



Emergency Custer County Commission Meeting
420 Mount Rushmore Rd.
Commission Meeting Room
Custer, SD 57730

Minutes of the Custer County Commission Meeting, Friday, March 13, 2026

Members present:

Commissioners Jim Lintz (phoned in), Mark Hartman, Mike Linde, Michael Busskohl, and Craig Hindle, Commission Legal Counsel, Aaron Davis, and Deputy Finance Officer, Michelle Zerfas.

A. Commission Meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Adoption of the Agenda

1. Resolution 2026-07

Motion to adopt the agenda made by Mike Linde; Seconded by Mark Hartman; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

C. Resolution 2026-07—Resolution Declaring Emergency Fire Conditions and Establishing A Ban on Open Fires within Custer County

1. Establish a ban on open fires within Custer County

The Emergency Manager, Steve Esser, said he spoke with the Incident Commander and Deputy IC the night prior, who were concerned with other fires escaping while currently being short on resources and considering the size of the fire and weather. Esser also spoke with Jay Wickham, the Director of Wildland Fire, this morning on moving forward with the Resolution for the County. Wickham already worked with the Governor to shut down pile burning and related activities. Esser read the Resolution aloud. Motion to approve made by Mike Busskohl; seconded by Craig Hindle; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

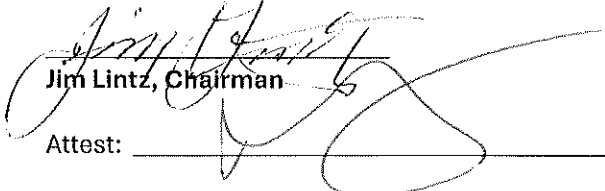
D. Public Comment

Teri Morgan asked if welding was removed from the Resolution. Esser explained it was, as there is not enough activity.

E. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:07 PM made by Mike Linde; seconded by Mike Busskohl.

Next Meeting Date: March 25, 2026


Jim Lintz, Chairman

Attest: _____

Olive Lardner, Custer County Deputy Auditor



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