

South Dakota One Call Notification Board Meeting

Minutes – DRAFT – Circulated July 30, 2026

Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 8:00AM CT (7:00AM MT)

This meeting was held in person at the AmericInn in Fort Pierre and via Teams.

Board Members:

Chairman, Jake VanDewater, Representing Telecommunication Companies Offering Local Exchange Service to Less Than 50, 000 Customers;
Ryan Barr, Representing Community Antenna Television Systems
Brad Wenande, Representing Investor-Owned Natural Gas Utilities;
Kay Braaten; Representing Interstate Carriers of Gas or Petroleum; Lloyd Rave, Representing Rural Water Systems;
Loren Beld, Representing Excavation Contractors;
Jim Wedin, Representing Telecommunication Companies Offering Local Exchange Service to More Than 50,000 Customers;
Steve Barnett, Representing Rural Electric Cooperatives;
John Morris, Representing Excavation Contractors; VIA TEAMS
Ryan Thompson, Representing Municipalities;

Board members not in attendance:

Vice Chairman, Scott Wiese, Representing Investor-Owned Electric Utilities;

Also in attendance:

Cody Honeywell, Legal Counsel;
Leah Ries, Dept. Of Public Safety;
Tyler Steen, Dept. Of Public Safety;
Codi Gregg, Executive Director;
Kimberly Patrick, Program Assistant

Guests in attendance:

Jill Nelson; Texas811

- 1) Codi Gregg called the meeting to order at 08:00AM CT. Motion to adopt the amended agenda was made by Ryan Barr. Lloyd Rave seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**
 - a) Introduction of new board member:
 - i) Ryan Thompson, Brookings Municipal Utilities; Representing Municipalities Board Member

- 2) Lloyd Rave made the motion to approve the May 18, 2026, board meeting minutes as printed. Loren Beld seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- 3) The Board reviewed the FY2026 4rd Quarter Financials, this was presented by Leah Ries. Brad Wenande made the motion to approve the financials. Jim Wedin seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- 4) Texas811 Quarterly Reports were presented by Jill Nelson. In reviewing damage data, the Board would like to see more online Portal usage. Jill Nelson went over the slides through discussions the Board would like more data on root cause and “hot” damage areas in the State. Texas811 also made the point that homeowner tickets could also be increased.

Executive Director Discussion Items:

- 5) Codi Gregg went over the renewal of the May Adam Letter of Engagement, FY27 signed. No questions were asked by the Board.
- 6) Codi Gregg presented the CY2026 Forecast Review.
- 7) Codi Gregg went over the Midnight State Rule Update and summary of notifications sent to stakeholders and others.
- 8) South Dakota One Call’s Enforcement Panel met on the following complaints and Recommendations have been issued. Today, does the One Call Board accept the recommendations of the Enforcement Panel? The Board shall pursue collections activity if the conditions as started are not met. The Panel may issue a penalty, suspending a portion of the penalty if the respondent meets the following conditions:
 - a) Respondents must not be found guilty of a One Call violation within twelve months of the Board Order being issued.
 - b) Penalty payment must be received within 30 days of the Board Order.
 - c) Respondent must attend a Damage Prevention Meeting.
 - d) Respondent must conduct an in-house safety meeting to discuss dig laws.
 - e) Respondent and Claimant are to meet to discuss the complaint, possible dig in scenarios and safe excavation practices.

These complaints below were approved together in one motion. Jim Wedin made the motion to accept the panels recommendations and issued board orders. Loren Beld seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- f) OC24-031 In the matter of the complaint filed by MidAmerican Energy Co., Iowa City, IA against D & G Concrete, Sioux Falls, SD for an incident occurring on August 1, 2024 at S Perry Lane and E Willow Street in Harrisburg.
Panel recommends an unintentional violation of 49-7A-5 with \$1,000 with \$0 suspended. D & G made full payment on 7/7/2026.



- g) OC24-033 In the matter of the complaint filed by City of Rapid City, SD against Black Hills Energy, Rapid City, SD for an incident occurring December 13, 2024 at East St Patrick Street and Cambell Street in Rapid City. **Panel recommends complaint be dismissed for lack of probable cause.**
- h) OC25-023 In the matter of the complaint filed by Olstad Construction, Hot Springs, against USIC / Black Hills Energy, Rapid City, for an incident occurring November 20, 2025 at 12911 Argyle Road in Hot Springs. **Panel recommends complaint be dismissed for lack of probable cause.**
- i) OC26-018 In the matter of the complaint filed by Montana Dakota Utilities, Bismarck, ND against JBS Plumbing, Black Hawk for an incident occurring September 9, 2025 at 125 Westgate Road, Lot 112 in box Elder. **Panel recommends intentional violation of 20:25:03:05:03, with \$2,000 penalty with \$1,000 suspended with requirements.**

These complaints were motioned and seconded individually with board members abstaining.

