

The Deuel County Commissioners met in regular session on October 7th, 2025, at 9:00 AM in the Commission Room of the Courthouse with Vice-Chairman Scott Fieber presiding. Those present were Commissioners Steve Rhody, Scott Fieber, Harry Mewherter and Judith Homan. Jay Grabow was absent. Also present was Auditor Courtney Parker. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. 1) Rhody moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve the agenda as presented. All voted yes and the motion carried. 2) Homan moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the September minutes. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Appointments

Item #1 Highway Superintendent Jamie Broksieck

Broksieck presented a BIG Preliminary Engineering Funding Agreement to be approved. 3) Mewherter moved, seconded by Homan to approve the BIG Preliminary Engineering Funding Agreement for bridge #20-151-200. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Broksieck gave small updates on a few different topics. Milling 3.3 miles of the Gorder Road, County Road 313, south will begin soon. The highway shop will grind and leave over winter then inject with base one next year and pave. Broksieck stated the truck that was ordered 20 months ago should be here by the end of October. The truck that was tipped over should be fixed by the end of October as well. Discussion was had on purchasing a new blade next year. Broksieck stated you can buy warranty on either Bulter Cat or John Deere for nine years. A blade can be purchased with the funds that have been saved. Broksieck explained he received a call from the State DOT shop. They are giving us the millings at the state shop, roughly 4,000 ton. It is too small for what they need it for. Broksieck explained surveyors missed some spots on the Dean Hunt road. They will be back out to resurvey and hopefully he will have that to present at the next meeting.

Item #2 4-H Educator Deb Lessman

Lessman gave an overview of the year. 90 enrolled members, 60 mastery members, 130 outreach members, 280 total memberships out of 730 available youth (38% of youth served), 52 certified volunteers, 100 short-term helpers, 152 total volunteers, 6216 volunteer hours, \$114,747.36 return on investment of volunteer time, and over 40 members went to state fair. The new schedule at county fair went well. Might be a small tweak to the chicken and rabbit show, otherwise they will keep it as is. The kids really enjoyed the barnyard Olympics and the dance. The livestock judge at the county fair commended Deuel County for having great quality livestock. Lessman explained they wrote a grant and received funds for two signs. The signs have been received. Will contact Highway Superintendent Broksieck to get them in at both the riding arena and fairgrounds. This year is the first year for the South Dakota 4-H Gala. Each county was asked to bring a silent auction item. Deuel County gave a set of cornhole boards. The South Dakota 4-H Gala will be held on Saturday November 22, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the SDSU Alumni Center, Brookings, SD.

Item #3 CLAD Director Deb Adkins

Adkins thanked the commission for their continued support and everything they do. Adkins presented her 3rd quarter report. CLAD awarded Hidewood Fiber from Toronto the 2nd quarter grant for signage. It was shared on Facebook by both parties to encourage applicants to apply as well as notify the public this grant is available. Adkins serves on a playground committee in Toronto. Adkins has asked Ryan Bjorklund from Commercial Recreation Specialists to help design the playground. There are grants offered through Commercial Recreation for the committee to apply for. The committee will work on fundraising for the rest. Adkins added that she has access to other grants through CLAD that she may apply for the playground committee. Adkins is on the nursing home project committee. She explained they had their first meeting and they are currently finding state regulations and requirements. The group seems like a good group and members are coming up with ideas. Adkins explained she attended a few different economic development gatherings.

She continues to get ideas for our rural communities from these meetings. Adkins stated a new business is coming to town and they purchased a building on main street Clear Lake. She believes this will be a great addition to our community. 4) Homan moved, seconded by Rhody to approve 3rd quarter funds in the amount of \$5000. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Item #4 Sheriff Cory Borg

Borg presented 2026 state bid vehicle prices for the Sheriff's Office. Borg quoted South Dakota State Bid for three pursuit-rated vehicles. Chevy Tahoe \$53,062, Chevy Silverado \$45,764, Ford F150 \$47,091. Borg did look at Iowa State Bid but all prices were higher. The vehicle being replaced would be Borg's. He explained he would need new lights but the cage and console would potentially work for either the Tahoe or Silverado. Equipment to go into it will be around \$10,000. Fritz Chevrolet is currently working on a bid for a Chevy Silverado Pickup. Borg asked if Fritz quotes within a few thousand of the South Dakota State Bid price, he would like to be able to choose Fritz and keep the business local. Homan agreed to keep business local if we can. 5) Mewherter moved, seconded by Homan to approve the quote from South Dakota State Bid for the Chevy Silverado at \$45,764. This motion is contingent on Fritz Chevrolet's quote of a Chevy Silverado. If Fritz Chevrolet can be within a few thousand of the state bid price, the pickup will be purchased from Fritz Chevrolet. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Item #5 Director of Equalization Deborah Meguire

Meguire presented a few vehicles from state bid to replace the current county owned vehicle they drive. Their current vehicle needs some repairs and Meguire believes it might be more than its worth. Homan asked if they could use the vehicle that is being surplus from the Sheriff's Office. Borg confirmed that would be fine. Meguire agreed their busy season is almost over and they can wait until March to use the vehicle from the Sheriff's Office. Suggestions were made to take the vehicle to Fritz Chevrolet to see if they can fix the vehicle. Parker suggested using the Durango that Zoning uses until they have their pickup back or until the vehicle from the Sheriff's Office comes available.

