

Chapter 4

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Governor M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds**Governor**

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Date of Birth: October 24, 1954
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Children: Chris, Brian, Carrie, and John

Catholic; Republican; Businessman; Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from South Dakota State University; Licensed pilot with multi-engine and instrument ratings; A life-long resident of Pierre, Mike is a former partner in Fischer, Rounds and Associates, Inc., an insurance and real estate agency.

Served ten years in the South Dakota Senate from District 24; six years as Majority Leader; Served on the State Affairs; Retirement Laws; Commerce; Education; Taxation; Local Government and Legislative Procedure Committees.

Past civic leadership includes serving as Board President of the Oahe YMCA; Vice President of the Home and School Association of St. Joseph's School; President of the Pierre-Fort Pierre Exchange Club; Exalted Ruler of the Pierre Elks Lodge.

Recognized in 1999 as the South Dakota Independent Insurance Agent, "Agent of the Year"; Awarded the National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB) Guardian of Small Business in both 1992 and 1998; Received the Pierre Economic Development Corporation's Special Recognition Award in 1997; South Dakota State Employees Association's Outstanding Friend of SDSEO Award for 1999-2000; South Dakota Counseling Association's Special Contribution Award in 1995.



Lieutenant Governor Dennis Daugaard

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Born: Garretson, South Dakota
Spouse: Linda Daugaard
Children: Laura, Sara, & Christopher

Republican.

Executive Director of Children's Home Society of South Dakota.

Graduated in 1975 from University of South Dakota with a B.S. in Government, minors in Mathematics and Psychology; earned Juris Doctor Degree in 1978 from Northwestern University School of Law in Chicago, Illinois.

Served six years in the South Dakota Senate, from 1997-2002; admitted to practice law in Illinois and South Dakota; associated with Supena and Nyman, Chicago, and with Shand Morahan & Associates, Evanston, Illinois; Vice President and Trust Officer, 1981-1990, for First Bank of South Dakota (later known as US Bank); Director of Development 1990-2002 for Children's Home Foundation of South Dakota; named Chief Operating Officer of Children's Home Society of South Dakota in 2002, and Executive Director in 2003.

Past President, Children's Home Society of South Dakota Board of Directors; past board member: Sioux Falls Area Court Appointed Special Advocates; South Dakota Law Foundation; South Dakota Guardianship Program; member of Sioux Falls Elks Lodge; Sioux Falls Downtown Rotary Club; Development Committee; Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation.

Former Governors Dakota Territory

William Jayne 1861-1863	William A. Howard..... 1878-1880 ^a
Newton Edmunds..... 1863-1866	Nehemiah G. Ordway 1880-1884
Andrew J. Faulk..... 1866-1869	Gilbert A. Pierce 1884-1887
John A. Burbank 1869-1874	Louis K. Church..... 1887-1889
John L. Pennington 1874-1878	Arthur C. Mellette..... 1889

Former Governors State of South Dakota

Arthur C. Mellette, R 1889-1893	Merrill Q. Sharpe, R 1943-1947
Charles H. Sheldon, R..... 1893-1897	George T. Mickelson, R..... 1947-1951
Andrew E. Lee, P..... 1897-1901	Sigurd Anderson, R..... 1951-1955
Charles N. Herreid, R..... 1901-1905	Joseph J. Foss, R..... 1955-1959
Samuel H. Elrod, R 1905-1907	Ralph E. Herseth, D 1959-1961
Coe I. Crawford, R..... 1907-1909	Archie M. Gubbrud, R 1961-1965
Robert S. Vessey, R 1909-1913	Nils A. Boe, R..... 1965-1969
Frank M. Byrne, R 1913-1917	Frank L. Farrar, R 1969-1971
Peter Norbeck, R..... 1917-1921	Richard F. Kneip, D..... 1971-1978 ^b
William H. McMaster, R 1921-1925	Harvey Wollman, D..... 1978-1978
Carl Gunderson, R 1925-1927	William J. Janklow, R..... 1979-1987
William J. Bulow, D 1927-1931	George S. Mickelson, R 1987-1993 ^c
Warren E. Green, R..... 1931-1933	Walter D. Miller, R..... 1993-1995
Tom Berry, D..... 1933-1937	William J. Janklow, R..... 1995-2003
Leslie Jensen, R 1937-1939	M. Michael Rounds, R..... 2003-
Harlan J. Bushfield, R..... 1939-1943	

a. William A. Howard died April 10, 1880.

