

**COMMISSION ON MINERAL RESOURCES**

**Friday, July 30, 2010 – 8:30 a.m.**

**Battle Mountain Civic Center**

**625 South Broad Street**

**Battle Mountain, Nevada**

<b>COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>STAFF IN ATTENDANCE</b>
Fred Gibson (Chairman) Ronald Parratt (Vice-Chairman) Dennis Bryan Richard DeLong John Mudge John Snow Johnny Stout	Alan Coyner Doug Driesner Lowell Price Mike Visher Kristen Geddes (Deputy Attorney General)

*( The beginning of the meeting was not recorded (Tape one was blank); The meeting was recorded after the short break when the meeting reconvened at 10:18 a.m. (Tape two); Information for the first agenda items were taken from notes provided; the list of individuals in attendance was taken from the July 2010 meeting.)*

**I. OPENING AND INTRODUCTIONS** – Chairperson Gibson called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted. Alan Coyner introduced individuals in attendance at today’s meeting. Gary Johnson of the BLM Nevada State Office was introduced as a visitor.

**II. MINUTES OF THE MAY 12, 2010 MEETING** – Richard DeLong moved to approve the May 12, 2010 meeting minutes. Ron Parratt seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

**III. REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR**

**A. Division of Minerals Activities** – Staff members provided update information in their respective areas.

At this time, agenda item VI was heard due to the time certain of 10:00 a.m. for this item.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT** – There were no public comment requests.

At this time, the meeting took a short break. The meeting reconvened at 10:18 a.m. with agenda item VIB.

**B. Budget Update** – Alan Coyner reviewed the current FY10 budget summary. He reported totals for mining claim fee receipts and expenditures were about the same. There were no new special projects being funded. He commented on the possibility of a reduced reserve fund scenario and requested the Board keep this in mind when considering the New Business items. He noted there may be additional funding coming in from BLM approvals. Discussion was heard about the possibility of the 25% decrease in claims.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS** – There were no Old Business items discussed.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Clarification of the Support for the UNR Chair in Economic Geology** - Alan Coyner explained the Commission had discussed at a previous meeting giving \$100,000 in support towards the UNR Chair in Economic Geology and that this item was to clarify that support.

Board member DeLong asked about the status of the fundraising effort by UNR because approximately \$2.5 million was needed. Chairperson Gibson reported only \$175,000 has been contributed to-date. Discussion was heard clarifying the

Commission had made a motion at a previous meeting to pledge \$100,000 if UNR raised the additional money needed and with the stipulation that the pledge would expire on July 1, 2010. The purpose of the pledge was to provide an incentive for UNR to raise the additional money needed. It was suggested the Mackay Advisory Board re-evaluate their endowments to determine actual funding needed.

**Ronald Parratt moved to extend the \$100,000 pledge for an additional two years with the stipulation that meetings would be held in the interim to determine funding efforts. John Mudge seconded the Motion.** Discussion followed about the \$100,000 being used as a catalyst. **Motion carried.**

**B. Consideration of the Request from UNR Mackay School to pay a portion of the FY12 Mining Claim Fee Payment in FY11** – Alan Coyner noted agenda items VB and VC were similar. He explained this item was to provide a prepayment toward the FY12 mining claim fee payment in FY11. UNR has requested \$300,000 be paid in FY11.

**Ronald Parratt moved to approve the advanced payment of \$300,000 as pre-payment towards the FY12 Mining Claim Fee Payment in FY11. Dennis Bryan seconded the Motion. Motion carried.**

**C. Request from the Division to approve additional money for AML Enhancement** - Alan Coyner noted \$250,000 was being requested for this item. He commented on the need to have money obligated due to the critical budget situation facing the state. Discussion followed about not acting on allocating the funding until January 2011.

**Dennis Bryan moved to allocate additional funding up to \$250,000 for AML Enhancement with the caveat that no execution of the contract would be done before January 1, 2011. Richard DeLong seconded the Motion.** Discussion followed clarifying there was funding already available for the Revisit Program in Clark County. **Motion carried.**

**D. Direct the State Treasurer to invest a portion of the State Reclamation Bond Pool cash balance in longer term securities** – Alan Coyner explained this item was agendized because the operational funds for the Division is required by statute to be held within the State’s bank accounts. However, there is no requirement for the State Reclamation Bond Pool funds to reside with the State General Fund. The CMR discussed and decided to take no action on this item.

**VII. COMMISSION BUSINESS**

**A. Determination of Time and Place of Next CMR Meeting** – It was discussed and decided the next CMR meeting would be held on Tuesday, October 19, 2010 in Reno, Nevada.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.