Item #6 Weed Superintendent Keith Goens

Goens presented quotes for new tires and rims for the 4760. WW Tire is \$4,304.16 or NTS Tire Supply in Redwood Falls is \$3,959. Goens also stated he needed another pallet of Grazon. 192 gallons of Grazon is \$9,329.28. Goens has received complaints that he has handled. This year has been a tough year for spraying with the rain and wind. Goens talked about a phone stipend and getting approved for conference. Those topics will be tabled until next meeting. 6) Mewherter moved, seconded by Rhody to purchase tires and rims WW Tire in the amount of \$4,304.16. 7) Homan moved, seconded by Fieber to purchase 192 gallons of Grazon in the amount of \$9,329.28. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Item #7 SotaSoDak Director Gary Hudiburgh

Hudiburgh presented a report on the projects SotaSoDak has been involved in. Community bench project which is currently being welded, library signage has been completed, and ball field improvements have been completed to 60%. The SotaSoDak showed support to a member as his grandfather passed away. Several team members attended the funeral in support of their team member. Hudiburgh is trying to launch an outreach campaign to target new students, volunteers and instructors.

Item #8 Plainview Dairy Representative Kees Knevelbaard

Topic was tabled until the October 21st regular commission meeting.

New Business

8) Mewherter moved, seconded by Rhody to approve Travel and Lodging for auditor and deputy. All voted yes and the motion carried.

9) Homan moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the email switch to .gov. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Discussion on the WIC contract to use office space was tabled to due to a contract error.

10) Mewherter moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the East River Resolution 25-14. All voted yes and the motion.

RESOLUTION 25-14
AUTHORIZATION TO CONSTRUCT ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION
AND DISTRIBUTION LINES ON THE PUBLIC HIGHWAYS OF DEUEL COUNTY

WHEREAS, East River Power Cooperative, Inc., of Madison, South Dakota, on the 7th day of October 2025, filed with the County Auditor of Deuel County, South Dakota, its duly verified Petition for the purpose of obtaining and acquiring one franchise for both its existing transmission lines and system and the planned extension and future expansion thereof, from Deuel County, South Dakota, by and through its County Commissioners, for the right to maintain its existing and future system and to erect and maintain poles and wires for the purpose of transmitting and distributing electricity for lighting, heating and power purposes, in, along, and over the public highways of Deuel County, South Dakota, for rural electrification throughout said County and State for a period of twenty years;

WHEREAS, said application was heard and considered by the members of the Board of County Commissioners of said County of Deuel, in South Dakota, on the 7th day of October 2025, at the hour of 9 o'clock a.m., in the Commissioners' Room, in the Courthouse, in the City of Clear Lake, Deuel County, South Dakota, due notice of said hearing having been given by mail as provided by law to all persons, firms or corporations owning or operating transmission, telegraph or telephone lines on or along any part of the highways of said County;

WHEREAS, no person, firm or corporation having appeared in opposition to the granting of such applications, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Board of County Commissioners of said County that the request contained in said Petition should be granted;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Deuel County Board of Commission that the right to construct, maintain and operate poles and wires, both for its existing transmission lines and system, and also for its future extension and expansion, fore the purpose of transmitting and distributing electricity for lighting, heating and power purposes, over, upon, along and across the public highways within Deuel County, South Dakota, for rural electrification, on a county-wide basis, for a period of twenty (20) years from and after the date and passage hereof, be, and it hereby is, granted to said East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., of Madison, South Dakota, subject to the terms and conditions of Chapter 31-26 of the South Dakota Codified Laws (1984 Revisions).

Dated this 7th day of October 2025.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

ATTEST:

Courtney Parker, Auditor

By: _____ Deuel County Auditor

Approval of Warrants

11) Rhody moved, seconded by Mewherter to pay all warrants. All voted yes and motion carried.

