

Fort Sisseton Commission Meeting

April 30, 2026

Minutes

3:00pm in Aberdeen

The Fort Sisseton Commission met April 30th, 2026. Commissioners Present: Bruce Prins, Kirk Jones, Casey Westmantel, Chuck Vrchota, Todd Garry, Rosie Smith, Doug Eidahl, from South Dakota GFP: Willy Collignon Tonsfeldt, Becky Wade, Rebecca Hedlund, Al Nedved, and from SD Tourism Kirk Hulstein. The meeting was called to order by Bruce Prins at 3:04pm. Minutes taken by Becky Wade.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MINUTE BY Todd, SECONDED BY Chuck. Passed unanimously.

TREASURER REPORT

\$91,447.70 in checks were processed. \$8,850.00 from Farm to Table and Haunted Fort.

Total expenses for Farm to Table were \$1446. 70-80 people attended.

Expense of \$7.50 in handling fees per gift fee policy, will ask Kristina about it.

These events have grown a lot since 2018.

There were questions about missing checks and why it took so long to cash them. We will do better.

MOTION TO APPROVE TREASURER REPORT AS TYPED BY Casey, SECONDED BY Kirk.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

INTRODUCTIONS

Ali introduced new intern, Mia, for the Fort. Lots of projects and grant writing this summer.

OLD BUSINESS

Project update: Working on Boardwalk. Will be fixing sinkhole in parking lot. Work at the hospital. Deadwood grant for windows in OQ, Carpenter, and Blacksmith areas.

Work on water lines, new sewer. All going well. Will apply again for Deadwood Grant in October.

PAST EVENTS

Between two Worlds-Online class. Had over 500 viewers.

Paint & Snack Class. 25 people attended; went great.

Hidden in plain sight.

FDR Alphabet Soup.

Groom's Sword & Bride's Veil. It was a 3-hour class with lots of talking.

Run For the Trees 5K with tours after.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mother's Day Tea.

Extra, Extra, Read all the gossip by Meghan. Online.

Discovery Thursday.

Lantern tours.

2 private ghost investigations.

1 private memorial.

Festival June 5-7. Chuck volunteered for lights. Talked about trying to get barrel racing this year.

Northern Fort Playhouse 7/10 – 7/25. Northern isn't helping as much, so we are looking for grants. Can purchase tickets online.

August 15th, Farm to Table. Decided to try pheasant this year.

OTHER NEWS

Wraps on AC units are starting to peel a little; contact Melissa Stark.

Chuckwagon fees can be upped a little.

Fundraising ideas discussed for new visitor center.

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY Todd, SECONDED BY Chuck. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.