President Mike Wendland called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Members present were:

Mike Wendland, Mayor, Baltic; Meri Jo Anderson, Finance Officer, New Underwood; Harry Weller, Mayor, Kadoka; Amy Leon, City Manager, Yankton; Karl Alberts, Finance Officer, Aberdeen; Mike Grosek, Mayor, Webster; Steve Allender, Mayor, Rapid City; Pauline Sumption, Finance Officer, Rapid City; Debbie Houseman, Finance Officer, Lake Andes; Arnie Schott, Mayor, McLaughlin; Carolynn Anderson, Finance Officer, Wall; Christine Erickson, Councilmember, Sioux Falls; Leland Treichel, Mayor, Roscoe; Fay Bueno, Finance Officer, Sturgis; Michelle De Neui, Assistant Finance Officer, Spearfish; Becky Brunsing, Finance Officer, Wagner

Members not able to attend were: Renae Phinney, Ree Heights; Dawn Murphy, Tea; Paulynn Carey, Huron

Others Present: Yvonne Taylor, SDML Executive Director; Al Cerny, Gregory; Herman Lessle, Dewangen, Germany

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
It was moved by Weller, seconded by Houseman to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2018 meeting. Upon unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

**APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**
It was moved by Meri Jo Anderson, seconded by Alberts to approve the financial statements as presented. Upon unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

**ACCEPTANCE OF AUDIT REPORT**
It was explained by Alberts that the final audit report was substantially the same as the draft report presented at the June 13, 2018 meeting. It was moved by Bueno, seconded by Carolynn Anderson, to accept the audit report as presented. Upon unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

**ACCEPTANCE OF AFFILIATE FINANCIAL REVIEW**
Alberts explained the scope of the review of the affiliate groups and thanked the audit committee for their work. He explained that work continues on net asset policies and acceptable levels of reserves. It was moved by Grosek, seconded by Schott to accept the affiliate financial review. Upon unanimous vote, the motion was approved.
REMINDER OF 2018 MEETING SCHEDULE
The next meeting of the SDML Board will be held December 12-13, 2018 and will include a joint board meeting with the County Commissioners’ and Officials’ Boards.

NEW BUSINESS
Approval of 2019 Lobbyists
It was moved by Grosek, seconded by Alberts to approve Lori Martinec, Will Mortenson, Larry Nelson, Sara Rankin, Sam Nelson, and Yvonne Taylor to lobby on behalf of the SDML for the 2019 Legislative Session. Upon unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

Orientation Session Discussion
The Board discussed their roles and what types of presentations would be best for the Conference Orientation Session.

Pennington County Amicus Request
Taylor outlined the provisions of the circuit court decision in Abata, etc. vs. Pennington County Board of Commissioners. Taylor recommended not submitting a request for an amicus brief, but further recommended the exploration of changes that may be needed to the underlying laws. It was the consensus of the Board that the SDML not submit an amicus brief.

OLD BUSINESS
Code Enforcement Project Update
Taylor informed the Board that a group had been formed to continue to explore a contract-based code enforcement service. Taylor explained that SDML Districts 1 and 2 had been surveyed for the level of interest and possible financial commitment, and that the group would meet again to review survey results and consider next steps.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS
No board member items were brought forward.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT
Taylor noted that the registration numbers were good, and consistent with prior years. Conference speakers were highlighted.

Extensive discussion was held on topics and questions for the Thursday forum for Gubernatorial candidates. Questions were developed regarding communications and working relationships between cities and the state; State radio; the opioid and drug epidemic; open records; various state economic development funds; and infrastructure needs.

Taylor applauded the passage of special session legislation to allow the collection of sales taxes on internet taxes, but reminded the Board that there would be an off-setting loss of revenue from federal action to remove the ability to tax internet access charges. The estimated amount of that loss is $7-$10 million for SD municipalities.
Taylor briefed the Board on progress with a model ordinance for small cell technology deployment; possible open meeting clarifications and amendments; discussions with other groups about State Radio; and the progress on a report on the economic impact of municipalities on the State.

Taylor informed the Board that the County Commissioners Association planned to bring a bill to allow counties to have a sales tax for purposes of funding jails. Discussion was held on longstanding policy opposing allowing sales tax to any other entities.

**ADJOURNMENT**
There being no further business and no expressed need for an executive session, it was moved by Treichel, seconded by Brunsing that the meeting be adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Upon unanimous vote, the motion was approved.