

SOUTH DAKOTA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, May 14, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. CDT
Conference Call Meeting

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

VIA CONFERENCE CALL:

Mike Vehle, Chairman
Larry Nelson, Vice Chairman
Bruce Cull
Rod Fouberg
Jaf Karim
Don Roby
Ron Rosenboom
Benj Stoick
Kathy Zander

DOT STAFF PRESENT:

Kari Kroll

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VIA CONFERENCE CALL:

Darin Bergquist, Joel Jundt, Mike Behm, Karla Engle, Bonnie Olson, Sam Weisgram, Joel Gengler, Christina Bennett, Scott Rabern, Steve Johnson, Neil Schochenmaier, Mark Leiferman, Tony Ondricek, and Rich Zacher

OTHERS PRESENT:

VIA CONFERENCE CALL:

Mark Clausen – Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); Toby Crow – Association of General Contractors; and George Kotti – Mayor of Hot Springs

Chairman Mike Vehle called the meeting of the South Dakota Transportation Commission (the “Commission”) to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was determined.

Vehle 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) chapter 3 – 23.

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

Vehle asked for a motion to approve the April 23, 2020, Commission meeting minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Roby and seconded by Cull to approve the April 23, 2020, Commission meeting minutes. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Karla Engle, Office of Legal Counsel, addressed the Commission regarding the slightly modified procedures the Commission will follow in connection with the upcoming rules hearing to be held via a teleconference.

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

May 6, 2020 Letting

Shared Use Path

1	06NA P TAPR(27) Journey Group Companies In Salem along Dakota Street from Essex Ave. to Center Ave., Center Ave. from Dakota St. to Main St., and Main St from Center Ave to Lightner Ave.	McCook County \$344,247.00
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Landslide Repair

2	05GP P 0044(201)276 Schweigert Construction Inc. SD44 - Fm E of SD47 to 6.5 Mi W of the Platte/Winner (Missouri River) Bridge	Gregory County \$1,295,861.50
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Asphalt Concrete Crack Sealing

4	06YH, I5V6 NH-P 0013(155), 0009-192 Asphalt Surface Technologies Corporation Various Routes in the Huron Area	Beadle, Hyde, Kingsbury County \$274,184.10
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Grading for Turn Lanes, Culvert Extensions & Asphalt Concrete Surfacing

5	06JE PH 0020(190) Soukup Construction Inc Various Locations in the Mitchell Region	Davison, Lake, Lincoln, Minnehaha County \$1,745,249.99
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Cold Applied Plastics Pavement Marking

6	04JP PH 0040(222) Dakota Barricade, LLC Various locations on the State System in the Rapid City Region	Custer, Fall River, Lawrence, Pennington County \$245,909.90
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Pavement Restoration

7	070A IM-NH 0021(173) Reede Construction, Inc. Various Routes in the Mitchell Area	Aurora, Gregory, McCook County \$2,488,437.96
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Reflective Signal Backplates

8	06C4 PH 0020(181) Muth Electric, Inc Mitchell Region	Davison, Lincoln, Minnehaha, Yankton County \$395,420.42
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A MOTION WAS MADE by Fouberg and seconded by Karim to approve bids #1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Install Tire Anomaly Detection and Thermal Brake Inspection

3 0733 HR-IM Y808(01)
Muth Electric, Inc
I29 N - Jefferson Port of Entry

Union County
\$773,467.50

A MOTION WAS MADE by Rosenboom and seconded by Stoick to approve bid #3. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

May 13, 2020 Letting

Temporary Grade Raise, Rip Rap & Asphalt Concrete Surfacing

1 080U P 0025(97)196
J & J Earth Works, Inc
SD25 - 2.5 E of Roslyn

Day County
\$293,408.45

A MOTION WAS MADE by Fouberg and seconded by Cull to approve bid #1. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Vehle asked for a motion for the Commission to enter into Executive Session.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Stoick and seconded by Roby to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) for the purpose of consulting with legal counsel or reviewing communications from legal counsel about proposed or pending litigation or contractual matters. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

The Commission entered into Executive Session at 9:22 a.m.

Vehle called the meeting back to order at 10:25 a.m. A roll call verified all Commission members were present.

Secretary Bergquist presented for Commission consideration a jurisdictional transfer agreement with the city of Hot Springs. Bergquist shared background about the upcoming construction project and the city of Hot Spring's request for aesthetic improvements to the sidewalk.

Mike Behm, Division Director of Planning and Engineering provided additional details of the proposed transfer. The Department would transfer to the city of Hot Springs an approximate 1 mile stretch of SD

Highway 18 that extends from the east edge of the intersection with the northbound US Highway 18-bypass to the west edge of the intersection with US Highway 385. The city of Hot Springs would accept all ownership and jurisdiction responsibilities of the transferred segment, except the Department would continue to perform all maintenance, repair, and replacement responsibilities for two bridge structures located in the proposed transfer segment. The Department would transfer \$2.8 million in state highway funds to the city of Hot Springs. These transferred funds can only be used for the maintenance or construction of public highways and bridges. In exchange, the Department would initiate legislation to remove that segment of Highway 18 from the state trunk highway system and would rename Highway 18B to Highway 18.

Mayor George Kotti of the city of Hot Springs addressed the Commission. He thanked the Commission for its consideration of the transfer and corresponding proposed allocation of funds. Kotti explained that he supports the transfer, which he believes will benefit his community.

Due to minor technical difficulties, Chairman Vehle asked for a roll call to verify that all Commission members were still present on the conference call. All Commission members were present.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Roby and seconded by Stoick to authorize the Department to pay \$2.8 million to the city of Hot Springs in exchange for the city of Hot Springs' acceptance of jurisdiction and control over a segment of US Highway 18 in Hot Springs pursuant to an agreement negotiated by the Department. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Vehle opened the floor to public input.

No members of the public addressed the Commission or offered input.

With no other business to come before the Commission, Vehle asked for a motion to adjourn.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Cull and seconded by Rosenboom to adjourn the meeting. All present voted aye by voice vote. The motion carried and the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m. CDT.