MINUTES OF BOARD OF REGENTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Conference Call August 28, 1979

The Board of Regents convened by telephone conference call at 9:26 a.m. Present in the Commissioner's office were Regents Shelley Hopkins and Jeff Morrison and Commissioner Richardson. Participating in the meeting at other locations were Regents Jack Peterson, Lola Hansen, and Lewy Evans. At the request of the Regents, Commissioner Richardson chaired the meeting. No members of the press were present.

Commissioner Richardson explained that the conference call meeting had been requested by the University of Montana to seek approval of Item 25-102-R0979, Authorization to Increase Amount Expended on Improvement of Track Facility at Dornblaser Field at the University of Montana at Missoula to \$93,000. The Board of Regents had authorized the University of Montana on June 25, 1979 (Item 24-111-R0679) to expend plant funds to improve the track facility at cost not to exceed \$60,000. The increase to \$93,000 is requested because that is the amount of the low bid received.

Regent Lewy Evans asked what caused the bids to exceed the original estimates by such a large amount. Several reasons were proffered including recommendations for a heavier base on the track and the increased costs of asphalt. It was also noted that bids seem always to come in higher than the original estimates. Commissioner Richardson stated he has had discussions with Andrew van Teylingen, Facilities Planner, on the subject of bids for capital construction projects and also on the bid opening procedures. Regent Evans requested that the Commissioner work with Mr. van Teylingen and the presidents to improve the estimate and bidding process for capital construction projects so that these items can be brought to the Board at its regularly scheduled meetings for approval.

Regent Evans moved approval of Item 25-102-R0979, <u>Authorization</u> to Increase Amount Expended on Improvement of Track Facility at <u>Dornblaser Field at the University of Montana at Missoula to \$93,000</u>. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

APPROVED:

Chairman, Regents of Higher Education

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