

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE RAILROAD BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. CDT

Becker-Hansen Building/Commission Room – 700 East Broadway Avenue, Pierre, SD

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jack Nelson
Steve Scharnweber

**MEMBERS PRESENT
VIA CONFERENCE CALL:** Jerry Cope, Chairman
Jon Kirby

DOT STAFF PRESENT: Shane Pullman, Kellie Beck, Jack Dokken, Perry Griffith, Misty Siedschlaw, Kyle Weinman, and Kari Kroll

OTHERS PRESENT: Ryan Yanez – Ringneck & Western Railroad; Dan Kippley – Ellis and Eastern Railroad; David Montoya – HDR; Cat Dobb – HDR; Ally Carlson – HDR; Jason Kjeustad – HDR; Mavis Best – South Dakota Soybean Processors; Tom Kersting – South Dakota Soybean Processors; Bruce Lindholm; Mark Trottier – Dakota, Missouri Valley, & Western Railroad (DMVW); Scott Van Den Topp – D&I Railroad; Dean Krueger – Rapid City, Pierre & Eastern Railroad (RCP&E); and Jerry Vest – RCP&E

**OTHERS PRESENT
VIA CONFERENCE CALL:** Dick Huff; PJ Forbes – WATCO; and Jeremiah DeJong – Northend Storage

Chairman Jerry Cope called the meeting of the South Dakota Railroad Board (the “Board”) to order at 11:00 a.m. CDT. A roll call was taken, and a quorum was determined.

Cope opened the floor to the Board members to disclose potential conflicts of interest and to present requests for waiver pursuant to the South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) chapters 3 – 23.

No conflicts of interest were disclosed, and no waivers were requested.

Cope asked for a motion to approve the April 18, 2022 Board meeting minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Scharnweber and seconded by Nelson to approve the Board meeting minutes for April 18, 2022. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Correction to the minutes date was acknowledged. It should read April 20, 2022, not April 18, 2022.

A NEW MOTION WAS MADE by Scharnweber and seconded by Nelson to approve the Board meeting minutes for April 20, 2022. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Cope opened the floor to public input.

Tom Kersting of South Dakota Soybean Processors shared with the Board their rail project south of Mitchell.

Ryan Yanez of Ringneck & Western Railroad officially introduced himself to the Board and shared the status of two project they are currently working on including the Special Transportation Circumstance (STC) grant project in Plankinton, SD.

Jack Dokken, Program Manager for the Office of Air, Rail, & Transit, presented for Board consideration a proposal to sell excess railroad property in Geddes to Jeremiah DeJong/ Northend Storage. The property requested is considered excess property and meets the Board's minimum safety requirements of 25 feet from center of mainline. DeJong currently leases the excess property and owns property adjacent to railroad right of way and would like to acquire the area outlined in blue shown below to use for their storage business.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Scharnweber and seconded by Nelson to authorize the Secretary of the Department of Transportation (the "Department") or his designee to execute all documents necessary to sell the state-owned railroad property in DeJong Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Northend Storage. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Dokken introduced Catherine Dobbs and David Montoya of HDR who presented the Board with the proposed Rail Investment Guide (RIG) for discussion.

With no other business to come before the Board, Cope adjourned the meeting at 12:48 p.m. CDT.