

**HANSON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
Tuesday, January 6, 2026**

Chairman Kjetland called the Hanson County Drainage Board to order at 11:00 a.m., in the Courtroom of the Hanson County Courthouse at Alexandria, SD, on January 6, 2026 for a public drainage hearing.

Other members present: Bumgardner, Fox, Kjetland and Waldera.

Motion Schoenrock, seconded by Waldera to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

No conflict of interest.

Today's time, date, and place for a hearing to be held on the following drainage matters: [1] Hanson County Drainage File # HC Auditor Drain 25-2: RE: DEH III, LLC, Complainant, versus Larry and Sheryl Synhorst, Respondent.

A list of those in attendance at the hearing can be viewed in the Auditor's office.

The hearing was opened. As Synhorst was absent, Drainage Administrator Ronnie Roth gave details about the complaint filed. Bill Haugen, DEH III, LLC then presented his evidence, testimony and oral argument. Pictures prior to the alterations and complaint will be sent to Roth.

A record was made of the proceedings by a court reporter.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Bumgardner requiring the Respondent to remove the drainage obstruction by March 1, 2026 before any damage or problems occur, if this has not been remedied by the deadline, as much as a \$500.00 a day penalty could be assessed. All members voted aye, motion carried. The Hanson County State's Attorney will notify all parties by mail of this decision.

Hearing closed.

As there was no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Bumgardner, seconded by Waldera to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Bruce Kjetland, Chairman  
Hanson County Drainage Board

ATTEST:  
Lesa Trabing, Auditor  
(SEAL)

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