

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
SOUTH DAKOTA CORRECTIONS COMMISSION
In-Person at Rapid City Parole Office & Remotely via Microsoft Teams
October 16, 2023
9:00 – 9:35AM MST

The meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Senator Michael Diedrich at 9:02 AM.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Michael Diedrich - Chair
Mark Anderson
Senator Shawn Bordeaux
Representative Eric Emery
Judge Christina Klinger
David McGirr

DOC STAFF PRESENT:

Kellie Wasko, Secretary of Corrections
Doug Clark, Deputy Secretary of Corrections
Amber Pirraglia, Director of Prisons
Brittni Skipper, Director of Finance and Administration
Michael Winder, Public Information Officer
Nicole Gednalske, Constituent Services Coordinator
Justin Winters, Pheasantland Industries Manager

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bob Mercer, KELOLAND reporter based in Pierre, SD
John Hult, South Dakota Searchlight reporter based in Sioux Falls, SD

WELCOME

- Chairman Diedrich welcomed all to the meeting. Attendance roll call was conducted and the quorum was met.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- A motion for approval of the previous meeting minutes was made by Mark Anderson and seconded by David McGirr. A roll call vote was conducted with six (6) Ayes, zero (0) Nays and three (3) members excused. The motion carried and the minutes from the May 23, 2023 meeting were approved.

PHEASANTLAND INDUSTRIES SHOPS UPDATE:

- Director Skipper provided a financial update including the profitability of each of the PI shops over the past two fiscal years. The business management policy was referenced regarding corrective measures that are required for shops that do not make a profit.

- A motion for approval of the PI shops update was made by Mark Anderson and seconded by Eric Emery. A roll call vote was conducted with six (6) Ayes, zero (0) Nays and three (3) members excused. The motion carried.

NEW SHOP BUSINESS PLAN PROPOSAL:

- Director Skipper presented a proposed business plan that would allow Pheasantland Industries to assume operational management of the commissary program. Currently, the Department of Corrections outsources all aspects of commissary services to a private contractor. The proposed program would operate from the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls.
- A motion for approval of the proposal was made by David McGirr and seconded by Judge Klinger. A roll call vote was conducted with six (6) Ayes, zero (0) Nays and three (3) members excused. The motion carried and the proposed commissary business plan was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- John Hult of South Dakota Searchlight inquired about the timeline of the proposed commissary business plan.

SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING:

- A tentative date of Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 10:00 AM CST was decided upon.

ADJOURN:

- A motion for adjournment was made by Representative Emery and seconded by Judge Klinger. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:35AM MST.