BOARD OF REGENTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Conference Call Meeting August 15, 1979

The conference call meeting of the Board of Regents of Higher Education was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Commissioner of Higher Education John A. Richardson, acting as Chairman in the absence of Ted James and at the request of Vice Chairman Mary Pace. Present were Regents Mary Pace, Lewy Evans, Shelley Hopkins and Jack Peterson.

Also present was a member of the press, Mr. Larry Elkin of the Associated Press.

Commissioner Richardson explained that the conference call meeting was necessary to authorize the expenditure of up to \$200,000 in plant fund monies to re-roof the Field House at Montana State University. The low bidder on the project, Interstate Coatings, Inc., of Seattle, Washington, requires that the bid be accepted by August 24, 1979 to allow time for delivery of materials and completion of the project before the onset of inclement weather. Commissioner Richardson explained that Andrew van Teylingen, Facilities Planner, estimated the cost of the project at \$175,000-\$180,000 and that the bid came in at \$157,000. Architect fees in the amount of \$12,000 and state Architectural and Engineering costs of \$1,600 are included in the request. A contingency fund in the amount of \$27,300 is also included. The total authorization requested is \$200,000. Commissioner Richardson explained that the increased contingency was requested because Mr. van Teylingen believes there may be deterioration in the material under the roof, and to allow an extra amount authorized in the event the contractor is unable to complete the project before bad weather sets in. Any portion of the contingency fund not needed to complete the project will revert back to plant funds at MSU.

In response to questions of the Regents Commissioner Richardson explained this project was approved by the Board of Regents on

July 11, 1977 (Item 15-215-R1276 originally sent to the Board on December 13, 1976) and that funds for the project had been requested from the legislature, but were denied. The estimated cost of the project in 1976 was \$120,000.

Commissioner Richardson made the following motion: To request that the Board of Regents approve the expenditure of up to \$200,000 of plant fund monies for re-roofing the Field House at Montana State University by Interstate Coatings, Inc., of Seattle, Washington. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Mary Pace asked that the question raised at a previous Board meeting concerning the necessity of architects' fees for roofing projects be further explored and reported back to the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

APPROVED:

Chairman, Regents of Higher Education

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