b. Richard F. Kneip resigned July 24, 1978, to become Ambassador to Singapore.

c. George S. Mickelson died in a plane crash on April 19, 1993

R – Republican

D – Democrat

P - Populist

Former Lieutenant Governors^a State of South Dakota

James H. Fletcher, R.....	1889-1891	Robert Peterson, D.....	1935-1937
George H. Hoffman, R.....	1891-1893	Donald McMurchie, R.....	1937-1941
Charles N. Herreid, R.....	1893-1897	A. C. Miller, R.....	1941-1945
D. T. Hindman, R.....	1897-1899	Sioux Grigsby, R.....	1945-1949
John T. Kean, R.....	1899-1901	Rex Terry, R.....	1949-1955
George W. Snow, R.....	1901-1905	L. R. (Roy) Houck, R.....	1955-1959
John E. McDougall, R.....	1905-1907	John F. Lindley, D.....	1959-1961
Howard C. Shober, R.....	1907-1911	Joseph H. Bottum, R.....	1961-1963
Frank M. Byrne, R.....	1911-1913	Nils A. Boe, R.....	1963-1965
E. L. Abel, R.....	1913-1915	Lem Overpeck, R.....	1965-1969
Peter Norbeck, R.....	1915-1917	James Abdnor, R.....	1969-1971
William H. McMaster, R.....	1917-1921	William Dougherty, D.....	1971-1975
Carl Gunderson, R.....	1921-1925	Harvey Wollman, D.....	1975-1978 ^c
A. Clark Forney, R.....	1925-1927	Lowell C. Hansen, II, R.....	1979-1987
H. E. Covey, R.....	1927-1929	Walter Dale Miller, R.....	1987-1993
Clarence E. Coyne, R.....	1929 ^b	Steve T. Kirby, R.....	1993-1995 ^d
John T. Grigsby, D.....	1929-1931	Carole Hillard, R.....	1995-2003
O. K. Whitney, R.....	1931-1933	Dennis Daugaard, R.....	2003-
Hans Ustrud, D.....	1933-1935		

- a. The organization of Dakota Territory did not provide for the position of Lieutenant Governor.
- b. Clarence E. Coyne died May 27, 1929, and John T. Grigsby was appointed to fill the vacancy.
- c. Harvey Wollman resigned July 24, 1978, to assume the office of Governor. No appointment was made to fill the vacancy.
- d. Steve T. Kirby was appointed May 20, 1993, to replace Walter D. Miller, who assumed the office of Governor on April 20, 1993, after the death of Governor George S. Mickelson.

R - Republican

D – Democrat



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Children: Rebekah Nelson and step-daughter Heather Schreiner

Christian; Republican.

White Lake High School, 1982; Bachelor of Science degree with highest honors in Animal Science from South Dakota State University, 1987; SDSU FarmHouse Fraternity member and vice-president.

1982-83 SD Future Farmers of America Secretary; 1990-2002 Assembly of God Teen Bible Quiz State Coordinator. Received the 2003 Excellence in South Dakota Municipal Government award from the SD Municipal League. Received the 2004 Hazeltine/Taylor award from SD Kids Voting.

1980-present Farmer; 1987-1989 Uniform Commercial Code supervisor in Secretary of State's Office; 1989-2002 State Election Supervisor in Secretary of State's Office; 2002-2003 Assistant Secretary of State; 2003-present Secretary of State.



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Children: Claire and Craig

Republican.

Attorney General/Trial Lawyer; Elected Attorney General in 2002.

Bennett County High School, Martin; South Dakota State University, Brookings, 1969; University of South Dakota Law School, Vermillion 1972.

Chief Deputy Attorney General for South Dakota, Pierre, South Dakota from January 1991 through 2002; private practice of law in Martin, Bennett County, South Dakota from December 1972 through December 1990; Bennett County State's Attorney from March 1973 through December 1990; Rosebud Sioux Tribe Election Board, General Counsel, 1977 through 1981; Rosebud Sioux Tribe Credit Committee, Counsel from about 1985 through 1990; Co-authored several Titles in Rosebud Sioux Tribal Code (with Dallas Brost), 1986; Juvenile Court Prosecutor, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, 1978-80; Ethics Committee, State Bar of South Dakota, 1996 to present; Region II Trial Lawyer of the Year, 1999 National Association of Government Attorneys in Capital Litigation; South Dakota Trial Lawyers Association 1990 to present; Bar Commissioner, State Bar of South Dakota, 1993-1996; Dakota Plains Legal Services Board, Director 1974 to 1990, served as Board Chairman 1980 to 1990; South Dakota State's Attorneys Association 1973 through 1990, served as President in 1983-84; National District Attorneys Association Board of Directors 1988-90.