Paid Early: MERP 40.00 EMPLOYEE CLAIMS, MERP 70.00 EMPLOYEE CLAIMS, MERP 80.00 EMPLOYEE CLAIMS

Warrants: A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS 135.35 SUPPLIES, AT&T MOBILITY 332.32 UTILITIES, AUSTIN LAW OFFICE 1062.00 CAA FEES, BANNER ASSOCIATES INC 13327.75 PROF. FEES, BEADLE COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE 315.00 PRISONER HOUSING, BJERKE SANITATION 320.00 GARBAGE, BRATLAND LAW 1906.00 CAA FEES, BUTLER MACHINERY CO 196.25 REPAIR, CINTAS CORP 274.28 RUG RENTAL, CLEAR LAKE BUILDING CENTER 98.57 SUPPLIES, CITY OF CLEAR LAKE 210.63 UTILITIES, CLEAR LAKE COURIER 547.80 PUBLICATIONS, COLE'S PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, INC 4837.52 FUEL SUPPLIES, TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES 1999.25 CONNECT CARE, COUNTRY INN & SUITES RADISSON 705.00 HOTEL STAY, COWBOY COUNTRY STORES 51.71 SUPPLIES, DAKOTA PORTABLE TOILETS, INC 225.00 TOILET RENTAL, DEUEL COUNTY FARMERS UNION OIL 27.06 SUPPLIES, DEUEL COUNTY TREASURER 1303.84 DELINQ TAXES, DIAMOND MOWERS LLC 452.54 REPAIR, DON JELLIS WELDING AND REPAIR 831.50 REPAIR, FIRST BANK & TRUST 1140.56 CC STATEMENT, FLEETPRIDE 329.14 SUPPLIES, FRANCIS HAUGER 105.83 REIMBURSEMENT SUPPLIES, GALLS, LLC 334.79 SUPPLIES, GOODWIN TOWNSHIP 499.50 POCKET GOPHERS, GREG & DEEANNE MILLER 450.00 EASEMENT COMPENSATION, GIS WORKSHOP, LLC 4640.00 ANNUAL SOFTWARE FEE, H-D ELECTRIC COOP, INC 402.02 UTILITIES, HEIMAN INC 323.00 FIRE EXT. MAINTENANCE, HOLIDAY INN CITY CENTRE SF 1390.00 HOTEL STAY, HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY 3286.25 4TH QTR SUPPORT, INTER-LAKES COMM ACTION INC 1245.42 OCTOBER SUPPORT, ITC 2569.08 UTILITIES, JEBRO INC 71172.34 ROAD OIL SUPPLIES, JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL 371.03 REPAIR, JOSH BEKAERT 400.00 CORONER SERVICES, L G EVERIST INC 5052.45 PEA ROCK, LATC CORPORATE EDUCATION 4850.00 CDL CLASSES, DEB LESSMAN 487.06 TRAVEL REIMB., MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS 90.00 SCANNER RENTAL, BYRON NOGELMEIER 110.00 24/7 SEPT. SCRAM, NORTHWESTERN ENERGY 72.97 UTILITIES, OFFICE PEEPS INC 367.89 SUPPLIES, OTTERTAIL POWER CO 1359.64 UTILITIES, PESTS B DEAD LLC 435.00 PROF. SERVICE, POWERPLAN OIB 747.39 REPAIR, QUADIENT LEASING USA INC 786.60 POSTAL MACHINE RENT, RC TECHNOLOGIES 150.00 911 UTILITIES, RICHARDSON, WYLY, WISE, 3134.50 PROF. SERVICE, SANFORD CLINIC 1666.67 HEALTH NURSE, SD DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY 2730.00 TELETYPE SERVICE 7/25 TO 12/25, STATE OF SD 150.00 BLOOD DRAWS, SOUTH DAKOTA DEPT OF REVENUE 140779.40 EOM FEES, SDACC 3523.00 4TH QTR CLERP, SDACO 222.00 M&P FEES, SD SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION 635.00 2025 CONF. REGISTRATION, SIR LINES-A-LOT 71349.00 LINE PAINTING SERVICE, STAN HOUSTON EQUIPMENT CO, INC 3305.27 REPAIR & SUPPLIES, TRANSOURCE TRUCK & EQUIP INC 941.00 REPAIR, TWO-LANE TACTICS LLC 299.98 TACTICS COURSE, W W TIRE SERVICE INC-WTN 92.47 REPAIR

September Payroll

Commissioners \$10647.41, Election \$134.25, Auditor's Office \$11797.75, Treasurer's Office \$12118.49, State's Attorney's Office \$8708.22, General Government Building \$7408.16, Director of Equalization Office \$17469.95, Register of Deeds Office \$9942.87, Veteran Service Officer \$3419.54, GIS \$749.03, Sheriff's Dept. \$43864.47, County Assist \$402.64, 4-H \$93.63, Extension Office \$4431.31, Weed & Pest \$3810.75, Planning & Zoning \$5756.26, Road & Bridge \$80412.45, Civil Defense \$428.08

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business 12) Mewherter moved, seconded by Rhody to adjourn. All voted yes and the motion carried.

ATTEST:

Courtney Parker, Auditor

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