President Brunsing called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and asked Taylor to call the roll.

Board Members present were: Becky Brunsing, Wagner; Meri Jo Anderson, New Underwood; Greg Jamison, Sioux Falls; Sam Kooiker, Rapid City; Mike Wendland, Baltic; Paul Young, Spearfish; Mike Grosek, Webster; Tim Reed, Brookings; Anita Lowary, Groton

Other present: Yvonne Taylor, Executive Director

Taylor explained the purpose of the call was to determine a position on HB 1177 as amended, and the issue of texting and driving, distracted driving, and local control and home rule generally.

Taylor stated the following opinion:
Because the public does not make a distinction between primary/secondary/petty etc. entities opposing 1177 as amended would entirely be portrayed as opposing a texting ban. Most, if not all, of the other groups are going to line up and support – take something, even weak, as better than nothing. Sheriffs are neutral; State’s Attorneys announced they are going to support.

We may be best served by the Police Chiefs standing down on HB1177 as amended; Have the Municipal League throw fits (it will be to no avail, but no one expects anything less from us, so we also won’t make enemies). The amended HB 1177 passes the House; and we ALL get behind the Vehle bill (SB 179) in the Senate – do our best to get it through, get it to the House, throw it all in the mix and see what happens. It is possible we all get nothing – but if local ordinances stay in place, that might be our best outcome. Worst case scenario is the amended 1177 passes…This issue is so political, and fluid, it is VERY hard to predict an outcome.

It was the consensus of the Board to oppose the anti-local control/home rule portions of the amended HB 1177 (sections 4 and 5) and to fully back the Vehle bill (SB 179).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.