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Senator Ryan Maher, Chair
Representative Lance Carson, Vice Chair

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Pierre, South Dakota

The fifth meeting of the Executive Board for the 2014 Interim was called to order by **Senator Ryan Maher** at 10:30 a.m. (CDT) in room 413 of the State Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota.

A quorum was determined with the all members answering the roll call: Senator Ryan Maher, Chair; Representative Lance Carson, Vice Chair; Senators Corey Brown, Phyllis Heineman (via telephone), Larry Lucas, Deb Peters (via telephone), Deb Soholt (via telephone), and Craig Tieszen; and Representatives Brian Gosch (via telephone), Spencer Hawley, Charles Hoffman (via telephone), Isaac Latterell, Betty Olson, Kathy Tyler (via telephone), and Steve Westra (via telephone).

Staff members present included Jason Hancock, Director; Sue Cichos, Deputy Director; Doug Decker, Code Counsel; Annie Mehlhaff, Chief Fiscal Officer; David Ortbahn, Chief Research Analyst; Kevin Kumpf, Programmer/Analyst; and Cindy Tryon, Senior Secretary.

NOTE: For purpose of continuity, the following minutes are not necessarily in chronological order. Also, all referenced documents distributed at the meeting are attached to the original minutes on file in the Legislative Research Council office. This meeting was web cast live. The archived web cast is available at the LRC web site at <http://legis.sd.gov>.

Approval of Minutes

SENATOR BROWN MOVED, SECONDED BY REPRESENTATIVE CARSON, THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2014, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING BE APPROVED. The motion prevailed on a roll call vote with 12 voting AYE, 3 EXCUSED. Those voting AYE: Brown, Heineman, Lucas, Peters, Tieszen, Gosch, Hawley, Latterell, Olson, Westra, Carson, Maher. Those EXCUSED: Soholt, Hoffman, Tyler.

Approval of Agenda

REPRESENTATIVE CARSON MOVED, SECONDED BY SENATOR BROWN, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. The motion prevailed on a roll call vote with 12 voting AYE, 3 EXCUSED. Those voting AYE: Brown, Heineman, Lucas, Peters, Tieszen, Gosch, Hawley, Latterell, Olson, Westra, Carson, Maher. Those EXCUSED: Soholt, Hoffman, Tyler.

Subcommittee Reports

Legislative Interns Subcommittee

Representative Westra, Chair of the Legislative Intern Subcommittee, reported that LRC has received 36 applications for internships. All applicants have been interviewed. According to rule, up to

22 interns can be hired and that would include 18 Republican interns and 4 Democrat interns for the 2015 Legislative Session.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY REPRESENTATIVE LATTERELL, SECONDED BY REPRESENTATIVE OLSON, THAT THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF 22 INTERNS BE HIRED FOR THE 2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION. The motion prevailed on a roll call vote with 12 voting AYE, 3 EXCUSED. Those voting AYE: Brown, Heineman, Lucas, Peters, Tieszen, Gosch, Hawley, Latterell, Olson, Westra, Carson, Maher. Those EXCUSED: Soholt, Hoffman, Tyler.

Budget Subcommittee

Representative Lance Carson, Budget Subcommittee Vice Chair, presented the budget subcommittee report. Money budgeted for phase one of the chamber upgrades has been spent. Phase II may require about \$177,000, after using available FY15 funds, but that can be appropriated during the 2015 Legislative Session.

Computer Technology Subcommittee

Representative Latterell, Computer Technology Subcommittee Vice Chair, reported that the new iPads will be distributed when the legislators are in town for the Governor's Budget Address on December 2. Representative Latterell also explained that all passwords for legislator's laptops (not iPads) will be reset on November 12 and that information has been emailed to all affected legislators. All non-returning legislators are asked to return their computer systems to the Legislative Research Council by December 31.

Investment Council Subcommittee

Mr. Matt Clark, State Investment Officer, distributed the Summary of Trust Fund Fair Value and Asset Allocation document and three draft pieces of legislation the Investment Council will be considering (*handout #1*).

The Health Care Trust Fund distribution for FY15 was \$4,322,835. The estimated distribution amount for FY16 is \$4,674,556.

The Education Enhancement Trust Fund distribution for FY15 was \$15,699,869. The estimated distribution amount for FY16 is \$17,039,659.

The Dakota Cement Trust Fund distribution for FY14 was \$10,063,456. The estimated distribution amount for FY15 is \$10,804,199.

