

**South Dakota Association of County Commissioners
Board of Directors Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 8, 2025
MINUTES**

The SDACC Board of Directors met on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 in SD Counties Meeting Room, located at 211 E Prospect, Pierre SD. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Dan Klimisch, President; Connie Hohn, 1st Vice President (remote); Eric Jennings, 2nd Vice President; Gary Drewes, Past President; Chad Preszler, Treasurer; Joyce Kartak, Jim Schmidt, John Claggett, Bill Floyd, Dean Karsky, Ron Rossknecht and Charles Verhulst, Staff present: Kris Jacobsen, Executive Director; Eric Erickson, SDACC Lobbyist, Kade Haley, Deputy Director. Absent: Tiffani Landeen
Guest: Holli Hennies

Quorum was established.

President Klimisch called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm CDT.

Pledge of Allegiance was spoken.

Motion to amend the agenda to add the discussion of a county think tank group under “Old Business” and approve the amended agenda was made by Bill Floyd seconded by Duane Sutton. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion to approve the December 11, 2024 Minutes was made by Jim Schmidt, seconded by John Claggett. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Board introductions were held for the new Board members.

The SDACC Financial Report was given by Treasurer Chad Preszler. A **motion to approve the Financial Report** was made by Duane Sutton, seconded by Eric Jennings. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The President’s Report was given by Dan Klimisch. He spoke of reaching out to legislative leadership to promote county government and to start speaking with county leaders for legislative candidate recruitment in 2026.

SDACC Lobbyist, Eric Erickson provided an update on the 2025 legislative session. Property taxes will be studied during the interim along with Emergency Medical Services, Community Support Provider State and Federal Efficiencies, Initial Incarceration and Re-entry Analysis and Comparison of Relevant States, and study the effects of the possible closure of the United States Department of Education. Discussion ensued regarding counties creating our own property tax study group to form county workable ideas.

Supper break at 5:50 pm, reconvened at 6:15 pm CDT.

The Board discussed a “Legislative Report Card”. Pros and Cons were reviewed. The Board directed the office to provide a list of legislators at the August Board meeting for a “Friends of County Government” award to be presented during the annual county convention.

County Commissioner Spring Workshop schedule was reviewed and assignments were distributed.

Unfinished Business: The HVAC system in the building is in need of repair. Discussion regarding the replacement options ensued. A **motion to invest up to \$125,000 in HVAC replacement** was made by Duane Sutton, seconded

by Ron Rossknecht. **Motion carried unanimously.** The subcommittee consisting of Ron Rossknecht, Chad Preszler, Jim Schmidt and John Claggett with monitor the situation.

WIR Board Representative Gary Drewes updated the Board on the upcoming Western Interstate Region (WIR) conference set to be held in Rapid City, SD on May 21-23. At this point over 300 attendees from 15 states are registered to attend. Fundraising is continuing and the agenda is in the process of being finalized.

Gary Drewes, Past President refreshed the Board regarding the SD County Reform Research Group. This would be a “Think Tank” to help with county short-term and long-term goals and be more involved in the legislative process. Subject matter of about 5-7 topics and participants will be defined. Members to include: Gary Drewes, Chair; Duane Sutton, Jim Schmidt, Chad Preszler, Joyce Kartak, Eric Jennings, Dan Klimisch, John Claggett, Dean Karsky, and Cole Heisey. First meeting to be set soon.

A motion at 7:10 pm CDT to move into Executive Session for personnel matters was made by Duane Sutton, seconded by Chad Preszler. **Motion carried unanimously.** **A motion at 7:40 pm CDT the Board to declare out of Executive Session** was made by John Claggett, seconded by Duane Sutton. **Motion carried unanimously.**

A motion to adjourn was made by Dean Karsky, seconded by Duane Sutton. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Jacobsen, Executive Director