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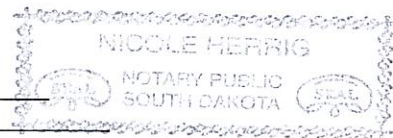
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NEWS

CASES

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processing areas and handle. It is expected grain loss frequently throughout the year than full-time commercial operators.

In 2023, grain entrapment events were reported in 20 states, concentrated in the Midwest. South Dakota had one case of an agricultural confined space incident, but its type was not specified in the report.

Spilled grain increases the risk of this type of incident, Field said, and preventing spoilage by bugs or moisture is one way to reduce the danger. He does not recommend going inside the grain bin to check for spoilage, in-

stead recommending monitoring the ventilation system or other methods.

In some cases, just opening the roof could help identify spoilage from the odor and appearance of the grain," Field said in the release. "There's no need to enter the structure to know whether or not there's a problem."

Preventing spoilage and safely removing spilled grain not only increases safety on farming operations but prevents hard-earned money from going to waste, he added.

"Grain in a bin that has begun to spoil will never improve by itself," Field said. "Failing to respond quickly can result in a significant crop loss and

even damage to the bin structure. Your investment is too great to ignore."

John Keimig, in an article for South Dakota State University Extension, recommends safety measures like exterior grain bin staircases, interior grain bin ladders that are painted brightly for visibility, body harnesses and lifeline systems. He also recommends always working with another person on the outside of the bin, who can provide assistance and call for help, if the worst happens.

"While these items will have some level of cost associated with them, using them may help to prevent you from becoming a farm safety statistic," Keimig wrote. **WRM MURPHY | 605-356-4555**



State Senator-elect Jamie Smith, D-Sioux Falls, left, talks with Craig Margulies on Jan. 8, 2025, at the Callie Branch Library in Sioux Falls.

Noem's former opponent heading back to Pierre as she prepares to leave

BY JOSHUA HAIAR
South Dakota Searchlight

SIoux FALLS — Three years ago, Kristi Noem kept her job in Pierre, and Jamie Smith left. Now the situation is reversed.

Kind of like Smith predicted. "Everyone knew she had national ambitions," he said Wednesday.

Smith, a Democrat, gave up his legislative seat in 2022 and ran against Noem, a Republican, who wound up winning a second term as governor.

Now Noem is preparing to leave South Dakota for Washington, D.C., where she is nominated to serve as secretary of Homeland Security under President-elect Donald Trump. Her nomination hearing is scheduled for next Wednesday.

Smith, meanwhile, won a state Senate seat in a Sioux Falls district during November's election. He'll go back to Pierre on Tuesday for the start of the annual legislative session, where he'll serve as Senate assistant minority leader.

Addressing members of Change Agents at a Sioux Falls library, Smith acknowledged the challenges he and the other Democrats face in the Legislature. They're outnumbered 95-9 by Republicans.

"We are very limited in what we can do this year, with the number of Democrats that we have in the Legislature," Smith said. "We are essentially left playing defense."

Members of Change Agents, formed in 2021, say they support pragmatic candidates and oppose extremist rhetoric and policies. Founders include former Sioux Falls Mayor Rick Knabe, financial planner Mike Hubor and entrepreneur Craig Brown.

"Because I truly believe that I have the skills to try and help people," he said. "I do believe that one person can make a difference for the people of South Dakota."

Smith said finding ways to build relationships across the aisle will be crucial for Democrats this session, like the one he said he built with incoming Senate President Pro Tempore Chris Karr, R-Sioux Falls, based partly on a simple starting point.

"We share a birthday," Smith said. Outlining his priorities, Smith said he plans to introduce a bill that would end incarceration for drug ingestion in South Dakota. South Dakota's ingestion law is the only one in the nation that allows prosecutors to charge people with felony drug possession for a failed drug test.

Instead, he advocates for expanding treatment programs and diversion efforts, calling incarceration for ingestion punitive and ineffective.

Smith also addressed his desire to amend the state's abortion ban, his opposition to Noem's \$4 million proposal to fund

private and homeschool education, and his resistance to raising sales taxes as a means of lowering property taxes.

South Dakota's near-total abortion ban allows an exception only to save the life of the mother and lacks clear definitions, said Smith, who called the ban "rude and unusual."