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Children: Tony, Kim, Ashley, and Chase

Lutheran; Republican; Spearfish High School, 1983; Black Hills State University, Bachelor of Science in Political Science and Business, 1993; Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, MPA New Mexico Highlands University, 1996; Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity.

U.S. Army; Berlin Germany, 1983-1985; Ft. Hood, TX, 1985-1986; Saudi Arabia & Kuwait, Operation Desert Storm, 1991-1992; South Dakota Army National Guard (842nd Engineers & 200th Engineers), 1996-2000; U.S. Army Reserve, 2001-Present.

Executive Director, SD Association of County Officials, 1996-2002; Assistant Supervisor, Secretary of State Joyce Hazeltine, 1996; Peace Corps Campus Coordinator and Grant Administrator, 1995-1996; South Dakota West River Bush/Quayle Campaign Coordinator, 1992; South Dakota Senate Intern for Senator Mary McClure, 1988.

South Dakota Teenage Republican, 1980-1983; South Dakota 2nd place volunteer hours for a College Republican, 1992; U.S. Army Occupation Medal, Berlin Germany, 1983-1985; Outstanding U.S. Soldier Award in Europe, 1984; U.S. Army Achievement Medal, third Oak Leaf Cluster, 1983-1992; U.S. Army Commendation Medal, third Oak Leaf Cluster, 1983-1992.

Member of Pierre/Ft. Pierre Rotary; SD American Legion; SD Veterans of Foreign Wars.



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Date of Birth: October 25, 1948, Vivian, South Dakota

Children: Kyla Leigh and Garrett James

Lutheran; Republican; Vivian High School, 1966; Boys State; Northern State University, Bachelor of Science in Political Science and English, 1970; Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities; Blue Key Honor Fraternity.

Teacher, Hill City, 1970-1972; Legal Secretary, 1972; District Representative for U.S. Congressman James Abdnor, 1974-1978.

Hughes County TAR Advisor, 1976-1978; Co-Advisor, South Dakota College Republicans, 1980-1985; Jaycees, Outstanding Young Man, 1975; South Dakota Elk of the Year, 1982; Oahe Chapter Professional Secretaries International Boss of the Year, 1982; South Dakota Outstanding Young Citizen, State Jaycees, 1983; State Teen-Age Republican Counselor and Advisor, 1973-1994; General Chairman Pierre/Fort Pierre United Way Campaign, 1990.

South Dakota Elks Association President, 1999-2000; Elks National Hoop Shoot Free Throw Program Director, 1997-present; named Toll Fellow, an Outstanding Emerging Leader by the Council of State Governments in 1993.

National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers, 1979-present (Executive Board Member, past First Vice-President, 1995-2003, and National Secretary 2003-2004); National Association of State Comptrollers, 1981-2003 (Executive Board, 1992-2001), President, 1998-1999; named by the U.S. State Department and NASACT to represent State Treasurers in an exchange with Malaysia-2004.

Member of Elks; Kiwanis; Yelduz Shrine; Pierre Economic Development Corporation; Chamber of Commerce; Masons; Consistory; Boys State Speaker, 1993-present; United Way Board of Directors, 1989-1997; March of Dimes Community Committee, 1992-present; Chairman of Pierre Players Board of Governors, 1994-1997; State Auditor, 1979-2003; longest serving Constitutional Officer in the history of South Dakota, and in 1998 received one hundred percent of the popular vote (first time in South Dakota's history a constitutional officer had no statewide opponent).

Presently serving as South Dakota's thirty-first State Treasurer as of January 6, 2003.



Commissioner Bryce Healy

Bryce Healy

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Children: Hannah and Kennedy

Catholic, Democrat.

Chamberlain High School 1989; South Dakota State University, Bachelor of Science Degree in Ag- Business, 1994.

Director of Equalization, Marshall County, Britton, South Dakota; Director of Field Services, South Dakota Farmers Union, Huron, South Dakota; Deputy Commissioner of School and Public Lands, Pierre, South Dakota, Farmer/Rancher.

