

SOUTH DAKOTA RAILROAD AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 12:02 p.m. CDT

Becker-Hansen Building/ Commission Room – 700 E. Broadway Ave, Pierre SD

MEMBERS PRESENT

VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Jeff Burket, Chair
Jerry Cope, Vice Chair
Steve Scharnweber, Secretary-Treasurer
Jack Nelson

DOT STAFF PRESENT: Joel Jundt, Karla Engle, Kellie Beck, Jack Dokken, Misty Siedschlaw, Perry Griffith, Katlyn Wieme, and Kari Kroll

OTHERS PRESENT: Dan Kippley – Ellis & Eastern Company and Jerry Vest – Rapid City, Pierre & Eastern Railroad, Inc. (RCP&E)

OTHER PRESENT

VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Deb Cooney – Lake Andes Farmers Cooperative Company; Dan Bilka – All Aboard Northwest; Alex Huff; and Dick Huff

Chair Jeff Burket called the meeting of the South Dakota Railroad Authority (the “Authority”) to order at 12:02 p.m. CDT. A roll call was taken, and a quorum was determined.

Burket opened the floor to the Authority members to disclose potential conflicts of interest and to present requests for waiver pursuant to the South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) chapters 3 – 23.

No conflicts of interest were disclosed, and no waivers were requested.

Burket asked for a motion to approve the March 15, 2023 Authority meeting minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Cope and seconded by Nelson to approve the March 15, 2023 Authority meeting minutes. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Jack Dokken, Office of Air, Rail, and Transit, presented to the Authority the recommendation by the Department of Transportation (the “Department”) to re-approve the 500 feet of track removal permit to include the corrected 260 feet of grade lowering, with the requirement that in the event the rail line becomes reactivated, Lake Andes Farmers Cooperative Company would pay for the restoration of the

grade, steel, and other components necessary to the design requirements of the railroad restoration project.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Scharnweber and seconded by Cope to re-approve the 500 feet of track removal permit as recommended by the Department. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

Burket opened the floor to public input.

No one from the public addressed the Authority or offered input.

With no other business to come before the Authority, Burket adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m. CT

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