

Brookings County Annual Weed & Pest Board Meeting
Thursday, February 26, 2026
Brookings County Outdoor Adventure Center
2810 22nd Ave. S.
Brookings, SD
1:00 PM

Chairperson Steve Olson called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

The following board members were present: Steve Olson, Tim Bauer, Paul Johnson, Randy Meyer and Doug Post.

Motion by Bauer, seconded by Meyer to approve the agenda. Olson noted that Jeff Grendler with the South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks would not be able to present due to illness. All members voted “aye.” Motion carried.

Motion by Danny Nelson, seconded by Steve Knutson to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2025, Brookings County Annual Weed & Pest Board meeting. All members voted “aye.” Motion carried.

Codington County Weed & Pest Supervisor Steve Molengraaf and Grant County Weed & Pest Supervisor Nathan Mueller provided information on the upcoming tour: “The Good, Bad, and Invasive Plant” Field Day, June 11, 2026, near Ree Heights, SD. Molengraaf also provided information on leafy spurge control.

Brookings County Sheriff Marty Stanwick discussed issues with stop sign violations in the county. He also talked about closing township roads and said townships need to use official barricades when closing roads, not just hay bales. Towns & Townships Executive Director Terry Sletten said she has templates of resolutions for townships to use if they want to close a road. She also mentioned that townships near Redfield, SD met with the South Dakota Department of Transportation officials regarding a long-term detour route and proving they had damage to their roads to get reimbursed from the state. Stanwick also discussed scams and said they are happening all of the time. He said if someone asks for gift cards or if they tell you not to contact law enforcement, those are red flags. Stanwick thanked the group for allowing him to be sheriff for the past 28 years, as he is retiring at the end of his current term. He mentioned the three candidates running for sheriff in 2026.

Commission Department Director Stacy Steffensen discussed the Rural Access Infrastructure program.

County Development Director Robert Hill discussed the “Crisis Track” program for submitting damage information online through the South Dakota Department of Public Safety. He said there will be training on this program soon.

Motion by Scott Moberg, seconded by Gary Buthe to adjourn. All members voted “aye.” Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:52 PM. The next annual meeting will be Thursday, February 25th, 2027.