Boys State Corporation Board; Farmers Union; Masons; Kiwanis.

Former Secretaries of State Dakota Territory

John Hutchinson 1861-1865	Oscar Whitney 1873-1874
S.L. Spink 1865-1869	George A. Hand 1874-1883
T.M. Wilkins 1869-1870	J.M. Tellre 1883-1886
G.A. Batchelder 1870-1872	Michael L. McCormack 1886-1889
Edwin S. McCook 1872-1873 ^a	L.B. Richardson 1889

Former Secretaries of State State of South Dakota

A.O. Ringsrud, R 1889-1893	Goldie Wells, D 1937-1939
Thomas Thorson, R 1893-1897	Olive A. Ringsrud, R 1939-1943
William H. Roddle, R 1897-1901	Mrs. L.M. Larsen, R 1943-1947
O.C. Berg, R 1901-1905	Annamae Riff, R 1947-1951
David D. Wipf, R 1905-1909	Geraldine Ostroot, R 1951-1957
Samuel C. Polley, R 1909-1913	Clara Halls, R 1957-1959
Frank Glasner, R 1913-1915	Selma Sandness, D 1959-1961
Frank M. Rood, R 1915-1919	Essie Wiedenman, R 1961-1965
C.A. Burkhart, R 1919-1922 ^b	Alma Larson, R 1965-1973
Clarence E. Coyne, R 1922-1927	Lorna B. Herseth, D 1973-1979
Gladys Pyle, R 1927-1931	Alice Kundert, R 1979-1987
Elizabeth Coyne, R 1931-1933	Joyce Hazeltine, R 1987-2003
Myrtle Morrison, D 1933-1937	Chris Nelson, R 2003-

Edwin S. McCook was assassinated in September, 1873, by Peter P. Wintermute.

a. C.A. Burkhart died, and Clarence E. Coyne was appointed to fill the vacancy.

R -Republican

D – Democrat

Former Attorneys General Dakota Territory

Alexander Hughes 1883-1884	Tristram Skinner 1889
Charles F. Templeton 1887-1888	George S. Engle 1886-1887
George Rice 1885-1886	Johnson Nickeus 1889

Former Attorneys General State of South Dakota

Robert Dollard, R.....	1889-1893	George T. Mickleson, R.....	1943-1947
Coe I. Crawford, R.....	1893-1897	Sigurd Anderson, R.....	1947-1951
Melvin Grigsby, R	1897-1899	Ralph A. Dunham, R.....	1951-1955
John L. Pyle, R.....	1899-1902 ^a	Phil Saunders, R.....	1955-1959
A.W. Burt, R.....	1902-1903	Parnell J. Donahue, D	1959-1961
Philo Hall, R	1903-1907	A.C. Miller, R	1961-1963
S.W. Clark, R.....	1907-1911	Frank L. Farrar, R	1963-1969
Royal C. Johnson, R	1911-1915	Gordon J. Mydland, R.....	1969-1973
Clarence C. Caldwell, R.....	1915-1919	Kermit A. Sande, D.....	1973-1975
Byron S. Payne, R.....	1919-1923	William J. Janklow, R.....	1975-1979
Buell F. Jones, R.....	1923-1929	Mark V. Meierhenry, R.....	1979-1987
Merrell Q. Sharpe, R.....	1929-1933	Roger Tellinghuisen, R	1987-1991
Walter Conway, D	1933-1937	Mark Barnett, R	1991-2003
Clair Roddewig, D	1937-1939	Larry Long, R.....	2003-
Leo A. Temmey, R	1939-1943		

a. John L. Pyle died February 21, 1902, and A.W. Burt was appointed to fill the vacancy.

