



SADDLEBACK ROAD DISTRICT **2026 Annual Meeting**

Present at meeting:

- ☐ Matt & Lona Christensen
- ☐ Tod & Kim Stewart
- ☐ Bob Hummel
- ☐ Gary & Cindy Vogelsang
- ☐ Becky Amundsen
- ☐ Jamie Amundsen
- ☐ Kathi Green
- ☐ Dave & Kim Sommers
- ☐ Bill & Eve Baker
- ☐ Dale & Melody Ruzicka
- ☐ Crystal Farrokhi

The Annual meeting of the Saddleback Road District was held Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at Tod & Kim [REDACTED] Dr. Hermosa, SD and began at 7:00 pm.

Annual Meeting Agenda approved unanimously by the sitting Trustees.

- ☐ Conflict of Interest Declaration – All Trustees indicated no Conflicts of Interest.
- ☐ All voted to approve of the April 11, 2026, open meeting Notes of Record.
- ☐ Reading of the South Dakota Open Meeting Declaration (See attachment 1)
 - SDCL 1-25-13 – Annual review of Open Meeting Laws – Acknowledgement
 - SDCL 1-25-1. Official meetings open to public--Exceptions--Notice of quorum--Public comment--Penalty
 - SDCL – 1-25-1.1- Notice of meeting of political subdivision--Agenda--Violation as misdemeanor.
- ☐ Financial report (see attachment 2)
 - 2026-2027 Saddleback Road District Budget

- Requires landowners in attendance to vote to adopt – Approved by all attending landowners
- Resource and Revenue generation methods – Present by Secretary (Matt)
- Discussed that research was completed through the Secretary of State office and the Custer County Treasure’s office. This research showed that the Road District is not authorized to have fund raising methods outside of the Road District Levy’s placed upon landowners. Any fund raiding events cannot be endorsed by the Saddleback Road District. If an organization decides to raise funds for the Saddleback Road District, the Saddleback Road District cannot endorse such activities. Additionally, any tax implications must be researched, and any obligations must be adhered to by Federal, State, and Local government laws.
- Election of Trustee
- There were zero petitions submitted to the Saddleback Road District
 - Research was completed through the Office of the Secretary of State Election Program. As per SDCL 3-4-3(5) the remaining trustees must appoint a temp. trustee to be filled until the next annual election. This means that next year’s annual election, two trustee positions will be open for election.
 - A call for volunteers was taken, and the remaining trustees will take into consideration at the organization meeting and will select for appointment.
 - If you are interested in being appointed as a trustee for a one-year term until the next annual meeting, please contact Dale or Matt.
- President’s Report
- Contractor bid selection for May 2026 through May 2027 Road maintenance
 - A solicitation for sealed bid on SBRDs 2026 maintenance requirements was published for two weeks in the Custer Chronicle.-
 - Miller Construction provided the only response and was unanimously selected. (See attachment 3)
 - There was further discussion of rising costs of contracted materials (gravel), and machine rates. The frequency of maintenance and the volume of gravel top coating have been reduced in recent years in order to “stretch” annual budgets. There will be further discussion in October during an open meeting to discuss setting of the Road District Levy for the 2027 operating year. While statute SDCL 9-43-138 assigns the Trustees the responsibility of passing an

annual resolution to set the annual maintenance levy, the Trustees would request input from Landowners before doing so.

- Road condition / safety survey results (See attachment 4)
 - Custer county will provide more safety marker signs to post over culverts
 - There was discussion regarding the moving of the first five mailboxes on Ghost Canyon closest to Saddleback Drive, to the other end of the mailboxes area, to improve drainage and reduce damage to the end of the culvert. The county did put a post there to help mitigate this, but Dave Sommers said he would talk with those mailbox owners and see if this is something that they will agree to. No action will be taken by the Trustees if the mailboxes are not relocated as recommended.
 - Though a road inspection had not yet been performed with a selected contractor, the Trustees will be testing the use of MgCl in select areas that suffer from frequent severe wash boarding. Custer County has been testing use of a “half-application” volume the past several years and have found dust control is still achieved without as much “sliming” of the surface during rainy periods.
 - Discussion was made on slowing down traffic speeds and putting vehicles in 4-wheel drive when traversing Saddleback Drive. Additionally, if anyone sees someone speeding, they are asked to inform the speeder to slow down.
- Bylaws of the Saddleback Road District proposed amendments.
 - Dale went through the proposed amendments and all in attendance voted to approve of the new Saddleback Road District Bylaws (See attachment 5). All in attendance voted to approve.

□ Old Business / New Business

- Dave Sommers thanked Crystal for her years of dedicated service
- Bill asked about Mag Water and if we have a contact of someone, if we could share it. Dale said he would check with Jesse Doyle at the County Road Maintenance Dept and Rosane Construction on when they plan to put down fresh MgCl on Ghost Canyon this year. He will send out an update with what he learns in case individuals would like to contract with Rosane for dust mitigation on the portion of SB bordering their property.

□ Public Comment

- None one asked to speak

□ Adjourn Annual Meeting at 8:23 pm.