

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Informational Items**  
**Consent**

**AGENDA ITEM: 6 – P**  
**DATE: June 26-27, 2024**

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**SUBJECT**

**Interim Actions of the Executive Director**

**CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY**

[BOR Policy 1.1.4](#) – Executive Director

[BOR Policy 2.3.2](#) – New Programs, Program Modifications, and Inactivation/Termination

[BOR Policy 5.4](#) – Purchasing

[BOR Policy 6.6](#) – Maintenance and Repair

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION**

Per BOR Policy, the Executive Director is granted authority to act on and/or authorize approval of various requests on behalf of the Board. In instances where these actions occur, the Executive Director shall provide to the Board a summary of these requests and approvals at each regularly scheduled Board meeting.

A portion of the interim actions of the Executive Director often include authorizing maintenance and repair projects submitted by the campuses whose costs range between \$50,000 and \$250,000 using institutional funds, donations, or funds not previously approved by the Board. Other finance-related action may also be the purchase of assets between \$250,000 and \$500,000 as well as any emergency approval of maintenance and repair projects.

**IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATION**

The list provided in Attachment I summarizes the interim actions taken by the Executive Director, or his designee.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment I – Interim Actions of the Executive Director

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**INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

## INTERIM ACTIONS

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### **Maintenance and Repair Projects**

(\$50,000 - \$250,000)

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#### **Black Hills State University**

BHSU requests approval to use \$150,000 in additional ARPA funds to correct the storm water drainage issues from the Jonas Commuter parking lot to the storm water drainage ditch by Bordeaux Hall. The plan is to increase the size of the drop inlet and drainage on the Jonas Academic side and pour a concrete catch basin at the drop outlet by the Bordeaux Hall bridge, where it pours into the flood plain drainage ditch.

#### **South Dakota State University**

**Plant Storage:** SDSU is requesting use of \$100,000 in donated funds for construction of an 8' tall steel pole and woven wire wildlife fence to protect specialty crop research on the SDSU campus and to extend an existing 4" water line north to remove an unreliable existing line. The fencing will be approximately 2,450 linear feet and enclose 7.5 acres of research area on the east edge of the main campus of SDSU (roughly 800 feet east of the Oscar Larson Performing Arts Center). The water line extension is approximately 650 feet in length and located in the same area as the fencing. Work will be completed with the use of standing contractors and by competitive procurement where necessary. The project will be managed with resources from Facilities & Services at SDSU.

**West Hall Demo and Structural Improvements:** SDSU is requesting the realignment of \$97,000 of general fund maintenance and repair funding for West Hall remediation and demolition of existing walls and finishes, structural improvements to foundation and ground water/drainage mitigation work. Work will be completed by contracted services. A structural engineer will be used for analysis and design.

**Berg Ag Hall AHPS Support Lab Renovation:** SDSU is requesting the use of \$230,000 in donated funds for renovating Berg Ag Hall rooms 007 and 009 for additional lab support to the research and diagnostics lab in Berg Ag Hall. Room 007 will be renovated for plant material processing for the diagnostic lab. Workstations with sinks and an elutriator will be installed. Room 009 will be renovated to house plant growth chambers that support the research labs. Both spaces will have walls refinished, epoxy floors installed, new exhaust ventilations, plumbing modifications, and additional electrical devices to support the equipment. A new condenser water loop tied to central chilled water will be installed for the plant growth chambers. SDSU will design the renovation with F&S engineering. The demo and installation work will be done with a combination of F&S trades, standing mechanical and HVAC contractors. SDSU requests delegation of the project to the university.

**Campus Wide Energy Savings:** SDSU is requesting to utilize \$100,000 of institutional funds to hire an Energy Service Company to conduct an Investment Grade Energy Audit for campus. The study will provide information regarding the feasibility of using Energy Savings Performance Contracting as a means to complete energy efficiency upgrades and reduce energy consumption.

**Morrill Hall Shared Services Payroll Office Renovations:** SDSU is requesting to utilize \$126,640 of self-support tuition funds for shared service payroll office renovations. The project is a remodel and refresh of rooms 306 and 308 in Morrill Hall to make additional office space for the payroll shared services department. The construction portion of the project includes installation of a new door, window, painting, and carpet. New cubicle walls and furniture are also included in this project. All work to be done by SDSU Facilities and Services trades except for the installation of cubicles and assembly of the new furniture. SDSU requests the project to be delegated to SDSU due to the nature of the project scope and the use of in-house trades.

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**Capital Asset Purchase**  
(greater than \$250,000)

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**Black Hills State University**

**Illumina NextSeq 2000 Sequencing System:** BHSU utilized \$348,982.75 of institutional funds for the purchase of sequencing system. This equipment will be used to support the goals and objectives of the NIH funded SD BRIN grant. The NextSeq 2000 is necessary technology for genomic and transcriptomic research. This equipment extends laboratory research capabilities and decreases the cost of experiments by more than half. It will increase the affordability of Next Generation Sequencing technology to researchers throughout South Dakota.