R - Republican

D - Democrat

Former State Auditors Dakota Territory

Justus Townsend.....	1862-1864	E.A. Sherman.....	1879-1881
I.T. Gore.....	1864-1866	L.M. Purdy.....	1881-1882
John Morris.....	1868-1870	George Ordway.....	1883-1885
William Shriner.....	1870-1872	Ernest W. Caldwell.....	1885-1886
Thomas J. Sloan.....	1872-1874	James A. Ward.....	1887-1889
A. Sheridan Jones	1874-1876	John C. McManima.....	1889
John Sand.....	1876-1878		

Former State Auditors State of South Dakota

L.C. Taylor, R..... 1889-1893	W.W. Warner, R 1939-1945
J.E. Hipple, R..... 1893-1897	Steve E. Anderson, R..... 1945-1950 ^a
H.E. Mayhew, R 1897-1899	James O. Gilkerson, R 1950-1951
James D. Reeves, R..... 1899-1903	Lawrence E. Mayes, R..... 1951-1956 ^b
J.F. Halladay, R..... 1903-1907	Fay A. Allbee, R 1956-1958 ^c
John Hirning, R..... 1907-1911	Oscar Brosz, R 1958-1959
Henry B. Anderson, R..... 1911-1915	Harriett Horning, D..... 1959-1961
J.E. Handlin, R..... 1915-1919	Betty L. Larson Casey, R..... 1961-1963
Jay E. Reeves, R 1919-1923	Al Hamre, R..... 1963-1967
Edward A. Jones, R..... 1923-1929	Lloyd Jorgenson, R..... 1967-1969
William M. Dunn, R 1929-1933	Alice Kundert, R..... 1969-1979
George O'Neill, D 1933-1937	Vernon L. Larson, R 1979-2003
Raymond A. Kelly, D 1937-1939	Richard L. Sattgast, R 2003-

a. Steve E. Anderson resigned and James O. Gilkerson was appointed to fill the vacancy.

b. Lawrence E. Mayes resigned January 15, 1956, and Fay A. Allbee was appointed to fill the vacancy.

c. Fay A. Allbee resigned August 31, 1958, and Oscar Brosz was appointed to fill the vacancy.

R - Republican

D - Democrat

Former State Treasurers Dakota Territory

G.G. Irish 1861-1863	John Clementson..... 1875-1877
J.O. Taylor 1863-1864	W.H. McVay..... 1878-1883
M.K. Armstrong..... 1865-1868	J.W. Raymond..... 1883-1887
T.K. Hovey 1869-1870	J.D. Lawler..... 1887-1888
E.A. Sherman..... 1871-1874	Joseph Bailey 1889

Former State Treasurers State of South Dakota

Wilbur F. Smith, R..... 1889-1891	John N. Thompson, R 1942-1943
W.W. Taylor, R..... 1891-1895	E.V. Youngquist, R..... 1943-1945 ^b
Kirk G. Phillips, R 1895-1899	Hazel Dean, R..... 1945-1947
John Schamber, R 1899-1903	C.E. Buehler, R..... 1947-1951
C.B. Collins, R..... 1903-1907	Theodore Mehlhaf, R..... 1951-1955
C.H. Cassill, R 1907-1909	Ed T. Elkins, R..... 1955-1959
George G. Johnson, R 1909-1913	Al Hamre, R..... 1959-1963
A.W. Ewert, R..... 1913-1917	Lloyd Jorgenson, R 1963-1967
G.H. Helgeson, R..... 1917-1921	Al Hamre, R..... 1967-1969
W.S. O'Brien, R 1921-1923	Neal Strand, R..... 1969-1973
James L. Driscoll, R..... 1923-1927	David Volk, R..... 1973-1990
A.J. Moodie, R..... 1927-1931	Janis Y. Kelley, R 1990-1991 ^c
A.C. Goodhope, R..... 1931-1933	G. Homer Harding, R..... 1991-1994
Frank G. Siewert, D 1933-1937	Richard D. Butler, D 1995-2003
W.H. Hinselmann, D..... 1937-1939	Vernon L. Larson, R 2003-
W.G. Douglas, R..... 1939-1942 ^a	

a. W. G. Douglas resigned August 20, 1942, and John N. Thompson was appointed to fill the vacancy.

b. E. V. Youngquist died July 8, 1945, and Hazel Dean was appointed to fill the vacancy.

c. David Volk resigned July 31, 1990, and Janis Y. Kelley was appointed to fill the vacancy until G. Homer Harding was elected in 1991.

