

# SOUTH DAKOTA STATE RAILROAD BOARD MEETING AGENDA

## Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. CDT

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jerry Cope, Chairman  
Jeff Burket, Vice-chairman  
Jack Nelson

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VIA CONFERENCE CALL:** Steve Scharnweber  
Greg Carmon

**DOT STAFF PRESENT:** Joel Jundt, Kellie Beck, Perry Griffith, Misty Siedschlaw, Kyle Weinman,  
and Kari Kroll

**DOT STAFF PRESENT  
VIA CONFERENCE CALL:** Karla Engle

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ryan Yanez – Ringneck & Western Railroad; Dan Kippley – Ellis and  
Eastern Railroad; and Bruce Lindholm

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VIA CONFERENCE CALL:** Scott Van Den Top – D&I Railroads; Debra Owens – Sioux Falls Chamber  
of Commerce; Dan Bilka – All Aboard Northwest; Larry Lucas – Friends of  
Tabor to Platte Rail to Trail; and Cat Dobbs – HDR

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

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Cope opened the floor to 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.

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Cope asked for a motion to approve the July 20, 2022 Board meeting minutes.

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

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Cope opened the floor to public input.

Larry Lucas informed the Board that the Friends of Tabor to Platte Rails to Trails has sent a letter of intent to the Department of Transportation (the "Department") to apply for a Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grant for a bike path from Lake Andes to Ravinia. Lucas requested the Friends of Tabor to Platte Rails to Trails be put on the September agenda for further discussion.

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Cope asked for a motion for the Board to enter into executive session.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Burket and seconded by Nelson 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.

Executive session began at 11:05 a.m. CDT.

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Cope called the meeting back into session at 11:57 a.m. CDT. A roll call was taken, and a quorum was determined.

Secretary Jundt presented the Secretary's Report to the Board. Jundt explained the notice for funding for Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement (CRISI) grant is expected to be announced by the end of August. In addition, the Special Transportation Circumstance (STC) grant funding will be available soon. He informed the Board the Department staff will begin to work on a notice inviting proposals to be heard at the September or October meeting.

Next, he presented guidelines for reimbursement for members of the Board and the other commissions, attached to the South Dakota Department of Transportation.

Lastly, Jundt presented for Board consideration the question of allowing quiet zones to be funded with STC funds. A discussion ensued about how the state rail plan may provide guidance on funding priorities. After these discussions, there was a consensus that the Board will consider the issue of quiet zone funding at a future meeting, preferably after review of a new proposed state rail plan. The Board took no action.

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With no other business to come before the Board, Cope adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m. CDT