

South Dakota One Call Notification Board Meeting

HEARING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 1:00PM CT (NOON MT)

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

Board Members in attendance:

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;

Ryan Thompson, Representing Municipalities;

Board Members unable to attend:

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

Board Staff and Representation in attendance:

Cody Honeywell, Legal Counsel;

Tyler Steen, Dept. of Public Safety;

Codi Gregg, Executive Director;

Kimberly Patrick, Program Assistant

1. Ms. Catherine Williamson called the meeting to order at 1:02PM CT. Codi Gregg called roll, quorum was established.
2. OC25-022 In the matter of the complaint filed by ATV Holdings, DBA Mitchell Telecomm, Mitchell, SD against H & W Contracting, LLC. Sioux Falls, SD for an incident occurring on August 4, 2025 at 612 North main Street in Mitchell.

Mitchell Telecomm requested a Hearing on April 17, 2026 per SDCL 49-7A-27. Today, the Board shall conduct the hearing as requested. Shall the Board of South Dakota One Call accept the recommendation of the Enforcement Panel?

Loren Beld made the motion to enter in executive session. Lloyd Rave seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.** Board entered executive session at 4:38PM, under SDCL 1-25-2, Section 3. The board moved out of executive session at 5:15PM.

Steve Barnett made the motion probable cause did exist in the unintentional violation of 49-7A-12, recommending a penalty in the amount of \$1,000 with \$500 suspended with H & W meeting the conditions listed below:

1. H&W must not be found guilty of a One Call violation within twelve months of the Board Order being issued.
2. Penalty payment must be received within 30 days of the Board Order.
3. H&W must attend a Damage Prevention Meeting.
4. H&W must conduct an in house safety meeting to discuss dig laws.
5. Respondent and Claimant are to meet to discuss the complaint, possible dig in scenarios and safe excavation practices.

Steve Barnett added that he hopes H & W will consider empowering employees with the authority to report damages. Ryan Thompson seconded the motion. **Motion carried.** Jake VanDewater abstained from the motion and vote.

3. Ryan Barr made the motion to adjourn the hearing and dismiss the Board of Directors. Jim Wedin seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.** Adjourned at 5:20PM.