"We need to stop it," he said. Smith said women's health care is a top priority for Democrats, but they don't currently have a bill in increase access to abortion. He said some members want to introduce bills to expand exceptions beyond the life of the mother, while others are arguing for a broader abortion access ban measure. Voters rejected an abortion-rights measure in November.

Smith also criticized a proposal from some Republicans to reduce property taxes by increasing sales taxes, calling it a "potentially unfair shift that could disproportionately impact low-income people."

Smith attacked Noem's \$4 million plan for education savings accounts, calling it a voucher program that would divert public dollars to private schools and homeschoolers. Smith said the program would lack accountability, because alternative schools and homeschoolers are not required to follow the same transparency, testing and other standards as public schools.

You can find this article at southdakotasearchlight.com.

PARKING

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"This will allow the city to maintain the south portion of North Lee in its entirety and have the west 33 feet of the remainder of the way on North Lee and allow DSU to move forward with their plans," Lindsay stated.

Speaking on behalf of

DSU were Corey Braskamp, DSU's director of facilities management, and attorney Dick Ericsson, who said they were amicable to the idea.

Additional details on the project itself will be provided in a subsequent story.

Other business

The city held public hearings for the reso-

lutions declaring the necessity for the city's annual sidewalk repairs and improvements, though no members of the public spoke.

Following the hearing, both resolutions were unanimously approved. A full list of areas for repairs and improvements can be found on the city's website. **ZAC WASCHEK | 605-307-7415**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

WHAT: Notice of Public Meetings regarding Permit to Construct a Carbon Dioxide Transmission Pipeline in the counties of Beadle, Brookings, Brown, Clark, Codington, Davison, Edmunds, Grant, Hamlin, Hand, Hyde, Kingsbury, Lake, Lincoln, McCook, McPherson, Minnehaha, Minner, Sanborn, Spink, Turner, and Union.

WHEN AND WHERE:

- MITCHELL:** Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., CT Mitchell High School Performing Arts Center, 871 N. Capitol, St. Mitchell, South Dakota
- SIoux FALLS:** Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., CT HUB Auditorium, Southeast Technical College, 2001 N. Career Ave., Sioux Falls, South Dakota
- DE SMET:** Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 11:30 a.m., CT De Smet Event Center Theater, 705 Wilder Lane, De Smet, South Dakota
- WATER TOWNE:** Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., CT Kampeesa Hall, Ramkota Hotel & WaterTown Event Center, 1901 Main Ave., S.W. Watertown, South Dakota
- ABERDEEN:** Friday, January 17, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., CT Dakota Room, The Dakota Event Center, 720 Lamont St., Aberdeen, South Dakota
- REDFIELD:** Friday, January 17, 2025, at 6:00 a.m., CT Redfield School Auditorium, 111 E. Sixth Ave., Redfield, South Dakota

Pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-41B, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) will hold public input meetings at the above times and places on an application filed by SCS Carbon Transport LLC (Applicant) to construct a carbon dioxide (CO2) transmission pipeline (Project). The Project, which has been named the Mitchell Carbon Express pipeline, is approximately 7,500 miles of pipeline for the transportation of CO2 from various plants across 5 states, including 15 in South Dakota, to sequestration sites in North Dakota. The main line of the proposed route enters South Dakota in Lincoln County at the northeast corner of the intersection of a north-south road and exiting the state at the South Dakota-North Dakota border in Hutchinson County. Major components and associated facilities permitted in South Dakota are expected to include pump stations, metering valves, further receiver sites and approximately 16 miles of temporary and permanent access roads as part of the Project in addition to the main line and other components. The proposed Project includes the construction of the main line, the total proposed length of pipe through South Dakota is approximately 698 miles and will cross the counties of Beadle, Brookings, Brown, Clark, Codington, Davison, Edmunds, Grant, Hamlin, Hand, Hyde, Kingsbury, Lake, Lincoln, McCook, McPherson, Minnehaha, Minner, Sanborn, Spink, Turner, and Union. Applicant estimates the total cost of the proposed Project in South Dakota to be \$1,351,563,747.

