

**Minutes of the
South Dakota – Ireland Trade Commission
Thursday, October 24, 2024, 1:00 PM Central Time**

USD-SF Campus and Virtual
Building: USD FSC1 Room 208
4701 N. Career Ave.
Sioux Falls, SD 57107

Meeting Called to Order:

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

Board Members Absent: None

Others: Brian Walsh – DANR, Paul Sweetman – American Chamber of Commerce Ireland, Judd Guthmiller – Daktronics, Senator Mark Daly – Ireland, Enda Carroll – University College Dublin, Chelsea Limoges – USD, Joshua Reynolds, Edward Newburn, Rachael Weiland – South Dakota Trade

Approval of September 12, 2024, Meeting Minutes: Motion by Karr, seconded by Duffy, to adopt the September 12, 2024, minutes as presented. A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion

- Sweetman – thanked the commission for the important work they are doing and highlighted the importance of foreign direct investment in Ireland.
- Schoenbeck and Carroll – updated the commission on the progress of the education exchange agreement between SD SDSU and the University College Dublin.
- Senator Daly – thanked the commission for the important work they are doing, highlighted opportunities for in and out of country engagement, and discussed the idea of inviting parliamentary committee members to visit South Dakota. Indicated he would provide a list of committee members after the upcoming election when committee assignments are complete.
- Lindberg – highlighted South Dakota Trade’s ability and willingness to assist, where appropriate, with foreign delegation visits to South Dakota and South Dakota visits to Ireland.
- Guthmiller – highlighted Daktronics foreign assets in Ireland and around the world, told the story of how Daktronics ended up in Ireland, and discussed the impact of the global supply chain on their business.
- Limoges – discussed USD’s business consulting program efforts to bridge the gap between higher education and industry.
- Karr – discussed potential next steps for the commission.
- Schoenbeck – discussed proposed legislative changes.

2024 Annual Report: Motion by Karr, seconded by Schoenbeck, to approve and for DANR to submit the 2024 Annual Report by the November 1 deadline pending addition of proposed legislative recommendations and Ireland trip summary submitted by Maher. A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Legislative Changes: Motion by Schoenbeck, seconded by Karr, to recommend the Legislative Research Council draft legislation to make the following changes to the commission's statutes:

- Revise SDCL 1-57-2 as follows:
 - Revise subsection 4 to remove the automatic appointment of the secretary of the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources and replace it with a member of the executive branch appointed by the Governor.
 - Add two additional members to the commission:
 - A representative of a South Dakota private industry, appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate.
 - A representative of a South Dakota private industry, appointed by the speaker of the House.
- Revise SDCL 1-57-3 to have the administrative services of the commission provided by the legislature's Executive Board instead of the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Set Next Meeting Date: Motion by Roberts, seconded by Karr, to set the next commission meeting date to January 8, 2025, at 1:00 PM central time, in Pierre and online. A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: No public comments were made.

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

Meeting Adjourned.