The School and Public Lands Trust Fund distribution for FY14 K-12 was \$8,773,822 and for the Board of Regents distribution was \$2,043,790.

Mr. Clark said that the market is going to be volatile and that the Investment Office plans to retain their conservative stance.

Mr. Clark presented the three draft proposed pieces of legislation that the Investment Council will be considering introducing during the 2015 Legislation Session. The first bill would remove the requirement to sell any bond that gets degraded to junk bond status and allow the Investment Office to make that determination.

The second draft legislation would clarify that the Investment Council is exempt from state regulations regarding certain contracts.

The third draft legislation would allow the Investment Office to reduce their budget request by the amount of the cash carried over the previous year. It would also allow the Investment Office to label some items in their budget request "as needed" and money will only be taken out as needed. More money will remain in the trust funds for a longer time period with this legislation.

Mr. Rob Wylie, Executive Director, SD Retirement System, gave a brief update on the status of the retirement system fund. Even if the Retirement System experiences zero growth for this year, the fund remains 100% funded. Retirement did update the mortality table and those changes do increase the liabilities of the fund by 6%.

Personnel Subcommittee Report

Senator Corey Brown, Personnel Subcommittee Chair, reported on changes in LRC Personnel. No additional changes are planned until after Mr. Hancock, the new LRC Director, has had a chance to go through one full session.

Mr. Jason Hancock, LRC Director, presented the revised LRC Employee Personnel Manual (**Document #2**). Mr. Hancock said that subcommittee had suggested a few changes to the draft manual, including clarifying the fact that all positions with the Legislative Research Council are at-will positions.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY REPRESENTATIVE CARSON, SECONDED BY SENATOR BROWN, TO APPROVE THE CHANGES TO THE LRC PERSONNEL MANUAL AS SUGGESTED BY THE PERSONNEL SUBCOMMITTEE. The motion prevailed on a roll call vote with 13 voting AYE, 2 EXCUSED. Those voting AYE: Brown, Heineman, Lucas, Peters, Tieszen, Gosch, Hawley, Hoffman, Latterell, Olson, Tyler, Carson, Maher. Those EXCUSED: Soholt and Westra.

Director Hancock said that the Personnel Committee agreed to more flexibility with comp time earned by the staff, so that it could be earned not just during the Legislative Session, but anytime, such as while working with interim committees. Another change regarding comp time is that there will no longer be a June 30 deadline by which it must be used. Instead, it can be used anytime. Any comp time remaining at the beginning of the next session will be zeroed out.

Senator Brown said that a replacement is needed for Senator Kirkeby to represent South Dakota on the Interstate Compact for Juveniles.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SENATOR BROWN, SECONDED BY REPRESENTATIVE GOSCH, TO APPOINT SENATOR ALAN SOLANO TO THE INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR JUVENILES. The motion prevailed on a roll call vote with 13 voting AYE, 2 EXCUSED. Those voting AYE: Brown, Heineman, Lucas, Peters, Tieszen, Gosch, Hawley, Hoffman, Latterell, Olson, Tyler, Carson, Maher. Those EXCUSED: Soholt and Westra.

Management Team Reports

Mr. Jason Hancock, Director, reported that he has observed that, while in Idaho the snow falls, in South Dakota the snow doesn't fall so much as it comes in for landing. It's a more horizontal process here.

Ms. Sue Cichos, Deputy Director, introduced Ms. Hilary Carruthers, LRC's new Internet Specialist, and said that Ms. Carruthers is now LRC's primary computer help desk support.

Ms. Cichos reported that Mr. Ed Matuska, who has had the legislator portrait contract for several years, has moved to Seattle and will no longer be taking the portraits. Mr. Johnny Sundby of Johnny Sundby Photography, will be the new photographer under contract. Mr. Matuska will be working closely with Mr. Sundby to ease the transition between the two photographers.

Ms. Cichos asked the Executive Board members to encourage more high school students to apply for the page program.

Ms. Cichos reported that the travel detail reports that have been mailed to legislators in the past will now be sent electronically. Senator Brown commended Ms. Cichos for taking a suggestion he had made in passing regarding these travel detail reports and quickly finding a way to make it happen.

Mr. Doug Decker, Code Counsel, said that a work group headed up by Mr. Aaron Olson is revising the process used for prison impact statements. The streamlined process will include watching the prefiled bills and indicating on a form attached to the bill when a fiscal impact statement may be needed. Senator Brown asked if those bills will still be marked with an asterisk and Mr. Decker said that they will continue to use that same notation.

