

SOUTH DAKOTA HABITAT CONSERVATION FOUNDATION
TELECONFERENCE BOARD MEETING
PIERRE, SD
MAY 9, 2019

Board Members Present via Teleconference: DeLon Mork, Steve Halverson, Doug Balvin, Dr. Barry Dunn, Tim Kessler, Les Lindskov, Larry Ness, Dan Rykhus and Terry Schultz. Ex Officio Board Members Gary Jensen, GFP Commission Chair and Kelly Hepler, GFP Department Secretary, Executive Director Sean Blanchette and Judy Smith recording secretary. Dick Muth joined the meeting at 11:07am. Tony Bour joined the meeting at 11:21

CALL TO ORDER

Acting President DeLon Mork called the meeting of the South Dakota Habitat Conservation Foundation board to order at 11:02 am CT and a quorum was present. No declarations or conflict of interest were heard. Blanchette stated that the meeting was being recorded and requested that members announce their name when speaking.

APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 26, 2018 MEETING

Schultz moved to approve minutes as presented, seconded by Ness and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Blanchette explained the changes to the Amendment to Articles of Incorporation. Changed the structure, name and method by which board members could be appointed. It will allow for involvement with the Governor's office to appoint and remove board members.

Hepler stated the size of the Foundation board members went down. Also have the capability to assign legislators to act as advisory members that can listen and participate.

Kessler moved to approve the 2019 Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the South Dakota Habitat Conservation Foundation Inc. to be known as the Second Century Habitat Fund, Inc. as presented, seconded by Balvin and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS

Rykhus wanted to verify that there are no further changes in this document besides the structure, name and board members being appointed or removed.

Blanchette stated no modifications on the bylaws since they were sent out on April 23, 2019.

Dunn moved to approve the 2019 Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Second Century Habitat Fund, Inc. as presented, seconded by Kessler and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Discussion was held on upcoming meeting dates.

Looking at the week of May 20, 2019 but will send out a meeting invite or doodle poll.

OTHER

Secretary Hepler thanked the board for all they do.

Rykhus stated he wanted to know about points to think about to understand the difference between the Governor’s vision on putting habitat on the ground in South Dakota and the objectives of the board as it was prior to this meeting.

Hepler stated the basic concept hasn’t changed and that the Governor wants to be actively involved.

Mork questioned the Agreement with SDSU as it is with the SD Habitat Conservation Foundation and questioned if that agreement needs to be changed or amended. Blanchette will look into it and see if it needs to be changed. Hepler stated he thinks we should make that change.

ADJOURN

Schultz made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Bour seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

DeLon Mork adjourned the meeting at 11:22am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean Blanchette, Executive Director

Date

Approved by,

DeLon Mork, Vice President (Acting President)

Date