South Dakota Ellsworth Development Authority

Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting

6/12/2025 8:30 AM (Mountain)
David Lust Accelerator Building (Elevate Rapid City)
Upper Conference Room
18 East Main Street, Rapid City, SD

Welcome - Chairman Al Rieman called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Introductions – All attendees provided a quick introduction for the group.

Board Members Present - Roll Call

Mike Cartney (virtually)_X_ Tom Johnson_X_ Steve Kalkman_X_ Galen Niederwerder_X_

~~Stanley Porch~~____ Quentin Riggins_X_ (Chairman) Al Rieman_X_

Guests:

Scott Landguth _X_ Tony Nishimura (virtually)_X_ Howie Aubertin_X_ Greg Erlandson_X_

Kayla Giesey_X_

Conflict of Interest Disclosure / Request for Waiver - Action Item

Pursuant to SL 3-23-1 and absent a waiver, no elected or appointed member of a state authority, board, or commission may have an interest in or derive a direct benefit from any contract(s).

Does any SDEDA BOD member have an interest in or derive a direct benefit from any existing or future contract(s)? ***None***

Approval of Agenda - Action Item

Quentin Riggins moved to approve; Mike Cartney second. Motion passed

Approval of 7/17/2024 Minutes - Action Item

Steve Kalkman moved to approve; Quentin Riggins second. Motion passed.

SDEDA Overview, Legal Review, and Introductory Immersion Discussion

Greg Erlandson provided a brief overview of the origins of SDEDA, as well as the legal background and legal standing of the Authority. He reviewed the duties of the board members and rules of serving on the board. Mr. Erlandson discussed the requirements for open public meetings and actions as it relates to SDEDA. He also discussed the procedure and purposes of utilizing Executive Session with the board. Finally, he provided an overview of all things which govern SDEDA, which includes the South Dakota Legislature, SD Statue 1-16J, state laws, and the SDEDA bylaws.

Financial Reports

Kayla Giesey from Casey Peterson provided a review of the proposed fiscal year 2026 SDEDA budget. She subsequently reviewed 2025 financials as of the end of May 2025.

Executive Session

Galen Niederwerder moved to enter into executive session; Mike Cartney second. Motion passed.

The Authority Members will consider going into executive session pursuant to the provisions provided for executive sessions under S.D.C.L. 1-25-2 and/or S.D.C.L. 1-16J-18.

Galen Niederwerder moved to exit executive session; Quentin Riggins second. Motion passed.

Reconvene Meeting

2026 Budget - Action Item

Galen Niederwerder moved to pass the budget. Tom Johnson second. Motion passed. Resolution 25-1 adopting the 2026 SDEDA budget signed by Scott Landguth.

Approval of contract for 2025 audit - Action Item

Steve Kalkman moved to approve the contract with the audit company. Quentin Riggins second. Motion passed. Scott Landguth signed Resolution 24-4, Approval of contract for 2025 audit.

Check Signing Authority – Discussion Topic

Scott Landguth provided background information and justification for requesting additional members of the board to be added as check signing officials. Although the Executive Director and the Board Chairman are typically the only two individuals authorized to sign checks for SDEDA, there are times when another signer may be required due to absence, illness, or other reasons of unavailability.

Motion by Galen Niederwerder for either the Chairman or the Executive Director to add a specified board member as a signatory for approving bills and signing checks. Steve Kalkman second. Motion passed. Scott Landguth signed Resolution 25-3, Expanding Authority for Check Signing.

Water Project Update

Howie Aubertin provided background information and an update on the current status of the Ellsworth Community Clean Water Project. The project is currently on time, with service connections to homes occurring in the September to November 2025 timeframe, completion of the project expected in December 2025, and project acceptance by Rapid City and Box Elder in the January to February 2026 timeframe.

HUD Grant Update

Scott Landguth provided background information and an update on the $30 Million HUD Grant awarded to SDEDA. The intent is to help fund housing trust funds throughout the Black Hills. Release of these funds will most likely be project driven. It is expected that these funds will begin to be utilized starting this year (2025).

Meeting Frequency Discussion

Steve Kalkman recommended the board meet on a quarterly basis. For the time being, the SDEDA board will work to schedule regular, quarterly board meetings.

Adjournment

Steve Kalkman moved to adjourn. Al Reiman second. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 am.