

**THE BOARD OF REGENTS
OF HIGHER EDUCATION
Montana University System**

**C O N F E R E N C E C A L L M E E T I N G
M I N U T E S**

DATE & TIME OF CALL: JULY 19, 1994—10:00 A.M.

LOCATION: MONTANA HIGHER EDUCATION BUILDING
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
2500 BROADWAY
HELENA, MONTANA

REGENTS PARTICIPATING: JIM KAZE (CHAIRMAN), CORDELL JOHNSON, JIM BROWN, COLLEEN CONROY, AND KERMIT SCHWANKE

REGENTS NOT PARTICIPATING: PAUL BOYLAN AND PAT DAVISON

PRESENT IN COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE: ROD SUNDSTED AND ROSE BOND (OCHE)

OTHER PARTICIPANTS: JIM TODD (THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA) AND JIM TAYLOR (COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA)

Chairman Jim Kaze called the conference call meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Roll call showed that a quorum was present. Chairman Kaze explained that the meeting was called for the Board to approve the following item:

Item 84-9501-C0794—Increase in Budget Authority for Construction of a Cold Storage Building; The University of Montana—Missoula, College of Technology

According to Jim Taylor, Assistant to the Vice President for Administration and Finance at the College of Technology, the request was for an increase in authorization to build a storage facility at the College of Technology's West Campus Trade and Technology complex. On March 15, 1993, the Board of Regents approved \$96,000 to build the facility. When the bids were opened June 23, 1994, the low bid came in at nearly \$19,000 more than the architect had anticipated, likely due to rapidly escalating construction costs in the Missoula area. Mr. Taylor said the college also wanted to pave an access road to the facility, which would cost about \$25,000. He said the Regents were being asked to approve an increase in budget authority from \$96,000 to \$140,000, or a \$44,000 increase—\$19,000 in increased construction costs and \$25,000 for the paving.

Jim Todd, Vice President for Administration and Finance at The University of Montana—Missoula, said the university had reviewed the request and had no problems with it.

Associate Commissioner for Fiscal Affairs Rod Sundsted said he also reviewed the request and noted that it involved the use of plant funds only and no state-appropriated money. He said the reason for the conference call meeting was to have the increase in authority approved right away because the contractor was only required to hold the bid for 30 days. If action on the request was delayed past July 23, the contractor had the option of backing out of the bid.

Mr. Taylor pointed out that they did not want to re-bid the job. They already had re-bid it once, and it had cost them nearly \$5,000.

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With no other business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Mailed to the Board of Regents on

Sept. 9, 1994
(Date)

Approved by the Board of Regents on

(Date)

Rose M. Bond

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Secretary to the Board of Regents

Jim Kaze, Chairman
Board of Regents of Higher Education