

Minutes of the
CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE COMMISSION

March 2, 2016
Conference Call Initiated from
Commissioner Anderson's office at Department of Commerce
Bismarck, ND

CALL TO ORDER

Mark N, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioners Present: Mark Nisbet, Mike Ness, Tim Hennessy, Jim Traynor, Kevin Melicher

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: Al Anderson, Justin Dever and Christopher Kalash of the Department of Commerce

COMMISSION BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Dever provided an overview of the consent agenda items:

It was moved by Ness and seconded by Melicher to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Commission Business

Research ND - Improved Engineered Coatings for Aerospace and Naval Applications – Change Request for Timeline extension to 6/30/2016. Due to a delay in receiving some of the reference samples, the timeline needs to be extended.

It was moved by Hennessy and seconded by Melicher to approve the Change Request and grant the timeline extension. The motion carried on a voice vote.

COE Enhancement - UAS Research, Education & Training Enhancement Grant – Budget Change and Other - PMATS – Move the PMATS from building 607 to Grand Forks. A contract to train foreign pilots necessitates this as providing the training on the Air Force Base presents potential security issues. Dever shared that Commerce is supportive of the change.

It was moved by Traynor and seconded by Melicher to approve the changes requested. The motion carried on a voice vote.

COE Enhancement - Research and Development of Immunotherapeutic and Vaccine Candidates for Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea Virus - Budget Change request. Change the match from cash and cash reserved to all cash reserved. The PSP match exceeds the required 1:1 match.

It was moved by Melicher and seconded by Ness approve the change. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Phase 1 Venture Grant - A New Design to Improve Life Expectancy of Total Ankle Replacement (TAR)- Change Request for earlier start date to allow cover cover IP protection costs incurred in November.

It was moved by Ness and seconded by Melicher to approve changing the start date to with the understanding that this was an oversight in the planning of the timeline. The motion carried on a voice vote.

COE- Strom Center (DSU) - Request to end postaward monitoring
Kalash stated that the center is willing to continue to provide informal information in the form of the functional review, but is asking to be excused from the AUP.

It was moved by Traynor and seconded by Hennessey to release both the Strom Center from postaward monitoring. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Research ND BIO Funding – Discussion was held regarding the fact that the \$1,000,000 funding for Research ND BIO is a minimum. That does not preclude the Commission from awarding more than this amount to a Research ND BIO proposal as long as there is funding in the Research ND fund.

Administratively Approved Changes and Reports

Kalash updated the commission on administratively approved items including

Initial disbursements for

1. Phase 1 Venture Grant Initial Disbursements - Continued Development of Commercialization of Quality Characterization Technology for 3D Printing (\$49,977), Radio Frequency Wireless Power for Industrial Sensors (\$50,000), Development of Remote Patient Monitoring System-Vita WiPs (\$50,000).
2. Research ND Initial Disbursements - Using UAS Imagery to Identify Weed Infestations in Cropland (\$42,750)

Phase 1 Venture Grant – Minor Budget Change - Nanospheres to provide commercially important new properties to paints and coatings – Moved from lab supplies to travel for Grad Student to present on this project at a conference in San Diego

Other information

Kalash updated the commission on the receipt of a final report from Phase 1 Venture Grant - Sensing Earth Environment Directly (SEED) sensor, and interim reports from Research ND grants Verify the Effectiveness of UAS-mounted Sensors in Field Crop and Livestock Production Management Issues and Using UAS Imagery to Identify Weed Infestations in Cropland and CORE Quarterly Report - Center for Life Sciences Research and Applications

Traynor asked Kalash to get feedback from both UND and NDSU on some of its best Research ND projects and report back at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Mark Nisbet, Chairman

Date

Christopher Kalash, Recording Secretary

Date