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South Dakota Farm Bureau's 2026 Ballot Measure Positions

In accordance with grassroots policy set by members, South Dakota Farm Bureau has taken positions on two 2026 general election ballot measures. The two ballot measures are Amendment I and Amendment L. SDFB has created an explanation of each ballot measure and the reasoning for the organization's position.

[Click here](#) to learn more about South Dakota Farm Bureau's positions Amendment I and Amendment L.

Public Meetings Scheduled for Transmission Line Project

Xcel Energy and Otter Tail Power Company have proposed a development called the PowerOn project. The project will consist of:

- an approximately 90-mile long 765 kilovolt (kV) transmission line located in Grant, Deuel and Brookings Counties in South Dakota,
- expansion of the Big Stone Station in Grant County and the 345kV Substation in Brookings County, and
- an approximately 5-mile long 345 kV transmission line connecting 345 kV Substation Expansion to the Brookings County 765 kV Substation.

The applicants anticipate construction to be completed and in service in 2034 with an estimated total construction cost between \$1.3 billion to \$1.7 billion.

Public input meetings are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. CT
Brookings Inn 2500 E. Sixth St. Brookings, SD 57006

Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. CT
Milbank School Theater 1001 E. Park Avenue Milbank, SD 57252

Thursday, October 22, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. CT
Clear Lake Community Center 218 Third Ave. S. Clear Lake, SD 57226

The purpose of the public input meetings will be to hear public comments regarding the PowerOn project. At the meeting, the applicants will present a brief description of the project, after which interested persons may appear and present their views, comments, and questions regarding the application.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the PowerOn transmission project.

2026 General Election Early Voting Begins

Early voting for the 2026 general election has started. In South Dakota, any registered South Dakotan voter can vote in the general election. The official general election day is Tuesday, November 3, 2026. The general election will determine who will go to Pierre in January. It is important to vote in the general election.

The deadline to register to vote in the 2026 general election is October 19, 2026. Click [here](#) to learn how to vote in the 2026 general election.

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