

March 5-6, 2020

ITEM 187-2801-R0320

Request for Authorization to Increase Spending Authority for Phase 1 of Athletic Field Improvement Project, Montana State University Northern

THAT

Consistent with the provision of MCA 18-2-102 (2) (d) and MCA 20-25-302 (6) (c), the Board of Regents of Higher Education authorizes MSU Northern to increase the existing spending authority for Phase 1 of the Athletic Field Improvement Project to a total of \$3,250,000 to allow for increased costs from original projections and to add bleachers to the scope of Phase 1.

EXPLANATION

1. At the March 2018 meeting, the Montana Board of Regents authorized Montana State University Northern to lease athletic facilities to the MSUN Foundation per MCA 20-25-309 and to expend up to \$2,500,000 to plan, design and construct a football playing field with artificial turf, scoreboard, goal posts and site work with utilities as the first phase of multiple improvements for the planned football field and future Health and Wellness Complex, contingent on a successful capital campaign funding.
 2. The original authorization received in March 2018 was based on a preliminary program and cost estimate for the projected scope of work to construct the field and support infrastructures needed to host a collegiate sporting event. Contractor cost projections, site conditions, and program requirements now require an increase of existing spending authority of \$750,000.
 3. This project will be financed with private donations. No state funds will be used for this project or for operations and maintenance of this facility.
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 –Policy 1003.7