- j) OC24-025 In the matter of the complaint filed by Dave's Construction, Sioux Falls against CenturyLink / Lumen, Sioux Falls for an incident occurring on June 6, 2024 at 4100 E 49th Street in Sioux Falls. **Panel recommends unintentional violation of 49-7A-8, with \$1,000 penalty with \$500 suspended with requirements. The Panel recommends dismissing the violation of 20:25:03:05:04 due to no probable cause, and dismiss 49-7A-9 as the Board cannot take action on this violation.** Loren Beld made the motion. Lloyd Rave seconded. Roll call vote, Motion carried, Jim Wedin abstained.
- k) OC25-002 In the matter of the complaint filed by northwestern Energy, Mitchell against Underground Solutions, Sioux Falls for an incident occurring on January 28, 2025 at 27274 Kenworth Place in Sioux Falls. **Panel recommends unintentional violation of 20:25:03:05:03 with \$1,000 penalty with \$500 suspended with requirements.** Loren Beld made the motion. Jim Wedin seconded. Roll call vote. Motion carried. Brad Wenande abstained.
- l) OC25-020 In the matter of the complaint filed by RCS Construction, Rapid City against CenturyLink / Lumen, Sioux Falls for an incident occurring on October 6, 2025 at 601 West Sunnydale Road in Box Elder. **Panel recommends complaint be dismissed or lack of probable cause.** Loren Beld made the motion. Kay Braaten seconded. Roll call vote, motion carried. Jim Wedin abstained.
- m) OC26-001 In the matter of the complaint filed by northwestern Energy, Huron against L & L Sons Excavating, Inc. In Hazel for an incident occurring on February 20, 2026 at 32 West Williams Streets in Hazel. **Complaint was withdrawn by northwestern. Panel recommends dismissing the complaint.** Lloyd Rave made the motion. Steve Barnett seconded. Roll call vote, Motion carried. Loren Beld and Brad Wenande both abstained.

- n) OC26-002 In the matter of the complaint filed by northwestern Energy, Mitchell against Sentry Construction, Watertown for an incident occurring on April 14, 2026 at 350 North Harmon Drive in Mitchell. **Panel recommends unintentional violation of 49-7A-5 with \$1,000 penalty with \$500 suspended with requirements. Sentry made the full payment on 6/25/2026.** Ryan Barr made the motion. Jim Wedin seconded. Roll call vote, motion carried. Brad Wenande abstained from voting.
 - o) OC26-003 In the matter of the complaint filed by northwestern Energy, Mitchell against Slowey Construction, Yankton for an incident occurring on October 14, 2025 at 2601 Fox Run Parkway in Yankton. **Panel recommends intentional violation of 49-7A-12 with \$2,000 penalty with \$1,000 suspended with requirements.** Jim Wedin made the motion. Loren Beld seconded. Roll call vote, motion carried. Brad Wenande abstained from voting.
- 9) Policies and procedures to collect unpaid penalties and possible changes. Discussion was held amongst the Board on how to collect unpaid penalties. The Board stated that they don't feel that blocking a SD811 Portal account would be a good idea. Further discussion on going through the legal process on collecting these funds would be a better idea.
- 10) Damage Prevention Discussion Items
- a) 811 Day
 - i) Codi Gregg gave an update on the Proclamation for 811 Day.
 - b) Staking University Locator School – Rapid City, October 6th and 7th.
 - c) Black Hills Damage Prevention Meetings
 - i) March 10 – Safety Day in Rapid City.
 - d) SD811 to be featured in the DPS newsletter at the end of July.
 - e) Newsletter late August
 - f) State Fair – DPS / SDREA Booth
 - g) Meeting with surrounding states to discuss 811 programs
 - i) Codi Gregg went into further discussion on this opportunity to meet with surrounding states. All states except Iowa will be able to attend either in person or through Teams.
 - h) Presentation from 811 Spotter
 - i) 811 Spotter introduced ticket management software that would benefit the Excavator. This software would be paid for by the Excavator, and no financial weight would be on SD811. The Board appreciates CJ and Bob for their time and presentation.
- 11) Board Discussion on adding phone numbers to the locate tickets for the utilities.
- a) Executive Summary from Texas811 on feasibility.
 - i) Discussion was held on what was the goal on these phone numbers. After more information and discussion from Texas811 this feature can be explored with the upgraded software version coming later. Furthermore, the Board stated that the Complaint Process is in place if there is a violation that needs to be addressed.
- 12) Strategic Plan Meeting schedule
- a) Budget Presentation and Budget approval

- b) Budget Approval – Board Meeting scheduled date
 - i) Discussion was held on the remaining amount of the budget, 40% is remaining. Codi Gregg introduced the discussion on re-introducing an application for smart phones. Since the last application was unable to be updated, it was ultimately sun downed. This new app would allow locate requested to be completed with 5 touches verses 100 touches that submitting tickets via phone or online require. Jill Nelson, Texas811, went over the estimated costs of the application. The Board thought that this idea would be a benefit for all stakeholders and asked for more information. Codi Gregg will work with Texas811 to get the process underway.
 - ii) Budget Approval Board Meeting will be held via Teams on August 6, 2026, at 2PM CT.
- 13) Enforcement Hearing held July 21, 2026, Docket OC25-022. Cody Honeywell clarified the hearing process, parties involved and procedures.
- 14) Vice Chair Recognition
 - a) Codi Gregg presented a card and thanked Ryan Barr for his knowledge and efforts while he held the vice chair position.
- 15) Public Comment
 - a) No public comment was made
- 16) Lloyd Rave made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Loren Beld seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.

Notice of future One Call Board Meetings:

November 10 – Sioux Falls One Stop

Notice of Safety Conferences:

Texas811Damage Prevention Summit, Galveston, October 7 – 9, 2026

Notice of future One Call Enforcement Panel Meetings:

Panel Members will be notified.

Announcements:

Materials presented at this meeting are available on the South Dakota 811 website, www.sd811.com as well as the South Dakota Board and Commissions website at <http://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov>. These are also available by contacting Codi Gregg at codi@sd811.com or by calling (605) 863 – 0951.