

**Minutes of the
South Dakota – Ireland Trade Commission
Thursday, September 12, 2024, 1:00 PM Central Time**

DANR Large Conference Room and Virtual
Joe Foss Building
523 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre SD, 57501

Meeting Called to Order:

Board Members Present: Sen. Lee Schoenbeck, Sen. Ryan Maher, Rep. Chris Karr, Secretary Hunter Roberts (DANR), Luke Lindberg (South Dakota Trade)

Board Members Absent: Rep. Steve Duffy

Others: Brian Walsh and Timothy Schoonhoven, DANR

Election of Chair (SDCL 1-57-3): Motion by Schoenbeck, seconded by Karr, to nominate Sen. Ryan Maher as chair. A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Election of Vice Chair: Motion by Karr, seconded by Roberts, to nominate Sen. Lee Schoenbeck as vice chair. A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion

- Schoenbeck – provided an update on his work with South Dakota State University on the possibility of an educational exchange program with the College of Dublin.
- Karr and Maher – provided an update and takeaways from their trip to Ireland.
- Schoonhoven – Presented general SD – Ireland trade information (presentation attached).
- Group – general discussion on SD – Ireland trade opportunities.

Action Items:

- Lindberg / Karr - gather relevant SD and Ireland contacts to include in further discussions / meetings.
- Maher – coordinate with Irish contacts on potential attendance at future meetings.
- Schoonhoven/Walsh – begin drafting annual report (SDCL 1-57-6).

Potential Future Meetings:

- Early October – pending potential education exchange agreement.
- October 24 in Sioux Falls

Public Comments: No public comments were made.

Adjourn: Motion by Schoenbeck, seconded by Karr, to adjourn. A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned.