

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA  
March 1, 2018  
Minnesota State Capitol, Room G23 Senate Conference Room  
Saint Paul, MN**

In attendance     Governor Mark Dayton  
                         Secretary of State Steve Simon  
                         Attorney General Lori Swanson  
                         State Auditor Rebecca Otto  
                         Commissioner of Administration Matt Massman

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The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Governor Mark Dayton. Attorney General Lori Swanson moved to approve the December 5, 2017 meeting minutes and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**MINNESOTA MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET**

Jennifer Hassemer, Assistant Commissioner for Debt Management, presented items as follows:

- a. Ms. Hassemer presented and asked the Executive Council to approve collateral for used to secure state funds as required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 9.031, subd. 2a. to replace previous collateral with new collateral.

Governor Dayton questioned why the collateral is being replaced and Ms. Hassemer explained the collateral is on a limited term and will expire. Attorney General Lori Swanson moved to approve the request for the collateral for state funds and unanimously passed.

- b. Ms. Hassemer presented and asked the Executive Council to approve the request to approve designation of nine state community depository accounts as required by Minn. Stat., 9.031, subd. 1. These accounts are bid every five years, most of the accounts were included in June 2016 Executive Council meeting. Secretary of State Simon moved to approve the request to approve designation of state community depository accounts and unanimously passed.
- c. Ms. Hassemer presented and asked the Executive Council to approve the request to approve designation of state warrant processing services with US Bank as required by Minn. Stat., 9.031, subd. 1. These accounts are bid every five years and the last request for designation was in 2013.

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

Tom Landwehr, Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, presented items as follows:

- a. Commissioner Landwehr presented the technical correction to the US Steele lease fractional payment rate. The request is to correct the amount from \$3,600 to \$1,050 per year.

Governor Dayton called for questions. Being none, Governor Dayton moved to approve. Attorney General Swanson seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

- b. Commissioner Landwehr presented the request to approve issuance of state peat leases in Aitkin County to American Peat Technology LLC as required by Minn. Stat., 92.50,

Subd.1. The Executive Council must approve commercial leases for more than ten years and leases for the removal of peat that cover more than 320 acres. Leasing is the first step. An environmental impact study will be conducted before any mining takes place. American Peat Technology LLC has been harvesting peat resources in Aitkin County since 2003 and the current lease areas have a significant, harvestable, peat resource and it is to the state's and local taxing districts' benefit to lease these sites for peat harvesting.

State Auditor Rebecca Otto wished to confirm this is just to remove peat and not to store ore. Commissioner Landwehr indicated yes.

Governor Dayton asked how the mining effect land around it. Commissioner Landwehr indicated they will drain the water, then peel off the sod, and when the inspection of the top is complete, they will cease pumping water out thus not having an impact on the surrounding land.

Governor Dayton moved to approve the request to approve issuance of state peat leases in Aitkin County to American Peat Technology LLC, as required by Minn. Stat., 92.50, subd. 1. Secretary of State Steve Simon seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION**

Wayne Waslaski, Director of Real Estate Management and Construction Services, presented.

The Executive Council received a presentation of the Capitol Campus Enterprise Distributed Antenna System (DAS) which is leasing state-owned space for a head-end equipment room as required by Minn. Stat., 16B.24, Subd.5. Mr. Waslaski explained the system will benefit agencies and the public with improved cellular coverage on the Capitol campus. The Executive Council will be asked at a later meeting to approve to rent out-state owned property for 10 years with 10-year option to renew. In order to facilitate significant private investment in the Capitol Campus Enterprise DAS, a 10-year term is required.

Meeting was adjourned by Governor Dayton at 10:20 am.

*Approved: June 14, 2018*