The purpose of the public input meetings will be to hear public comments regarding the permit application and the Project. All the meetings will be open to the public. Any person who wishes to speak at which interested persons may appear and present their views, comments, and questions regarding the Application. A copy of the Application by the applicant with the public input meeting dates and all other documents in the permit application may be viewed at the Commission's website at public.gov under Commission Actions, Commission Decisions, 2024 Hydrocarbon and Carbon Dioxide Pipeline Decisions HP24 001.

Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B (3), the parties to this proceeding are currently the Applicant and the Commission Staff. Each municipal, county, and governmental agency in the area where the facility is proposed to be sited, or any person residing in the area where the facility is proposed to be sited, or any directly interested person, may be granted party status in this proceeding by making timely written application to the Commission. Applications for party status will be available at the public input meetings or may be obtained from the Commission's website. Applications for party status must be received by the Commission on or before 5:00 p.m. CT, January 24, 2025. The Commission will also accept comments in writing from anyone, either by mail, personal delivery, or in person, until the date of the final decision. You may also apply for party status if you want to participate formally in the case by putting on testimony or other factual evidence concerning discovery, cross-examining witnesses, making legal arguments, and to preserve your right to appear to the courts if you do not believe the Commission's decision is legally correct. You do not need to have any standing in the case to file comments.

Following the public input meetings, the Commission will schedule a formal evidentiary hearing conforming to SDCL Chapter 126 to consider issues raised by any party to the Commission staff. At such a formal hearing, all parties will have the opportunity to appear, present evidence, and cross-examine the other parties in the proceeding. The hearing will be held at the Commission's offices at 49-41B and ARSO Chapters 20-01(1) and 20-10(2), the using rights of appeal to the courts. For approval, the Applicant must show that the proposed Project will comply with all applicable laws and rules, will not cause a threat of serious injury to the environment nor to the social and economic conditions of inhabitants or material damage to the existing area, will not substantially impact the health, safety or welfare of the inhabitants, and will not unduly interfere with the orderly development of the region with due consideration having been given to the views of governing bodies of affected local units of government. Based upon these factors, the Commission will decide whether the permit to construct should be granted, denied, or granted under such terms, conditions, or modifications as the construction, operation, or maintenance as the Commission finds appropriate.

Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B (2), a permit from the Commission for the construction of a transmission facility may subordinate or preempt any county or municipal ordinance, zoning or building rules, regulations, or ordinances as applied to the proposed route, are unnecessary restrictive in view of existing technology, factors of cost, or economics, or needs of parties who located in or out of the county or municipality. Without such a finding by the Commission, no route shall be designated which violates local land use zoning or building rules, or regulations, or ordinances.

Pursuant to the American with Disabilities Act, these meetings will be held in physically accessible locations. Please contact the Public Access Coordinator at (605) 773-3201 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting if you have special needs that arrangements can be made to accommodate you.

The Commission's contact information is: (605) 773-3201, public.gov, public.state.sd.us, 500 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD 57501

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LEIGHTON

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contingency funds hadn't been needed.

"That's awesome," Reinicke commented on the price decrease.

The regular commission meeting dates were also approved, with meetings set to be held on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

The commissioners approved the board assignments for the upcoming year with some changes from 2024, including removing the county health nurse liaison, as county health nurse responsibilities were shifted elsewhere by the state government, and commission administrative officer, as no one has been hired for that role. Other changes

for board assignments and department liaisons include Slaughter taking on a board assignment for the dive team in place of Willmann, Leighton taking on human resources in place of Reinicke, Johnson replacing Leighton for personnel policy, Leighton taking on the role for sheriff/jail in place of Reinicke where he was formerly the alternate, Reinicke being appointed for veterans services, Tim Tolley being listed as highway superintendent in place of Nels Nelson and Reinicke being added as an alternate for the Wood and Post Board.

Fire alarm check-out proposals for the courthouse and public safety building at 5829 in total were approved, as well as jail contracts with Sanborn County and

Moody County for those counties to have prisoners housed in Lake County.

Also approved were the hiring of a correctional officer, the termination of a heavy equipment operator with the Highway Department and the formal approval of employment for two corrections officers who were hired in August and October of 2024, respectively, but whose employment had not been officially noted by the commission. A utility occupancy application for East River Electric Power Cooperative was also approved.

In an executive session, closed to the public, that lasted about an hour, the commissioners discussed three personnel items but took no action. **WRM MURPHY | 605-356-4555**