



# Policy Update

**September 19, 2025**

## **Legislative District 16 Appointment Announced**

Governor Larry Rhoden announced the appointment of John Shubeck to represent District 16 in the South Dakota House of Representatives, effective immediately. This seat was formerly held by Representative Richard Vasgaard.

John Shubeck served our nation in the United State Marine Corps for 20 years. His dedication and selfless service led him to receive the Bronze Star, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, and Combat Action Ribbon. Shubeck is a strong agriculture leader, and he currently manages a diversified farm that produces both grain and livestock. He continues to serve his community, having planted a church in Centerville and led the Centerville Middle and High School track team to several state meets as their head track coach.

Shubeck lives in Beresford, SD, with his wife and their four kids.

## **Comprehensive Property Tax Taskforce to Meet in Pierre**

The Comprehensive Property Tax Task Force will hold its fifth meeting of the 2025 Interim on Monday, September 22, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. (CT). The meeting is being conducted via electronic conference and in Room 414 of the State Capitol in Pierre, South Dakota, allowing for in-person participation from the public.

The Comprehensive Property Tax Task Force, chaired by Senator Chris Karr (R-Sioux Falls) with vice chair Representative Jon Hansen (R-Dell Rapids), will hear from the Department of Revenue on property tax relief programs and tax increment financing; receive a presentation on the housing market and the effects of taxation; discuss replacing school property taxes with an alternative tax; and accept public comment.

Click [here](#) to see the full agenda and other details.

## **South Dakota Farm Bureau Policy Resolution Deadline Approaching**

The deadline to submit policy resolutions to South Dakota Farm Bureau Federation is quickly approaching on **October 3, 2025**. If you have an idea or concern impacting your farm, ranch, or rural community, now is the time to make your voice heard. Members are encouraged to reach out to their local county Farm Bureau. Members can also submit resolution ideas below and these ideas will be discussed at a county meeting. Farm Bureau takes pride in its grassroots approach as policies are built from the ground up by our members to ensure they reflect the real challenges and opportunities facing South Dakota agriculture. Don't miss your chance to help shape the future of Farm Bureau policy!

Click [here](#) to submit a policy resolution idea to be discussed at a county meeting.

Click [here](#) to view the SDFB policy book.

### **South Dakota Public Utilities Commission to Host Public Meeting on Deuel County Project**

Western Minnesota Municipal Power Agency, through its agent Missouri River Energy Services propose to construct an energy conversion facility and electric transmission line in Deuel County. The project consists of 145 mW dual fuel power plant and a 345 kV generation-tie transmission line. The power plant consists of four combustion turbine-generator sets, a turbine hall building, diesel fuel truck unloading facilities, and other associated facilities. The 345 kV generation-tie transmission line will be approximately 4.9 miles long and connects the power plant with the existing Astoria 345 kV substation. Associated facilities will include natural gas piping anticipated to be less than 450 feet along the southwest side of the proposed power plant site. Applicants estimate the total construction cost to be \$378 million. The project is expected to be in commercial operation in 2029.

The PUC will hold a public input meeting on the application on Wednesday, September 24, 2025 - 5:30 p.m. CDT at Deubrook Elementary School, 695 Palisades Ave., Toronto, South Dakota.

Click [here](#) to learn more.

### **Contact for Questions**

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