

SOUTH DAKOTA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. CT

Becker-Hansen Building/Commission Room - 700 East Broadway Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota

COMMISSIONER PRESENT: Rick Vallery

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VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Don Roby, Chairman
Austin Simons, Vice-chairman
Chris Frick
Lynn Jensen
Jaf Karim
Larry Nelson
Mike Vehle

DOT STAFF PRESENT: Mike Behm, Karla Engle, Mark Leiferman, Joanne Hight, Sam Weisgram, Becky Hoffman, Doug Kinniburgh, and Kari Kroll

DOT STAFF PRESENT

VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Joel Jundt, Craig Smith, Mark Peterson, Christina Bennett, and Jon Suomala

OTHERS PRESENT

VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Lindsey Willits – Association of General Contractors (AGC)

Chairman Don Roby called the meeting of the South Dakota Transportation Commission (the “Commission”) to order at 9:00 a.m. CT. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

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

No members of the Commission disclosed a conflict or requested a waiver.

Roby asked for a motion to approve the July 24, 2025 Commission meeting minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Jensen and seconded by Vehle to approve the July 24, 2025 Commission meeting minutes. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Engle then requested the Commission set a hearing date of September 23, 2025 to consider amendments to ARSD 70:01:02: 04 – Beadle County speed zone rule; ARSD 70:01:02:09 – Lawrence County speed zone rule; ARSD 70:01:02:27 – Fall River County speed zone rule; ARSD 70:01:02:32 – Hamlin County speed zone rule; ARSD 70:01:02:34 – Hanson County speed zone rule; and ARSD 70:01:02:41 – Jones County speed zone rule.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Jensen and seconded by Nelson to set the administrative hearing date of July 24, 2025, for consideration of amendments to ARSD 70:01:02: 04 – Beadle County speed zone rule; ARSD 70:01:02:09 – Lawrence County speed zone rule; ARSD 70:01:02:27 – Fall River County speed zone rule; ARSD 70:01:02:32 – Hamlin County speed zone rule; ARSD 70:01:02:34 – Hanson County speed zone rule; and ARSD 70:01:02:41 – Jones County speed zone rule. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2025 – 8.1 was adopted.

Roby opened the floor to public input.

No members of the public addressed the Commission nor offered input.

Sam Weisgram, Office of Project Development, presented to the Commission the following bid letting results:

July 16, 2025

Structure (122' Continuous Concrete) & Approach Grading

2	084J BRO-B 8007(212)	Brown County
	Prahm Construction, Inc.	\$4,975,049.15
	Structure 8.5 W & 5 N of Frederick on 102nd St over Elm Lake SN 07-019-020	

A MOTION WAS MADE by Frick and seconded by Simons to reject bids for project #2. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

August 6, 2025

Structure (96' Prestressed Girder) & Approach Grading

1	09MD BRO-B 8036(06)	Jackson County
	Corr Construction Services, Inc	\$1,061,209.80
	Structure 9.9 N & 3.3 E of Wanblee on 254th St over Cottonwood Ck SN 36-273-191	

Structure Removal (41' Steel Pony Truss & 53' Steel Pony Truss)

2	08MV, 08MW BRO-B 8030(21), BRO-B 8030(22)	Hand County
	FEISTNER GRAVEL & EXCAVATION	\$65,115.19
	Structure 8 E & 9.9 N of Miller on 368th Ave over Wolf Ck SN 30-240-151; Structure 13 E & 10.6 N of Miller on 373rd Ave over Wolf Ck SN 30-290-144	

A MOTION WAS MADE by Vehle and seconded by Jensen to approve bids for project#1 and project#2. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

With no further business to come before the Commission, Chairman Roby declared the meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m. CT.