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Minutes of the
Board of Minerals and Environment
Telephone Conference Call Meeting
523 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota

June 18, 2026
10:00 a.m. Central Time

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Glenn Blumhardt. The roll was called, and a quorum was present.

The meeting was streaming live on SD.net, a service of South Dakota Public Broadcasting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Glenn Blumhardt, Bob Ewing, Gregg Greenfield, Jessica Gruenwald, Gary Haag, Doyle Karpen, Rhett Miller, Bob Morris, and Laurie Schultz.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Roberta Hudson and Tom Cline, DANR Minerals, Mining, and Superfund Program; Kayla Fawcett, DANR Solid Waste Management Program, David McVey, Attorney General's Office; Mark Nelson, Homestake Mining Company/Richmond Hill; Jasmine McCauley, Wharf Resources (USA), Inc.; Timm Comer, DTRC, LLC, and Megan O'Brien, South Dakota Searchlight.

APPROVE AGENDA: Motion by Karpen, seconded by Miller, to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 18-20, 2026, MEETING: Motion by Ewing, seconded by Karpen, to approve the minutes from the May 18-20, 2026, Board of Minerals and Environment meeting. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

MINING ISSUES CONSENT CALENDAR: Prior to the meeting the board received a copy of the consent calendar (see attachment).

Tom Cline, Minerals, Mining, and Superfund Program, was available for questions from the board. There were no questions.

Motion by Ewing, seconded by Schultz, to approve the consent calendar, as presented. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

ORAL MINING REPORTS: The annual oral mining reports were presented to the board by representatives of the large-scale gold mining companies. The representatives reported on water

treatment, production, and reclamation activities during 2025 and plans for 2026. The annual oral mining presentations are required by statute.

Mark Nelson presented the annual reports for Homestake Mining Company's Mine Permits 332, 456, and 445.

Jasmine McCauley presented the annual report for Wharf Resources (USA), Inc.

Timm Comer presented the annual report for DTRC, LLC.

UPDATE ON BROHM EPA SUPERFUND SITE: Roberta Hudson, DANR Minerals, Mining, and Superfund Program, presented the annual update for the Brohm Superfund site.

The slide presentations for the oral mining reports and Brohm EPA Superfund Site are available at <https://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=67>.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD IN ACCORDANCE WITH SDCL 1-25-1: There were no public comments.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS: The next scheduled meeting is August 20, 2026.

Mr. Karpen thanked Gregg Greenfield and Gary Haag for serving on the board. They are both resigning effective June 30, 2026.

ADJOURN: Motion by Karpen, seconded by Gruenwald, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Secretary, Board of Minerals
and Environment

Date

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<u>License Holder</u>	<u>License No.</u>	<u>Site No.</u>	<u>Surety Amount</u>	<u>Surety Company or Bank</u>	<u>DANR Recommendation</u>
<u>Release of Liability & Surety Release:</u>					
Bob Bak Construction Ravina, SD	83-61		\$20,000	American State Bank – Pierre First National Bank – Pierre Wells Fargo Bank – White River	Release Liability & \$20,000
		61002	N1/2 Section 2; T112N-R76W, Hughes County		
<u>Release of Liability:</u>					
Edmunds County Highway Dept. Ipswich, SD	83-161		Exempt	NA	Release Liability
		161007	NW1/4 Section 3; T120N-R73W, Potter County		
Faulk County Highway Dept. Faulkton, SD	83-103		Exempt	NA	Release Liability
		103002	NW1/4 Section 4; T118N-R66W, Faulk County		
Walworth County Highway Dept. Selby, SD	83-7		Exempt	NA	Release Liability
		7035	SW1/4 Section 3; T124N-R76W, Walworth County		

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<u>Release of Liability:</u>					
Harding County Highway Dept. Buffalo, SD	83-66		Exempt	NA	Release Liability
		66003	SW1/4 Section 21; T16N-R6E, Harding County		
		66004	Section 30; T22N-R2E, Harding County		
		66006	NW1/4 Section 33 and NE1/4 Section 32; T16N-R4E, Harding County		
		66015	SW1/4 Section 4; T21N-R9E, Harding County		
		66016	NE1/4 Section 7; T15N-R8E, Harding County		
		66035	SE1/4 Section 31 & SW1/4 Section 32; T17N-R4E, Harding County		
		66037	S1/2 Section 14; T17N-R2E, Harding County		
		66040	S1/2 NW1/4 Section 22; T22N-R7E, Harding County		
		66041	N1/2 NE1/4 Section 32 and SW1/4 SE1/4 Section 29; T23N-R7E, Harding County		
		66043	S1/2 NE1/4 Section 10; T17N-R9E, Harding County		
		66046	SW1/4 Section 10 and NE1/4 Section 15; T17N-R9E, Harding County		
McPherson County Highway Dept. Leola, SD	83-41		Exempt	NA	Release Liability
		41018	NW1/4 Section 1; T125N-R73W, McPherson County		

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Dan L. Meyers DBA Meyers Sand & Gravel Huron, SD	83-176		\$20,000	Sun Surety Insurance Company	Release Liability
		176005	NW1/4 Section 3; T110N-R64W, Beadle County		
Ogan Construction Pierre, SD	95-538		\$10,000	United Fire & Casualty Company	Release Liability
		538002	N1/2 Section 2; T112N-R76W, Hughes County		
R & J Gravel & Trucking Chamberlain, SD	07-841		\$20,000	Sun Surety Insurance Company	Release Liability
		841002	Section 26; T106N-R67W, Jerauld County		
		841003	NW1/4 Section 33; T104N-R61W, Davison County		
Rechnagel Construction Inc. Hurley, SD	83-135		\$20,000	United Fire & Casualty Company	Release Liability
		135030	N1/2 Section 13; T99N-R54, Turner County		
Sterzinger Crushing Inc. Taunton, MN	15-997		\$20,000	First Security Bank – Hendricks, MN	Release Liability
		997003	NE1/4 Section 13; T111N-R52W, Brookings County		
		997005	NE1/4 NW1/4 Section 36; T111N-R48W, Brookings County		