Mr. Decker reported that because of changes in technology, the code will no longer be distributed on computer disks but instead will be available to legislators online.

Mr. Decker said that the effective date of two of the initiated measures that passed during the November election will go into effect the day after the canvas is completed. The canvas will be done this next Wednesday and so the effective date will be Thursday. The minimum wage initiated measure included an effective date of January 1, 2015. The Department of Labor will calculate the CPI and publish that information on its website.

Mr. Dave Ortbahn, Chief Analyst for Research, said that on September 30th, the research staff conducted an agency bill training session and over 50 people from various state agencies attended. About 125 agency bills are prefiled each year.

Mr. Ortbahn pointed out that several interim committees/task forces are still meeting and staff are busy finalizing reports and writing legislation that comes from those meetings.

Mr. Ortbahn said that Mr. Fred Baatz is heading up the intern program and Mr. Baatz along with other staff members have been conducting interviews and preparing their hiring recommendations. The research staff has also spent many hours this interim reviewing over 1100 proposed rules. The staff has also been busy drafting bills for legislators for the 2015 Legislative Session.

Ms. Annie Mehlhaff, Chief Fiscal Analyst, reported that the LRC fiscal staff received the FY16 agency budget requests from the Bureau of Finance and Management almost a month before statute requires and that extra time is very helpful to the LRC fiscal staff. The submitted budget requests are the numbers before the Governor's office makes any revisions to them. Prior to the Governor's cuts, the amount proposed is an \$80 million increase over last year's budget. There is also a decrease in federal funds by \$15 million due to the end of the federal stimulus money.

Ms. Mehlhaff said that there is a proposed rule change that will affect the amending of the general bill. The new rule will state that an automatic fiscal note will be generated every time the general bill is amended.

New Legislator Information

Director Hancock distributed possible agendas for the upcoming new legislator orientation (**Document #3**). The first option is a one-day orientation that focuses on actual legislative work. The second option is a two-day orientation that includes everything on the one-day option and then adds sessions with several state agencies, lobbyists, and some constitutional offices.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY REPRESENTATIVE OLSON, SECONDED BY SENATOR PETERS TO CONDUCT A ONE-DAY NEW LEGISLATOR ORIENTATION ON DECEMBER 1, 2014. The motion prevailed on a roll call vote with 14 voting AYE, 1 EXCUSED. Those voting AYE: Brown, Heineman, Lucas, Peters, Tieszen, Gosch, Hawley, Hoffman, Latterell, Olson, Tyler, Westra, Carson, Maher. EXCUSED: Soholt.

Working Lunch

During the working lunch, **Senator Mike Vehle, Chair of the Highway Needs and Financing Interim Committee**, presented a PowerPoint presentation which included information that was gathered during the interim study (**Document #4**).

Issue Memoranda

Issue Memorandum 2014-01, Petroleum Release Compensation Fund and Tank Inspection Fee, was presented by **Ms. Stephanie Gruba, Fiscal Analyst (Document #5)**. The Petroleum Release Compensation Fund (PRCF) was established in 1988 as a mechanism to help regulated tank owners meet financial requirements. An Issue Memorandum was completed in 1993 and this memorandum includes information on all the changes made to the inspection fees since 1993.

Issue Memorandum 2014-02, Basics Behind the Poverty Level, was presented by **Mr. Jason Simmons, Senior Fiscal Analyst (Document #6)**. The memorandum attempts to concisely describe how poverty is defined, how poverty is determined, and how figures on poverty are utilized by state government.

Issue Memorandum 2014-03, Regental Scholarship Programs, was presented by **Ms. Denise Houlette, Senior Fiscal Analyst (Document #7)**. This memorandum lists and explains the five state-funded scholarships that exist for South Dakota, including where the funding comes from and the requirements to apply for the scholarships.

Issue Memorandum 2014-04, Liquidated Costs and Surcharges Collected by the Unified Judicial System, was presented by **Mr. Aaron Olson, Principal Fiscal Analyst (Document #8)**. This memorandum examines the history, purpose, and revenue generated by liquidated court costs and court automation surcharges. A similar memo was written in 2004 and this version incorporates the changes to the costs and surcharges since that time.

Issue Memorandum 2014-05, State Health Plan, was presented by **Ms. Stephanie Gruba, Fiscal Analyst (Document #9)**. This issue memorandum provides general background information about the state health plan not as a critique of the program but as an examination of the program from the fiscal standpoint.

