

South Dakota Science and Technology Authority Board of Directors
Special Telephonic Meeting Minutes
Friday, July 24, 2020
Lead, South Dakota

The Board of Directors of the South Dakota Science and Technology Authority (SDSTA) convened at 8:00 a.m. Mountain Time (MT) on Friday, July 24, 2020, via teleconference. The SDSTA office was operating with limited onsite personnel at the time of the board meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic; a conference number was posted on the agenda with an invitation for members of the public to participate in the meeting by telephone.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD IN ATTENDANCE BY TELEPHONE

Secretary/Treasurer Patricia Lebrun

Mr. Roger Musick

Chairperson Casey Peterson

Vice-Chairperson Ron Wheeler

Dr. Robert Wilson

Dr. James Rankin, *ex-officio member*

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT

Dr. Ani Aprahamian

Vice-Chairperson Dana Dykhouse

SDSTA STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Tim Engel, Legal Counsel (by phone)

Mr. Mike Headley, Executive Director (by phone)

Ms. Mandy Knight, Administrative Services Manager

Mr. Will McElroy, Operations Program Manager

Ms. Staci Miller, SURF Foundation Director (by phone)

Mr. Allan Stratman, Engineering Director (by phone)

Mr. Matthew Symonds, Business Services & Contracts Manager (by phone)

Ms. Constance Walter, Communications Director (by phone)

Ms. Natasha Wheeler, Administrative Assistant

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER

ITEM 1A. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Chair Casey Peterson called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. (MT). Chair Peterson declared a quorum was present, consisting of board members Ms. Pat Lebrun, Mr. Roger Musick, Chair Peterson, Mr. Ron Wheeler and Dr. Bob Wilson. Dr. Ani Aprahamian and Mr. Dana Dykhouse were absent.

ITEM 1B. INTRODUCE GUESTS (LISTENING POST IN LEAD)

The SDSTA office was operating with limited onsite personnel at the time of the board meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Chair Peterson asked participants to identify themselves. Ms. Mandy Knight, Mr. Will McElroy and Ms. Natasha Wheeler were present at the listening post in Lead. Mr. Tim Engel, Mr. Mike Headley, Ms. Staci Miller, Mr. Allan Stratman, Mr. Matthew Symonds and Ms. Constance Walter joined by phone.

ITEM 1C. PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

Chair Peterson said no public comment forms were submitted before the meeting. He said if anyone on the phone had a public comment, they could address the board during the correlating item on the agenda.

ITEM 2. APPROVE AGENDA

Chair Peterson asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion by Ms. Lebrun and seconded by Mr. Musick to approve the agenda as presented. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 3. GENERAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

Mr. Engel asked if any member of the board, who feels they have anything that might be construed to be a conflict of interest, to disclose it verbally.

No conflicts of interest were disclosed.

Dr. Jim Rankin joined the meeting by phone at 8:04 a.m.

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN RCS CONSTRUCTION AND SDSTA

Mr. Headley asked for the approval of a contractual agreement between SDSTA and RCS Construction of Rapid City, South Dakota to complete the installation of potable and industrial water lines at the Ross Complex. He prefaced testing of hydrants, water flow and aging infrastructure revealed that not enough water can be provided in case of a fire emergency and Ross plumbing is outdated and both are not up to code. He said updates to Yates and Ross Complex waterlines are line items on the infrastructure improvement plan developed between SDSTA and DOE, and the Ross Complex waterlines have been prioritized due to Long Baseline Neutrino Facility (LBNF) construction. He said that two bids were received for the project, and RCS Construction won with the lowest cost and most acceptable technical bid, at \$1.398 million. Mr. Headley said the final paperwork is being completed with DOE. The project is likely to be done in two phases; work would be completed this fall weather permitting and work would resume in the spring when good weather returns. The contract allows one year for RCS Construction to complete their work, and the contractor has agreed not to charge SDSTA for demobilization and remobilization between weather-phases of the project. Mr. Headley said advantages of working with RCS Construction include their familiarity with the site as current subcontractors to Kiewit-Alberici Joint Venture (KAJV) and their commitment to safety. Mr. Headley also confirmed that DOE would contribute additional funds to the Cooperative Agreement to fund the project.

Motion by Mr. Wheeler and seconded by Ms. Lebrun to approve the agreement between SDSTA and RCS Construction to install the potable and industrial waterlines at the Ross Complex and to authorize the SDSTA Executive Director to sign it. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comment forms submitted at the beginning of the meeting. Chair Peterson asked if there were any other public comments and there were none.

ITEM 6. BOARD COMMENTS

Chair Peterson asked if there were any questions or comments from the board. Dr. Wilson offered his congratulations for the professional approach to the contract.

Mr. Wheeler complimented Mr. Headley and the team for the anticipated favorable MOD rate for SDSTA's worker's compensation insurance program.

Mr. Headley added context to Mr. Wheeler's comment and said recent evaluation shows worker's compensation rates are expected to be lower for the upcoming year. Mr. Headley also noted that SDSTA is proud the South Dakota Transportation Commission will name a section of U.S. Highway 18 in honor of Dr. Ernest Lawrence, a South Dakotan who has made a significant impact in physics.

Chair Peterson remarked the naming of the highway is great, and thanked Mr. Headley and Mr. Jones on their insight and work on the naming application. He added, although South Dakota was one of the last states to pioneer, it is a pioneer in science, ongoing with the lab.

ITEM 7. ADJOURN

Chairperson Peterson thanked everyone, wished them well and asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Dr. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Musick to adjourn. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 a.m. (MT) on July 24, 2020.