

NORTH DAKOTA REAL ESTATE APPRAISER QUALIFICATIONS AND ETHICS BOARD

Minutes- September 7, 2018 - Meeting with Governor's Office
1:00pm - Governor's Conference Room, Capitol Building, Bismarck, ND

Participants:


Policy Advisor, Governor's Office, Sean Cleary	ND Appraiser Board Chairperson Tim Timian
ND Appraiser Board member, Brock DesLauriers	ND Appraiser Board member, Corey Kost
ND Appraiser Board Staff, David Campbell	ND Appraiser Board Staff, Jodie Campbell
ND Department of Federal Financial Institutions, Commissioner, Lise Kruse	
ND Bankers Association Pres, Rick Clayburgh	ND Appraiser Association Pres., Dean Rylander
ND Appraiser Association Pres Elect, Joe Ibach	Rep Steve Maier, Grand Forks
ND Chapter of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers Pres., Chad Wigestrand	
Independent Community Banks of ND President, Barry Haugen	
Chief Operating Officer, Governor's Office, Jodi Uecker (online)	
Rep Steve Vetter, Grand Forks (Online)	A number of individuals were online

Waiver Request: The ND Department of Financial Institutions, ND Bankers Association and Governor Burgum submitted a letter, dated August 1, 2018, to the Appraisal Subcommittee (ASC) requesting the ASC initiate a temporary waiver from real estate appraiser requirements in the State of ND. The request appears to have been filed to address a shortage of appraisers and delayed turn times. The Board was not made aware of this request prior to the date of the letter.

To try to get a better understanding for the basis of the waiver request, the Board requested a meeting with the Governor, ND DFI and ND Bankers Association. Sean Cleary, Policy Advisor to the Governor scheduled the meeting for September 7. Chairman Tim Timian, Board members Corey Kost and Brock DesLauriers and Board Staff, Jodie Campbell and Dave Campbell, along with representatives from the ND Appraisers Association and ND Chapter of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural appraisers were in attendance. Following is a brief overview of points discussed:

- Sean Cleary indicated the Governor signed the waiver as an avenue to address the issues brought forward by the ND DFI and Bankers Association.
- Board Chairman Timian acknowledged the Board was on a fact-finding mission; looking for the specifics behind the waiver request.
- What can the Board do to be a part of the solution, not the problem?
- Lise Kruse indicated seeing turn time delays across the state. The waiver provides an another option for the consumer.
- Corey Kost referenced the Governor's main street initiatives: a skilled workforce, a smart efficient infrastructure and healthy vibrant communities.
- Joe Ibach referenced the Governor's initiative to education, requesting all parties, as a group, back the Appraiser Qualifications Board (AQB) implementation of the PAREA (Practical Application of Real Estate Appraisal) concept. PAREA is an alternative to gaining a portion of experience in the traditional sense.
- Challenges in completing an appraisal in rural North Dakota; access to data.
- Dean Rylander stressed looking for a long-term solution.
- Rick Clayburgh clarified that the waiver request is not an attempt to get rid of appraisers. The waiver request was made to address the delay in turn times, predominantly in the rural North Dakota. Banks are the frontline to these issues, having to face frustrated consumers.
- Need to look at the long-term unintended consequences.
- Appears to be a discrepancy in the data presented in the waiver packet and what is currently happening.
- Sean Cleary indicated the Governor is waiting to hear from the ASC. At his point, the Governor supports the waiver as it stands.
- Proposed Recommendations: 1) Work together to connect lenders and appraisers; 2) Support the AQB's implementation of the PAREA concept; 3) Implementation of a statewide data base and 4) Open communication.

Respectfully submitted,


Jodie R. Campbell, Executive Secretary