MHEC Update

At the previous Executive Board meeting, members asked LRC staff to look into how South Dakota can withdraw from the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC) and report back at this meeting. Mr. Decker said that the process to withdraw is identified in the compact with MHEC. In article 7 of the compact it states that the legislature has to enact legislation to repeal the statute authorizing the compact. Once that legislation passes, the actual withdrawal does not go into effect for another two years.

Ms. Mehlhaff reported that membership fees to MHEC will be increasing from \$95,000 in FY15 to \$115,000 in FY16. These fees are paid from the Legislative Research Council's budget. Ms. Mehlhaff distributed a report from the MHEC annual report showing the savings to each member state (**Document #10**).

Representative Spencer Hawley asked for more information regarding the benefits from membership in MHEC.

Mr. Monte Kramer, Finance Director, SD Board of Regents and Ms. Janelle Toman, Director of Communications, SD Board of Regents, came forward to answer questions regarding membership in MHEC. Mr. Kramer distributed a document showing what agencies have used MHEC for purchasing computer hardware and software. That document also includes the statute in which the compact between South Dakota and MHEC was established (**Document #11**).

Senator Brown asked that if higher education is the main beneficiary of membership in MHEC, shouldn't the Board of Regents pay the dues. Mr. Kramer explained that this compact allows any governmental entity to benefit from membership in MHEC. Mr. Kramer added that the Board of Regents does not have money in its budget to pay these dues.

Representative Carson asked how much of the Board of Regents business is done with MHEC. Mr. Kramer replied that they do some business with MHEC.

Representative Carson said that one of the selling points several years ago for belonging to MHEC was that students would have access to the transferring of information needed when a student moves to another higher education institution. Mr. Kramer said that MHEC does offer a student exchange program but the SD Board of Regents does not participate in that program because it makes it easier for our students to leave the state.

Representative Carson asked Mr. Kramer to put a value on the MHEC program between 1 and 10 with 10 being the best. Mr. Kramer said that he would place a value of 7 or 8 on the program. Mr. Kramer said that the Board of Regents benefits from the MHEC conferences. He said that MHEC is looking at a student health insurance program and their rates are better than any the Board of Regents is looking at now. Mr. Kramer said that the main benefit of membership has been the software. Mr. Kramer said that if the state and the Board of Regents had separated, the Board of Regents would have stayed with MHEC. He added that MHEC drives down the insurance costs. He said that a group of people pool their money together to drive the cost of insurance through MHEC. Other insurance companies know about the reduced rates through MHEC, so they then make their rates even lower.

Representative Carson then asked if spending \$115,000 is worth what we get in return. Mr. Kramer said that on paper it is all a wash. He added that if the Board of Regents had to pay it, they probably would not.

Mr. Jeff Holden, Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Administration, came forward to answer questions from the Board. Mr. Carson asked if MHEC is a valuable tool for the state of South Dakota. Mr. Holden said that he is not an expert in insurance and the savings are perceived savings. He said that when the insurance quote came in from MHEC, it was higher than what the state pays its current provider, so the state stayed with the current provider.

Mr. Holden said that there is an exception for schools and universities to use MHEC, but other than that the State does not use MHEC for software or hardware. The schools can purchase software and hardware through other state contracts.

Representative Carson said that he does not see huge savings to the State through membership in MHEC. The biggest user of MHEC is the Board of Regents and it seems as if they should be paying the membership fees.

Senator Deb Peters said that Appropriations and GOAC have been working on this issue for several years and that the Board should allow them to continue to monitor the MHEC membership. Senator Peters added that the fact that the insurance costs to the state are being held down because of MHEC makes membership well worth the money.

Representative Carson said that a bill ending membership in MHEC should be put before the legislature this year and then MHEC can come and defend themselves.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY REPRESENTATIVE CARSON, SECONDED BY REPRESENTATIVE OLSON, TO BRING A BILL BEFORE THE FULL LEGISLATURE FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD TO NOT RENEW THE STATE CONTRACT WITH MHEC.

Senator Brown said that he would prefer to see a draft of the bill before acting on it. Senator Sohlt said that she would want to see the language of the bill before voting on this motion.

Representative Brian Gosch suggested voting not to pay MHEC membership through the LRC budget. Representative Gosch said that the Executive Board put these membership fees into the LRC budget and it is up to the Board to remove them from the LRC budget.

Representative Charles Hoffman said that he agrees with Representative Carson and that the State can get too caught up with pacts and contracts.

