

**Perkins County Commission
Special Teleconference Meeting**

Date: July 5, 2016

Present: Commissioners Besler, Henderson, Foster, Schweitzer and Foster and Finance Officer Chapman

Others present: Shane Penfield, Kelly Serr, Dean Dittus, FSA and Beth Hulm, press

Call to Order

Chairman Besler called the special meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Henderson moved, Ottman seconded to approve the agenda as published, motion carried.

Resolution 2016-06 Drought Disaster Resolution

Henderson moved, Ottman seconded to approve Resolution 2016-06 Drought Disaster Resolution. The Resolution was read and discussion held. Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to amend Resolution 2016-06, motion carried. The Amended Resolution vote was called for: Ottman - aye, Schweitzer - aye, Foster - aye, Henderson - aye, Besler – aye, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2016-06
Drought Disaster Resolution**

WHEREAS, Perkins County is suffering from severe drought conditions due to significantly low moisture, late frost conditions, extreme heat, strong winds, and wildland fire conditions that have increased to an extreme condition, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Perkins County Commissioners resolve that said conditions constitute a disaster of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the County, or even the State of South Dakota, and that Federal assistance is necessary, and there are few emergency plans available to alleviate the damage and economic stress resulting from these drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, Perkins County does not have the financial resources to respond to this disaster, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Perkins County Commissioners is aware of the sparse pastures and lack of forage crops for the feeding of livestock and wildlife, and because of this situation, conditions have arisen that may necessitate the reduction or dispersal of livestock herds and depletion of wildlife, and

WHEREAS, stock dams, creeks and other water sources are drying up and becoming undrinkable for livestock, and are therefore unable to provide the necessary water for livestock, wildlife and firefighting resources, and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners of Perkins County is aware that fall and spring planted agricultural crops are incurring drought damage,

WHEREAS, numerous other acres of South Dakota and surrounding states are also experiencing drought conditions which has threatened the availability of alternate sources of hay and forage,

WHEREAS, the farming, livestock, and wildlife industry is important to Perkins County, the State of South Dakota, and the nation's economy and should be preserved,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Perkins County requests the SD Drought Task Force to consider these issues and declare a drought emergency that could make funding and resources available for farming and livestock programs as well as provide emergency resources for wildland fire protection that accompany this drought situation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Perkins County Board of Commissioners declares an emergency and a disaster and requests that the Governor of the State of South Dakota also declare an emergency and disaster for Perkins County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioner of Perkins County respectfully petition the Governor of the State of South Dakota and the President of the United States to provide with all dispatch any remedies and state and/or federal assistance available for this type of emergency.

Adjournment

Henderson moved, Ottman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1:14 p.m., motion carried.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Sylvia Chapman, Finance Officer

Brad W. Besler, Chairman