

SOUTH DAKOTA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 10, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. CT

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

COMMISSIONER PRESENT

VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Austin Simons, Chairman
Chris Frick, Vice-chairman
Larry Nelson
Don Roby
Ron Rosenboom
Mike Vehle
Jaf Karim

COMMISSIONER PRESENT: Rick Vallery

DOT STAFF PRESENT: Joel Jundt, Karla Engle, Mark Leiferman, Joanne Hight, Becky Hoffman,
and Kari Kroll

DOT STAFF PRESENT
VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Mike Behm and Christina Bennett

OTHERS PRESENT
VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Lindsay Willits - Association of General Contractors (AGC)

Chairman Austin Simons called the meeting of the South Dakota Transportation Commission (the "Commission") to order at 9:00 a.m. CT. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Simons 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 or requested a waiver.

Simons asked for a motion to approve the August 27, 2026 Commission meeting minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Roby and seconded by Vehle to approve the August 27, 2026 Commission meeting minutes. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Simons opened the floor to public input.

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

Becky Hoffman, Office of Project Development, presented to the Commission the following bid letting results:

September 2, 2026

Grading, PCC Surfacing, Curb & Gutter, Storm Sewer

1	09V7 P 6542(04)	Perkins County
	Hulstein Excavating LLC.	\$3,625,574.05
	1st St E (Railway St) - Fm Main St E 0.1 to 1st Ave E; 1st Ave E - Fm 1st St E S 0.1 to 2nd St E; 2nd St E - Fm Main St E 0.2 to 2nd Ave E in Lemmon	

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

Structure (4-11x11 CIP Box) & Approach Grading

2	09MJ BRO-B 8055(36)	Roberts County
	Lehtola Builders, Inc.	\$884,631.55
	Structure 2.5 E & 0.5 N of Sisseton on 118 St over Little Minnesota Rv, SN 55-115-180	

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

With no further business to come before the Commission, Chairman Simons declared the meeting adjourned at 9:06 a.m. CT.