Representative Hawley said that he agrees that we should not belong to MHEC right now but we have to pay the \$115,000 this next year. He said that it is difficult to vote on this without a draft bill.

REPRESENTATIVE CARSON WITHDREW HIS MOTION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE SECOND (REPRESENTATIVE OLSON).

Interim Committee Reports (Document #12)

Highway Needs and Financing Interim Committee

Senator Mike Vehle reported on the Highway Needs and Financing Interim Committee. (*The committee's written report is on page 10 of document #12.*) The committee met several times including subcommittee meetings held in various communities throughout the state. Over 120 different people testified at these meetings.

At the final meeting held on November 6-7, the committee adopted a draft bill to be presented to the Executive Board for approval to present this bill to the full legislature during the 2015 Legislative Session (**Document #13**).

The committee was able to identify \$283.3 million in need for roads and bridges. This draft legislation provides \$103.27 in funding to help meet some of those needs (**Document #14**). Senator Vehle distributed a listing of how each section of the bill raises the needed funding (**Document #15**).

A MOTION WAS MADE BY REPRESENTATIVE HAWLEY, SECONDED BY SENATOR TIESZEN, TO SEND THE DRAFT BILL AS PRESENTED BY THE HIGHWAY NEEDS AND FINANCING INTERIM COMMITTEE TO THE FULL LEGISLATURE. The motion prevailed on a roll call vote with 13 voting AYE, 1 voting NAY, and 1 EXCUSED. Those voting AYE: Brown, Lucas, Peters, Sohlt, Tieszen, Gosch, Hawley, Hoffman, Olson, Tyler, Westra, Carson, Maher. Those voting NAY: Latterell. EXCUSED: Heineman.

Government Operations and Audit Committee (GOAC)

Mr. Tim Flannery, Audit Manager, Legislative Audit, presented the GOAC interim report (**Document #16**). The Government Operations and Audit Committee consists of ten members, five from the Senate and five from the House of Representatives. The responsibilities of this committee are to inquire and review any phase of the operations and the fiscal affairs of any department, institution, board or agency of the state; to examine records and vouchers, summon witnesses, examine expenditures and the general management of departments, as deemed necessary; to review any finding of abuse or neglect in a juvenile corrections facility; to review the annual report of the South Dakota 911 Coordination Board; to review the annual reports from each department administering the funds received from the Building South Dakota fund; to make continuing study of the operation of the state's correctional system; and, to make a detailed report to the Senate and House of Representatives and submit a copy of its report to the Appropriations Committee of each House of the Legislature at the next succeeding session of the Legislature or any special session of the Legislature upon request of the body.

The full report of GOAC for the 2014 interim session is available online.

Agricultural Land Assessment Implementation and Oversight Advisory Task Force (Ag Land)

Mr. Fred Baatz, Principal Research Analyst, gave the Ag Land 2014 interim report. (*The committee's written report is on pages 2-3 of document #12.*) The Ag Land Task Force is a statutory task force and consists of four members of the House of Representatives, four members of the Senate, and six members of the general public. The task force reviews the implementation of provisions of law concerning the assessment and taxation of agricultural land and advises the Department of Revenue regarding the rules promulgated by the Department to administer the provisions concerning the assessment and taxation of agricultural lands.

The committee's final meeting for the 2014 interim will be held on November 19. At that time, the task force will consider four pieces of draft legislation. The task force is looking at moving to actual use when valuing ag land for tax purposes. SDSU is continuing to research that option.

Senator Brown thanked Mr. Baatz for his report and pointed out to the Board that the Ag Land Task Force was established through statute and therefore does not need approval or direction from the Executive Board.

Alcoholic Beverage Shipping and Distribution Interim Committee

Senator Brown served as vice chair of this committee and gave the final report. (*The committee's written report is on pages 4-6 of document #12.*) Senator Brown presented the background on the four pieces of legislation for which the interim committee would like the Executive Board's approval to forward to the 2015 Legislative Session.

Senator Craig Tieszen also served on this interim committee and said that after much discussion and compromise the committee unanimously agreed to this legislation.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY REPRESENTATIVE OLSON, SECONDED BY SENATOR PETERS, TO APPROVE THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SHIPPING AND DISTRIBUTION INTERIM COMMITTEE REPORT AND TO MOVE THE COMMITTEE'S PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO THE FULL LEGISLATURE. The motion prevailed on a roll call vote with 14 voting AYE, 1 EXCUSED. Those voting AYE: Brown, Heineman, Lucas, Peters, Soholt, Tieszen, Gosch, Hawley, Latterell, Olson, Tyler, Westra, Carson, Maher. EXCUSED: Hoffman.

