

SOUTH DAKOTA RAILROAD AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 19, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. CT

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Burket, Chairman
Jack Nelson, Vice-chairman
Scott Lockwood
Steve Scharnweber
Greg Carmon

**MEMBER PRESENT
VIA COFERENCE CALL:** Ralph Schmidt

DOT STAFF PRESENT: Joel Jundt, Karla Engle, Kellie Beck, Jack Dokken, Rocky Matson and Kari Kroll

**DOT STAFF PRESENT
VIA CONFERENCE CALL:** Paul Coppock and Misty Siedschlaw

OTHERS PRESENT: Shellee Currier – WATCO and Bob Mercer – KELOland Media

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VIA CONFERENCE CALL:** Mark Trottier – Dakota Missouri Valley & Eastern (DMVW) and Dick Huff

Chairman Jeff Burket called the meeting of the South Dakota Railroad Authority (the “Authority”) to order at 11:00 a.m. CT. A roll call was taken, and a quorum was determined.

Burket 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) chapter 3 – 23.

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

Burket asked for a motion to approve the January 21, 2026, meeting minutes of the Authority.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Lockwood and seconded by Scharnweber to approve the January 21, 2026 meeting minutes of the Authority. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Burket opened the floor to public input.

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

Karla Engle, Office of Legal Counsel, addressed the Authority. She explained that a 2025 law requires the Authority to annually acknowledge review of materials provided by the Attorney General concerning open meeting laws. Engle pointed out that the updated 2026 Open Meeting brochure authored by the Attorney General had been provided to the Board as Attachment #2 for the Board's review.

All Authority members acknowledged reviewing these open meeting materials by roll call.

With no further business to come before the Authority, Burket declared the meeting adjourned at 11:03 CT.