**South Dakota Association of County Commissioners**

**Board of Directors Board Teleconference Meeting**

**Monday, August 24, 2020**

**MINUTES**

The SDACC Board of Directors met on Monday, August 24, 2020 via teleconference. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Cindy Heiberger, President; Deb Russell, 1st Vice President; Rachel Kippley, 2nd Vice President, Duane Sutton, Jim Schmidt, Brenda Bode, Bill Floyd, and Dave Albrecht. Staff present: Bob Wilcox, Executive Director, Kris Jacobsen, Deputy Director and Eric Erickson, Attorney, Cutler Law. Absent: Brenda Hanten, Treasurer; Gary Jaeger, Past President; Robert Olson, Casey Krogman, and Gary Drewes. Quorum was established.

President Heiberger called the meeting to order.

Eric Erickson briefed the Board regarding the *Amici Brief of ND Farm Bureau, ND Grain Dealers Assoc, ND Grain Growers Assoc, SD Corn Growers Assoc and SD Farm Bureau Federation in Support of Defendant-Intervenor-Cross Claimant Dakota Access LLC* (Copy included in Minutes Book). Dan Lederman, associated with Dakota Access Pipeline shared this “Friends of the Court” document in an effort to gain support from the association. Executive Director Wilcox contacted the North Dakota Association of Counties (NDACo) and reported to the Board that they did not sign onto the document due to the financial impact of on-going attorney / legal fees. Their decision created no negative impact from their membership. Eric Erickson expressed the same concerns of costs going forward, what is the verbiage in other drafts – if any, and this could potentially end up in DC Federal court. Questions from the Board were addressed.

A Motion for the South Dakota Association of County Commissioners to remain neutral was made by Dave Albrecht, seconded by Duane Sutton. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Deputy Director Kris Jacobsen updated the Board on the current County Convention plans. To date: 50 confirmed vendors, 172 total attendees - 57 registered are County Commissioners from 21 counties. President Heiberger updated the Board on the Closing Speaker – Vaney Hariri.

Motion to adjourn was made by Duane Sutton, seconded by Jim Schmidt. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Wilcox, Executive Director