salary increases if any are granted to State agencies in the 2017-2018 biennium. The narrative includes a table showing what a 1% compensation increase would look like for EORI, however,

the dollar amounts in budget tables do not include the 1% increase in either the standard budget column or the exception request column.

Senator Bebout recommended that the budget request be modified to include a 1% increase for salaries and an overall budget reduction of 3%; the rationale being an anticipated decrease in revenues to the State from depressed oil and gas markets. Commissioner Dreaan supported the recommendation.

**Motion:** Senator Bebout moved to revise the draft to include a 1% compensation increase for employees and a 3% decrease in the overall budget request. Motion seconded by Chairman Fitzsimmons. Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 3:39 p.m.



Tom Fitzsimmons, Chairman