

**Minutes of the
South Dakota – Ireland Trade Commission
Wednesday, January 8, 2025, 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. Ryan Maher, Rep. Steve Duffy, Luke Lindberg (South Dakota Trade)

Board Members Absent: Sen. Lee Schoenbeck, Rep. Chris Karr, Secretary Hunter Roberts (DANR)

Others: Brian Walsh and Timothy Schoonhoven, DANR

Approval of October 24, 2024, Meeting Minutes: Motion by Lindberg, seconded by Duffy, to adopt the October 24, 2024, minutes as presented. A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion:

- Present commissioners were uncertain regarding the status of draft legislation for proposed legislative changes to SDCL 1-57-2. Representative Karr is leading that effort.
- Maher relayed that Sen. Schoenbeck recently informed him that the education exchange agreement between South Dakota State University and University College Dublin is still in progress, and no other more recent information was available to present commissioners.
- Lindberg alerted the commission that South Dakota Trade has begun researching South Dakota companies that do business in Ireland. They have encountered some delays accessing data but expect to have more information soon. South Dakota Trade plans to recruit companies for a trade mission to Ireland that would correspond with the American Irish State Legislators Caucus 2025 Summit scheduled for August. South Dakota Trade will create a one-page flyer to recruit companies and likely start advertising 3-4 months in advance of the opportunity. This is one of several trade missions currently being planned for 2025.
- Brian Walsh, SD DANR, updated the commission that Secretary Hunter Roberts is currently on a trade mission to India with the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, engaged in meetings to promote SD biofuels and other opportunities for SD agriculture.
- Duffy shared that the commission's Irish contact, Senator Daly, is currently campaigning for reelection.

Next Meeting Date: Maher, who is an outgoing legislator, anticipated that Karr, the returning member, will appoint new commissioners and convene a reorganization meeting to select a new chair soon. Walsh affirmed that DANR will continue to staff the Commission until the supporting agency assignment is changed through legislation if such legislation as discussed in the

October commission meeting is adopted. Scheduling and planning an agenda for the next commission meeting is deferred to returning member Karr.

Meeting Ended

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