

# SOUTH DAKOTA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

## Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. CT

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

**COMMISSIONER PRESENT:** Larry Nelson

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**VIA CONFERENCE CALL:** Jaf Karim, Chairman  
Lynn Jensen, Vice-chairman  
Ron Rosenboom  
Don Roby  
Kathy Zander

**DOT STAFF PRESENT:** Secretary Joel Jundt, Mike Behm, Mark Leiferman, Joanne Hight, Sam Weisgram, Becky Hoffman, Andrea Bierle, and Kari Kroll

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**VIA CONFERENCE CALL:** Craig Smith, Karla Engle, Doug Kinniburgh, and Katlyn Wieme

**OTHERS PRESENT**

**VIA CONFERENCE CALL:** Toby Crow – Associated General Contractors (AGC); Joe Miller – Pennington County; Garret Jeffers – Wagner, SD; Sharon Harr – Wagner, SD; Frank Kloucek – Scotland, SD; Jeff Stewart – Wagner, SD; and Leo Souplek – Wagner, SD

Chairman Jaf Karim called the meeting of the South Dakota Transportation Commission (the “Commission”) to order at 9:00 a.m. CST. A roll call was taken, and a quorum was determined.

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Karim 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 members of the Commission disclosed a conflict of interest or requested a waiver.

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Karim opened the floor to public input.

Garret Jeffers of Wagner addressed the Commission asking for reconsideration of keeping the four-lane highway through Wagner and invited the Commission to Wagner for a tour and discussion.

Sharron Harr, former mayor of Wagner, addressed the Commission, echoing the invitation to meet in Wagner.

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

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**Grading, Culvert Extensions, Asphalt Concrete Surfacing**

3	06JF PH 0020(201)	Hanson, Miner, Minnehaha County
	Prairie States Trucking	\$5,486,277.00
	Various Locations in the Mitchell Region	

**PCC Shared Use Path**

4	08ED P TAPR(41)	Minnehaha County
	Journey Group Companies	\$607,973.16
	Dell Rapids - along the W side of Old Hwy 77 fm W 10th St to W 7th St	

**Gravel Surfacing**

5	09AQ P 0020(241)0	Harding County
	Western Construction, Inc.	\$469,472.10
	SD20 - Fm the MT State Line to Camp Crook	

**MicroSurfacing**

6	089E P 0043(35)	Pennington County
	Asphalt Surface Technologies Corporation	\$599,988.84
	Various Locations in the Custer Area	

**Rout & Seal**

8	08R2 NH-P 0033(42)	Bennett, Jackson, Lyman County
	Northwest Asphalt & Maintenance	\$148,952.15
	Various Routes in the Winner Area	

**Asphalt Surface Treatment**

10	08R8 NH-P 0031(55)	Potter, Stanley, Sully, Walworth County
	Jensen Rock & Sand, Inc.	\$2,369,657.27
	Various Routes in the Pierre Area	

A MOTION WAS MADE by Jensen and seconded by Nelson to approve bids #3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 10. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

**Repair Embankment Settlement, Approach Pavement, Approach Slabs**

1	05DW P 0020(169)326	Spink County
	BX Civil & Construction, Inc.	\$623,104.00
	SD20 - Str 5.2 E of US281	

**Approach Slab Repair, Polymer Chip Seal & Berm Repair**

2 06FR, 06WW P 0011(141), NH 0013(146) Marshall, Spink County  
BX Civil & Construction, Inc. \$1,871,643.00  
US281 - Str 2 N of Tulare & SD27 - Str 2 S of Britton

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

**Epoxy Chip Seal, Column Repair**

7 04VC P 0011(94)86 Minnehaha County  
REJECTED BY SDDOT COMMISSION  
SD11 - 5.2 North of the I90 Interchange Over West Pipestone Creek

A MOTION WAS MADE by Rosenboom and seconded by Jensen to reject bid #7. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

**Rout & Seal**

9 08QU NH-P 0043(36) Custer, Pennington County  
Roadway Services, Inc. \$104,998.04  
Various Routes in the Custer Area

A MOTION WAS MADE by Roby and seconded by Nelson to approve bid #9. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

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Mike Behm, Director of Planning & Engineering, presented for Commission consideration an advancement of State Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) funds to Pennington County in the amount of \$11.962 million dollars for the Rochford Road construction project that is scheduled to be let later this month. The funds will be repaid by holding Pennington County's STBGP allocated funds for the next 10 years and funds that currently reside in their own highway and bridge account.

Joseph Miller of Pennington County addressed the Commission in support of the repayment plan.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Rosenboom and seconded by Nelson to approve the advancement of STBGP funds to Pennington County in the amount of \$11.962 million. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

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Karim asked for a motion to enter into executive session.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Roby and seconded by Zander to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) for the purpose of consulting with legal counsel and 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 9:19 a.m. CT.

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Karim called the meeting back into open session at 10:14 a.m. CT. A roll call was taken, and a quorum was determined.

Director Behm informed the Commission of possible additional conference call meeting dates for September, October, and November and asked the Commission to review their schedules. Behm indicated the meeting dates will be an item for the Commission's consideration at the March 30, 2023 meeting.

With no further business to come before the Commission, Karim adjourned the meeting at 10:17 a.m. CT.

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