

**REGULAR STATE CREDIT UNION BOARD MEETING
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
2000 SCHAFFER STREET, SUITE G
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA**

March 6, 2009

The regular meeting of the State Credit Union Board was called to order by Chairman Karsky in the Office of the Commissioner, Department of Financial Institutions, 2000 Schafer Street, Suite G, Bismarck, North Dakota, at 9:32 a.m., Friday, March 6, 2009.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Timothy J. Karsky, Chairman (*Fargo*)
Paul Brucker, Member (*Office*)
Melanie Stillwell, Member (*Williston*)
Steve Tonneson, Member (*Minot*)
Darlene Watne, Member (*Minot*)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Robert J. Entringer, Assistant Commissioner (*Office*)
Corey Krebs, Chief Examiner – Credit Unions (*Office*)
Todd Van Orman, Financial Institutions Examiner (*Office*)
Suzette Richardson, Administrative Assistant (*Office*)
Aaron Webb, Assistant Attorney General (*Office*)

MINUTES PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY MAIL

Chairman Karsky indicated the Board had previously received and approved the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 5, 2008.

CONGRESS BILL PENDING

Chairman Karsky indicated that Member Brucker mentioned a bill currently in Congress by Senator Schumer.

Member Brucker explained the bill proposes to remove the 12½% total asset cap on member business loans for all credit unions.

Chairman Karsky indicated he and Chief Examiner Krebs will be meeting with NCUA to discuss the member business loan administrative rule that North Dakota currently has and ask if North Dakota makes changes what would be the chance that NCUA will approve those changes. Chairman Karsky indicated if it sounds favorable, we would proceed to make changes to our current member business loan rule. Chairman Karsky continued if the bill before Congress passes, it would alleviate a lot of problems for credit unions nationwide.

Members Stillwell and Tonneson indicated they also are aware of the bill.

Chairman Karsky asked if any of the Board members have heard what NCUA's opinion is of this pending bill, and all members indicated they have not heard. Chairman Karsky indicated he felt NCUA may not be in favor of this bill which would allow credit unions to expand their commercial loan portfolios; however, the Department would be in support of this bill.

The Board went into closed session at 9:35 a.m.

Timothy J. Karsky, Chairman

Robert J. Entringer, Secretary