**South Dakota Electronic Recording Commission**

**Teleconference Meeting**

**Thursday, February 18, 2021 1:00 pm MST / 2:00 pm CST**

**MINUTES**

The South Dakota Electronic Recording Commission members participated in the meeting via a teleconference/audio link on Thursday, February 18, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm MST / 2:00 pm CST.

Roll call was held and quorum established with the following South Dakota Electronic Recording Commission Members present:

Erika Olson, Chair – South Dakota State Bar Association Representative

Greg Wick, Vice Chair – South Dakota Land Title Association Representative

Julie Risty – Minnehaha County Register of Deeds

Lana Anderson – Meade County Register of Deeds

Donna Mayer - Pennington County Register of Deeds

Deb Young – Davison County Register of Deeds

Donald Straka - South Dakota Bankers Association Representative

Kris Jacobsen – SDACO Deputy Director – Non-voting member

Absent:

Traci Radway – Haakon County Register of Deeds

Mitch LaFleur – South Dakota Land Title Association Representative

Monte Watembach – Information Technology Professional – Non-voting member

A motion to approve the January 19, 2021 Minutes was made by Julie Risty, seconded by Greg Wick. With no abstention or opposition, motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

A motion to approve the February 18, 2021 Agenda was made by Donald Straka, seconded by Donna Mayer. With no abstention or opposition, motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Discussion ensued regarding legislation pertaining to amendment of the Remote Notarization Statute (SDCL 18-1-11.1) known as SB193. Greg Wick reported that Rachel Oglesby, Policy Advisor, from the Office of Governor Kristi Noem contacted members of the SD Land Title Association regarding legislation to allow remote online notarization. Amendment 193A to SB193 was drafted to allow this process. Amendment 193C was drafted to clarify and clean up the current statute language. This amendment (193C) passed out of Senate Judiciary committee on February 18, 2021 and was placed on the consent calendar.

Discussion continued among the E-Recording commission that important stakeholders such as the Secretary of State’s office, Land Title companies, Registers of Deeds, Bankers and State Bar should work together with the Governor’s office throughout this year to set uniform procedural standards and well drafted legislation for remote online notarization for the next legislative session if the Governor wants to push this effort forward.

At 1:15 pm MST / 2:15 pm CST, Deb Young, Davison County Register of Deeds joined the meeting.

It was determined that Greg Wick will reach out to Rachel Oglesby and Julie Risty will contact the Secretary of State, Steve Barnett to determine the current effort and interest of each office to pursue remote online notarization. Each member of the E-Recording Commission will reach out to their respective organizations for additional information and interest regarding remote online notarization.

Other Business: None

Public Comment: None

No date set for the next meeting.

Chair Erika Olson adjourned the meeting at 1:28 pm MST /2:28 pm CST.