

**Human Rights Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 30, 2012
Kneip Building Conference Room #3
Pierre, SD**

The Human Rights Commission met on Thursday, August 30, 2012, at the Kneip Building Conference Room #3 in Pierre, South Dakota. DDN Sites were held in Brookings and Sioux Falls.

Members Present: Peggy Miller, Arlene Ham-Burr, Marilyn Grossenburg, Vivian Asmussen, David Volk

Others Present: James Marsh, Ray Falk, Amber Mulder, Dawn Dovre, Bob Mercer, Lawrence Novotny, Ann Marie Bahr

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Volk, and roll call was taken by secretary Jaime Rutschke. Arlene Ham-Burr MOVED approval of the minutes from the August 10, 2011, meeting. Vivian Asmussen SECONDED. Motion carried.

James Marsh gave an overview of the 2012 Program Report on Human Rights.

Lawrence Novotny with the Brookings Human Rights Committee proposed a joint meeting with the State Human Rights Commission and the various local Human Rights Committees. Chairman Volk requested the contact information for the local Human Rights Committees. This proposal may be included in the Human Rights Commission report to the Department of Labor and Regulation Secretary.

Ann Marie Bahr with the Brookings Human Rights Committee testified the Brookings Human Rights Committee is proactive in trying to build community and this needs to be a statewide effort to best handle any potential human rights problems.

Vivian Asmussen MOVED to adjourn. Marilyn Grossenburg SECONDED. Motion carried.