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MINUTES OF JUNE 11, 2018, ANNUAL MEETING

1. Proposed minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact Commission (MCC), held by teleconference on Monday, June 11, 2018, pursuant to notice.

2. The MCC was called to order by Chair John Stine at 10:00 am CDT. The roll was called and a quorum declared. Present were Chair John Linc Stine, Minnesota; Vice-Chair, Alex Moon, Iowa; Commissioners Michael Snee, Ohio; Stanley York, Wisconsin; and Tiffany Drake, Alternate for Missouri. Also present was Executive Director James Chiles, Minnesota.

3. MOTION on Agenda Item #2 (Draft MCC meeting minutes from June 9, 2017): No corrections were offered to the draft. MOTION: That the circulated minutes of the meeting of June 9, 2017, be approved as corrected (York; Moon; carried).

4. DISCUSSION and MOTION on Agenda Item #3 (FY2018 Financial report): Drake asked whether the legal fees incurred in FY 2017 might be repeated; the amounts in later years show about half that amount. York explained that FY 2017 reflected billings for one-time legal projects by attorney Richard Ihrig. Chiles and York explained that most years, the legal expenses are below $3,000 yearly. Chiles noted two corrections: the label for executive director services should be changed from “Reimburse WI for Executive Director” to “Reimburse States for Executive Director,” given that Stan York retired from that post in FY 2017 but the budget document continues into future fiscal years. MOTION: That the FY2018 MCC financial report be approved as circulated and corrected. (York; Snee; carried).

5. DISCUSSION on Agenda Item #4 (Chair’s report). The Chair noted that York is retiring from his role as a member for Wisconsin. He thanked York for his long service in the field of radioactive waste management;
his service as MCC executive director; and his service as an officer and member of the MCC.

6. DISCUSSION on Agenda Item #5 (Executive Director’s Report): Chiles reported on activities during FY 2018, in the course of the transition from the previous Executive Director, Stan York: working with the auditor; preparing the annual report, and checking with states on vacancies in members or alternates. Drake noted that given the resignation of the governor of Missouri, reappointments would be needed. Chiles attended the October 2017 and April 2018 meetings of the LLW Forum. He said that, based on presentations and discussion at the April LLW Forum, there is a possibility that the MCC will be invited to participate in a new working group to advise the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on crafting regulations that relate to topics including the disposal of very low level radioactive waste. York said participation by an MCC representative on such a group would be time well spent. York added that the time commitment would extend beyond one-day working-group meetings that follow each semi-annual LLW gathering; likely there would be two-day meetings in addition to those adjacent to LLW meetings. Working group meetings could be called as often as once a month. Chiles said it was his understanding that the NRC would reimburse travel expenses.

7. DISCUSSION on Agenda Item #6 (MCC Consultant and Contract Expenses for FY 2019): Chiles stated that the fees for legal counsel remained the same at $350/hour; The Boulay auditing proposal had recently been received and increased slightly from $9,000 in FY 2018 to $9,460 in FY 2019; Website fees by the LLW Forum remained the same, at $2,537.99 plus hosting; and the LLW Forum annual membership remained the same at $9,500. Chiles suggested a lower estimated figure for the annual reporting editing work, from $1,600 to $500. He estimated that his time reimbursable to the MPCA for FY 2018 would be less than $5,000. Regarding the budget outlook after FY 2019, Chiles mentioned two possible expense items that could go up. One is a possible increase in LLW Forum membership fees beginning in FY 2020, if federal support drops. The other is a possible proposal from the Rocky Mountain Board to the MCC to co-sponsor another of the LLW Forum meetings. No such co-sponsorship proposal has yet been received, and Chiles said he’d keep the MCC informed, and that this would be discussed in a future annual meeting before any commitments were made. If approved by the MCC, it could affect the FY 2020 or FY 2021 proposed budget.

8. DISCUSSION and MOTION on Agenda Item #7 (FY2019 proposed budget): Given the Executive Director’s report, the chair asked that the proposed budget for FY 2019 be corrected to show the revised figures for
the Boulay auditing cost and the annual report-editing cost. Chiles said he would. MOTION: That the budget be approved, as corrected (Moon; York; carried).

9. DISCUSSION on Agenda Item #8 (Other Business): the Chair asked the members for any other items of business; none was offered.

10. MOTION, Agenda Item #9 (Adjournment): MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned (York; Moon; carried). The MCC adjourned at 10:40 am CDT.

Minutes prepared by James Chiles, Executive Director