R - Republican

D - Democrat

Former Commissioners of School and Public Lands^a State of South Dakota

Osmer H. Parker, R..... 1889-1891	John A. Lunden, R..... 1943-1949
Thomas H. Ruth, R 1891-1895	Bernard Linn, R..... 1949-1971
John L. Lockhart, R 1895-1899	Ralph Ginn, R..... 1971-1972 ^c
David Eastman, R 1899-1903	George D. Kane, D..... 1972-1979
C.J. Bach, R 1903-1907	John J. "Jack" Gerken, R 1979-1983
O.C. Dokken, R..... 1907-1911	F. Julian Cheney, R 1983 ^d
F.F. Brinker, R 1911-1913 ^b	David L. Volk, R..... 1983-1984 ^e
Fred Hepperle, R..... 1913-1917	John J. "Jack" Gerken, R 1984 ^f
N.E. Knight, R 1917-1925	Sheldon E. Cotton, R..... 1985-1987
O.P.J. Engstrom, R..... 1925-1933	Timothy H. Amdahl, R..... 1987-1990
Ben Strool, D 1933-1939	Curtis J. Johnson, D..... 1991-2003
Earl A. Hammerquist, R..... 1939-1943	Bryce Healy, D..... 2003-

a. The organization of Dakota Territory did not provide for the position of Commissioner of School and Public Lands.

b. F.F. Brinker resigned February 26, 1913, and Fred Hepperle was appointed to fill the vacancy.

c. Ralph Ginn died May 26, 1972, and George D. Kane was appointed to fill the vacancy.

d. F. Julian Cheney died January 16, 1983, and David L. Volk was appointed to fill the vacancy.

e. David L. Volk resigned July 25, 1984, and John J. "Jack" Gerken was appointed to fill the vacancy.

f. John J. "Jack" Gerken resigned November 8, 1984, and Sheldon E. Cotton was appointed to fill the vacancy.

R--Republican

D--Democrat



Commissioner Robert Sahr

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Commissioner**

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Born: Pierre, South Dakota
Spouse: Christine
Child: Allison

Republican.

Valedictorian, T.F. Riggs High School, Pierre, SD, 1985.

Graduate cum laude, University of Colorado, Boulder, B.S. in business, 1989; Mortar Board; Beta Gamma Sigma; Presidents Leadership Class Scholarship Program; Arnold Scholarship; Flanagan Scholarship; McDonald's Scholarship.

Worked in marketing and sales for Michelin Tire Corporation in Florida and South Carolina.

J.D., University of Colorado School of Law, 1996; Who's Who in American Law Students; National Law Student Liaison to American Bar Association Section of Business Law; Seeman Scholarship; American Bar Association Law Student Division Bronze Key Award.

Associate attorney at May, Adam, Gerdes and Thompson LLP in Pierre; General Counsel for State of South Dakota Bureau of Personnel.

Chairman of South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (2003-present). Serves on National Renewable Energies and National Antiterrorism Committees; Spearheaded law in 2003 Legislative Session creating South Dakota Do-Not-Call List to give South Dakota consumers relief from telemarketing calls.

Trustee, Pierre Municipal Library Board; Commissioner, State Bar of South Dakota; Director, Countryside Hospice; Past President, Oahe Habitat for Humanity.



Commissioner Gary Hanson

Gary Hanson**Public Utilities
Commissioner**

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Children: Alicia, Wayne, Stacy

Republican.

Washington High School, 1968; Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, Northern State University, 1972.

Owner Real Estate/Insurance Co. 1973-1988; South Dakota State Senator 1983-1988; Sioux Falls Utilities Commissioner 1988-1994; Sioux Falls Mayor 1994-2002; Public Utilities Commissioner 2003-present.

President Sioux Falls Board of Realtors (1985-1986); Co-Founder and Chairman (1989-1994) of Lewis and Clark Rural Water Systems; Chairman SD Public Assurance Alliance (2002-2003); Chairman State Senate Government Audit and Operations Committee; Vice Chairman State Senate Taxation Committee; Downtown Lions Club; Community Drug Concerns Task Force; Cumulative Environmental Evaluation of Black Hills Mining; Co-Founder of Great Plains Waicipi; Vice Chairman South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

Served on Board of Directors of: Lutheran Social Services Credit Counseling Advisory Board; DAV Arthur H. Muchow Independent Living Center; Sioux Falls Jaycees; Northern State University Foundation; Minnehaha Metro Communications Systems; Multicultural Center; South Dakota Water Congress; Sister Cities Association; Organization of MISO States; Licensed Soccer Coach.

Distinguished Alumnus of Northern State University; Outstanding Young Citizen of South Dakota; Sioux Falls "City Father of the Year"; YMCA Tri-State Hall of Fame; Habitat for Humanity's "Hat's Off" Award; "Spirit of Downtown" Sioux Falls Award; White Cane Safety Award; Multiple Sclerosis Society Chapter Mayor of the Year; Lions Club Sight and Service Foundation-Life Member; Children's Care Hospital-Wings of Love Award.



