

**SOUTH DAKOTA STATE RAILROAD AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES**  
**December 16, 2020 at 10:45 a.m. CST**

BECKER-HANSEN BUILDING / DOT COMMISSION ROOM  
700 EAST BROADWAY AVENUE, PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jerry Cope, Chairman  
Steve Scharnweber, Secretary/Treasurer  
Jack Nelson, Member

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**VIA CONFERENCE CALL:** Jeff Burket, Vice-chairman  
Jon Kirby, Member

**DOT STAFF PRESENT:** Joel Jundt, Karla Engle, and Kari Kroll

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**VIA CONFERENCE CALL:** Jack Dokken, Misty Siedschlaw, Perry Griffith, Bonnie Olson, and Kellie Beck

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dick Huff; Alex Huff; Toby Morris; and Dustin Buntrock – Agtegra

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**VIA CONFERENCE CALL:** Scott Van Den Top – D & I Railroad Co. (D&I); Steve Mousel – D&I; Russ Hazel – Sioux Valley Regional Railroad Authority (SVRRA); Steve Coomes – WATCO; Dan Schulte – Geddes Farmers Coop; Steve & Victoria Hebel; Mark Trottier – Dakota Missouri Valley & Western (DMVW); Drew Fredrickson – Marshall Regional Railroad Authority; Mike Traxinger – Agtegra; Dan Kippley – Ellis & Eastern Company; John LeSuer – Slover & Loftus

Chairman Jerry Cope called the meeting of the South Dakota State Railroad Authority (the “Authority”) to order at 10:49 a.m. CST. A roll call was taken, and a quorum was determined.

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Cope opened the floor to the Authority 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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Karla Engle, Office of Legal Counsel, presented for the Authority’s consideration the conveyance of real property to the Department of Transportation (the “Department”). Engle provided a brief

history of the acquisition of the rail lines. The Authority was authorized to acquire many rail lines and in its course acquired the Sioux Valley line. There is a state statute that provides once all debts are satisfied on any lines acquired by the Authority, those lines are to be conveyed to Department of Transportation, formerly the Division of Railroads. In the course of reviewing the deeds and legal descriptions for the proposed sale of the Sioux Valley line it was discovered that there is a small rail line segment in Union and Sioux Counties where that conveyance hasn't taken place. The Authority needs to convey the property to the Department, irrespective of whether the sale of the Sioux Valley line is finalized.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Scharnweber and seconded by Nelson to authorize the chairman of the South Dakota Railroad Authority to execute a quit claim deed conveying to the State of South Dakota acting by and through its Department of Transportation the real property conveyed to the South Dakota Railroad Authority by Robert L. Rice and Audrey J. Rice by deed dated December 9, 1980 and filed for record on January 12, 1981 in file number 1981, card number 140 in Sioux County, Iowa and filed for record on January 20, 1981 in volume number 71 of deeds on page 23 in Union County, South Dakota. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

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Cope opened the floor to public input. No members of the public addressed the Authority or offered input.

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With no other business to come before the Authority, Cope adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.