

November 16-17, 2017

ITEM 177-2009-R1117

Request for authorization to construct and improve Dobbie Lambert Field Sports Facility, Montana State University

THAT

Consistent with the provision of MCA 18-2-102(2)(b), the Board of Regents of Higher Education authorizes MSU to improve Dobbie Lambert Intramural Fields at MSU-Bozeman. This authorization provides authority for a total of \$4,500,000 and authorizes MSU to borrow up to \$4.5 million from the State of Montana InterCap Loan Program to fund the project.

EXPLANATION

1. Rapid growth in student participation of outdoor sports over the past few years has created a need for sports field facilities that are available more hours of the day and throughout the academic year. This includes, but is not limited to, scheduling pressures experienced by Club Sports and intramural sports.
2. The addition of a synthetic field and lighting will provide access to an all-weather playing surface which will extend the scheduled use into the evening hours and into the shoulder seasons when weather affects the playability on natural turf.
3. At the May 2017 meeting, the Board of Regents approved a new student fee which was previously approved through a campus-wide student vote expressly for the purpose of funding this project.
4. This project will include the conversion of a natural turf field into a synthetic-infill turf surface, sports field lighting system, venue parking, scoreboard, bleachers, and a 3,000 - 3,500 sf support building for equipment storage, toilet and locker rooms, team spaces, and other incidental improvements in support of the programs.
5. The programs, services, and amenities hosted at the field sports facilities contribute to MSU's intramural sports athletic programs, student success and retention as well as function as a community interface. The field improvements will enhance the current athletic program and university and community demands. The project will improve services, functionality, safety, and aesthetics.
6. This project will be financed with a borrowing through the State of Montana Board of Investments (BOI) InterCap Loan Program for a period of up to 15 years. The loan will be repaid using Net Pledged Revenues in excess of current debt requirements, in accordance with the INTERCAP Program Agreement dated January 2, 2007 by and between the BOI and the BOR. Such Net Pledged Revenues include, but are not limited to, the new student fee approved at the May 2107 Board of Regents meeting.
7. No state funds will be requested for operations and maintenance of this existing facility.
8. This project requires the authorization of the Board of Regents and the Consent of the Governor.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Attachment #1 – Policy 1003.7