Commissioner Dustin “Dusty” Johnson

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Date of Birth: September 30, 1976 in Pierre, South Dakota
Spouse: Jacquelyn Dice, married July 21, 2000

Lutheran; Republican.

TF Riggs High School (Pierre), 1995; Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, University of South Dakota, 1999; Masters in Public Administration, Stene Center at the University of Kansas, 2002.

Harry S. Truman Scholar; Finalist, Rhodes Scholarship; Phi Beta Kappa; Omicron Delta Kappa; Mortar Board; President, Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

Truman Fellow with U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development (Washington, DC); Management Assistant, County Manager’s Office (Johnson County, Kansas); Senior Policy Advisor to Governor Mike Rounds on economic development, energy, transportation, and corrections issues (Pierre, SD).

Board member, Capital Area United Way (2003–present), Board member, SD Rural Development Council (2003–present), Board member, Davison County Republicans (2002–present), Treasurer, Tridentia Housing Corporation (2004–present),

Public Utilities Commissioner, 2005–present.

Former Public Utilities Commissioners^a Dakota Territory

William M. Evans..... 1886	N.T. Smith..... 1887-1888
W.H. McVay 1886	Judson LaMoure..... 1889
Alexander Griggs 1886-1888	John H. King..... 1889
A. Boynton 1887-1888	Harvey J. Rice..... 1889

State of South Dakota

Harvey J. Rice	1890
John H. Kingz	1890-1892
Albion D. Chase	1890-1892
Charles E. McKenny	1892
Frank P. Phillips	1892
George A. Johnston, R, District 1	1895-1897
E.F. Conklin, R, District 2	1895-1897
J.R. Brennan, R, District 3	1895-1897
W.T. LaFollette, P, District 1	1897-1901
Alexander Kirkpatrick, P, District 2	1897-1903
William H. Tompkins, P, District 3	1897-1899
William G. Smith, R, District 3	1899-1917
Frank LaCocq, Jr., R, District 1	1901-1907
D.H. Smith, R, District 2	1903-1909
George Rice, R, District 1	1907-1913
F.C. Robinson, R, District 2	1909-1915
John J. Murphy, R, District 1	1913-1943
P. W. Dougherty, R, District 2	1915-1919 ^b
Frank E. Wells, R, District 3	1917-1919 ^c
John W. Raish, R, District 2	1919-1933
Dawes E. Brisbine, R, District 3	1919-1935
F.S. Pickert, D, District 2	1933-1939
Windsor Doherty, D, District 3	1935 ^d
Fred B. Ray, D, District 3	1936-1937
C.L. (Roy) Doherty, R, District 3	1937-1971
C.A. (Chris) Merkle, R, District 2	1939-1969
Fred L. Lindekugel, R, District 1	1943-1967
Harvey Scharn, R, District 1	1967-1973
Winston Barnes, R, District 2	1969-1975
Jack M. Weiland, D, District 3	1971-1977
P.K. Ecker, D, District 1	1973-1979
Norma Klinkel, D, District 2	1975-1981
Charolette Fischer, R, District 3	1977-1983
Jeff Solem, R, District 2	1981-1987
Kenneth Stofferahn, D, District 1	1979-1997
Dennis Eisnach, D, District 3	1983-1989
Laska Schoenfelder, R, District 3	1989-2001 ^e
Pam Nelson, D, District 1	1997-2003
Dustin "Dusty" Johnson, R, District 2	2005-
Robert Sahr, R, District 3	2001-
Gary Hanson, R, District 1	2003-

R--Republican

D--Democrat

P--Populist

- a. The public utilities commission was originally an appointive office and ways called the board of Railroad Commissioners. In 1897, state law was amended making it an elective office, and on July 1, 1939, the name was changed from the Board of Railroad Commission to the Public Utilities Commission.
- b. P.W. Dougherty resigned and John W. Raish was appointed to fill the vacancy.
- c. Frank E. Wells resigned and Dawes E. Brisbine was appointed to fill the vacancy.
- d. Windsor Doherty resigned and Fred B. Ray appointed to fill the vacancy.
- e. Laska Schoenfelder died in March 2001. Robert Sahr appointed to fill vacancy in December 2001.