Joint Committee on Appropriations

Ms. Annie Mehlhaff, Chief Fiscal Officer, gave the report for the Joint Committee on Appropriations. (*The committee's written report is on pages 7-9 of document #12.*) This committee serves to continually review, evaluate, and coordinate state fiscal and budgetary policy including, but not limited to, the adoption of any new programs by any department of state government and shall also carry out any assignments made by the Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council.

Ms. Mehlhaff reported on the meetings held this interim and the West River Appropriations Tour that was conducted in early October. Tours held during the interim include visits to state-owned facilities or those conducting activities that receive state funding.

Senator Peters said that changes are being made to the fiscal process that will strengthen the Legislative Branch over the next few years.

Jolene's Law Task Force

Senator Deb Soholt, Chair, Jolene's Law Task Force, gave the report. (*The committee's written report is on pages 11-12 of document #12.*) The fifteen member task force was established through statute during the 2014 Legislative Session. The task force will have two more meetings this interim and will file a report to the full legislature in January. Child sexual abuse is a serious issue with statistics showing that 25% of children are sexually abused.

The committee has primarily explored what programs can be created to ease the reporting of sexual abuse by a child, educating adults on how to recognize and handle abuse victims, and services available to treat victims.

Legislative Planning Committee

Ms. Clare Charlson, Principal Research Analyst, gave the committee report. (*The committee's written report is on pages 12-13 of document #12.*) The Legislative Planning Committee was directed to conduct a two-year study of K-12 education to improve educational outcomes in South Dakota that includes the following: the education funding formula; all revenues, expenditures, and accounting

practices for education; salary needs; school district budget reserves; and levels of various education funding tax levies.

The Legislative Planning Committee will have one more meeting during this interim and will discuss one piece of possible legislation at that meeting.

Rules Review Committee

Mr. Doug Decker, Code Counsel, gave the report for the Rules Review Committee. (*The committee's written report is on pages 13-14 of document #12.*) The six-member Interim Rules Review Committee has oversight of executive branch agencies' legislative authority regarding rule-making. The committee has reviewed 1,053 rules from eleven departments of state government and three constitutional offices. Two more Rules Review Committee meetings are scheduled for this interim.

State-Tribal Relations

Ms. Amanda Reiss, Senior Legislative Attorney, gave the report for State-Tribal Relations. (*The committee's written report is on pages 14-15 of document #12.*) State-Tribal Relations was created in statute in 1993 as a part of the state's reconciliation efforts. This ten-member committee is currently chaired by Senator Jim Bradford, and Representative Troy Heinert serves as vice chair. The committee has held two meetings this interim and will be having a third meeting on December 1 at which time they may consider some possible legislation.

Tribal Economic Development Task Force

Ms. Reiss also gave the report for the Tribal Economic Development Task Force. (*The committee's written report is on page 15 of document #12.*) The two-year Tribal Economic Development Task Force was created in statute during the 2014 Legislative Session. The task force has not met yet as they are waiting for more delegates to be appointed by the tribes. The first meeting is scheduled for December 9 and meetings can be held up until January 1, 2016.

Ms. Reiss did announce that the new Secretary for the Department of Tribal Affairs is Mr. Steve Emery.

Regional Watershed Advisory Task Force

Representative Gosch chairs the Regional Watershed Advisory Task Force and gave the interim report. (*The committee's written report is on page 16 of document #12.*) The Watershed Advisory Task Force was created by the 2012 Legislature and will operate until January 2015 to address issues relating to watershed management, drainage, erosion, flood control, reclamation, and environmental protection and improvement of lands, soils and waters.

The task force has met twice during this interim and is scheduled to meet again on November 24. Draft legislation will be considered at that meeting. A final report of the task force will be given to the full Legislature as required by the legislation that created the task force.

Committee Discussion

On behalf of the full Board, Senator Brown presented a plaque to outgoing Executive Board Chair, Senator Ryan Maher, and thanked him for his years of service to the Executive Board, the Legislature, and to the State of South Dakota.

Adjourn

SENATOR LUCAS MOVED, SECONDED BY REPRESENTATIVE CARSON, THAT THE EXECUTIVE BOARD BE ADJOURNED. The motion prevailed unanimously on a voice vote.

The Board adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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