

**STANLEY COUNTY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 24, 2026**

The special meeting of the Stanley County Commission was called to order at 5:00 P.M. (CT) by Chairman Dana Iversen with Commissioners Mike Kenzy, Sonny Harrowa, Craig Heller, and Gary Grittner present. Also present were Emergency Manager Dustin Baxter, Fort Pierre Fire Department Chief John Meligan, and Auditor Philena Burtch. The meeting commenced with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda

Motion by Sonny Harrowa, second by Mike Kenzy, to approve the Agenda. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Resolution 2026-09 Burn Ban

Emergency Manager Dustin Baxter presented information regarding extremely dry conditions, widespread snow drought, low soil moisture, and elevated wildfire risk throughout the region. Discussion included recent large wildfires in South Dakota and Nebraska and the limited availability of state and federal fire suppression resources.

Motion by Gary Grittner, second by Craig Heller, to approve Resolution 2026-09 Burn Ban, effective March 26, 2026, until fire conditions improve and the Commission takes action to remove the ban. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Resolution 2026-09 – Burn Ban

The resolution enacted an emergency burn ban for Stanley County due to extreme fire hazard conditions. The ban prohibits open burning, including campfires, warming fires, prescribed burns, fireworks, and similar outdoor fires, subject to specific exclusions outlined in the resolution. The burn ban became effective at 8:00 A.M. on March 26, 2026, and remains in effect until removed by Commission action.

Dated this 24th day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:

Philena Burtch, Auditor
Dana Iversen, Chairman

Adjournment

Motion by Mike Kenzy, second by Craig Heller, to adjourn at 5:21 P.M. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

ATTEST:

Philena Burtch, Auditor
Dana Iversen, Chairman