

# NORTH AMERICAN INTERSTATE WEATHER MODIFICATION COUNCIL

## Conference Call Minutes

June 3, 2009

A conference call meeting of the North American Interstate Weather Modification Council was called to order by Tom Ryan, Chair, on June 3, 2009, to discuss the organizational status of the Council and other items.

### MINUTES

Tom Ryan reported that the legal staff at MWDC would not be able to help the Council in resolving its current and future legal status. As discussed at the spring meeting the option to turn the matter over to Austin, Texas attorney Sheppard Strong was discussed. It was decided that Tom Ryan would send electronic copies of past Council legal documents to Sheppard Strong for him to review and then decide if he wants to be retained by the Council to resolve the legal status issue.

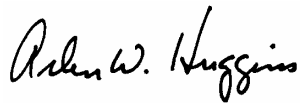
Arlen Huggins moved to retain the services of Sheppard Strong with a payment upper limit of \$3000, if Mr. Strong decided to help with the problem. Motion seconded by Darin Langerud. Motion carried.

George Bomar will stay in contact with Mr. Strong and advise members of any need for further documents, and of his decision to work with us on another conference call on 5 August 2009.

George Bomar also updated members on the status of the Senate weather modification research bill, S601. He indicated the bill will likely be attached to a climate change bill, and that a "stand alone" version would not go to the Senate floor. He indicated that there was still a need to look for House sponsors of the bill.

Barry Lawrence gave a brief update on the fall meeting in Jackson Hole, noting that the meeting would be held in a meeting room at the Game and Fish building.

The conference call ended with the agreement to discuss the legal issue further on 5 August.



Arlen W. Huggins, Secretary-Treasurer

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August 5, 2009

A conference call meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on the NAIWMC organization was convened at about 08:00 PDT on 5 August 2009 by Tom Ryan, Chair.

Prior to the call George Bomar had sent out comments by Sheppard Strong, based on Council documents he had reviewed, regarding the Council organizational status. He noted the Council had been designated a Utah Non-profit in the late 1970s, but that the original organization had been "involuntarily dissolved" in 1991, likely because of not filing the required annual reports to the state of Utah. To better determine the next steps the Council might take, Mr. Strong recommended that members attempt to locate:

1. Locate/reconstruct income and expense statements for every year of existence.
2. Determine what years an IRS Form 990 had been filed.
3. Contact IRS to see if the Council is still recognized as an active 501 ( c )( 4 ) organization.

He recommended completing steps 1 and 2, before contacting the IRS.

4. Contact Utah authorities to see if Utah non-profit papers could be re-filed.

Mr. Strong also gave other advice on how the Council might start from scratch as a new entity.

During the call two additional sources of old documents were discovered, one at the Division of Water Resources in Utah (Dave Cole had knowledge of these), and another at New Mexico State University where Conrad Keyes had donated Council documents to the library. It was decided that Dave Cole would do a search at UDWR and that Tom Ryan would contact the library at NMSU.

George Bomar indicated that the legal fees would likely be up to about \$7000 for a complete investigation, filing the appropriate documents with IRS, and other filing fees. The process was likely to take 5-6 months. Given that additional documents can be found and given to the attorney, George planned to have the latest recommendation from Mr. Strong to consider at the regular October meeting of the Council. The Council will resolve its next course of action at that time.

Arlen Huggins noted that five Council members had paid their 2009 dues. Arlen also indicated that the Nevada cloud seeding program had been officially cut from DRI's budget, and that a shutdown of the project was taking place.

George Bomar noted again that the main problem with the weather modification bill was the lack of any House sponsor.

Barry Lawrence gave additional details for the October meeting in Jackson Hole.

Tom Ryan presented a list of new names to consider for the Council, which will also be on the agenda at the October meeting.

The call ended at about 09:30 PDT.

Arlen W. Huggins, Secretary-Treasurer

