

**48<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL**  
**JOINT CITY / COUNTY / SCHOOL MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

March 11, 2026  
El Ranchito Restaurant  
2101 Cornhusker Drive, So Sioux City NE 68776

5:30 p.m. Welcome-Ben Schultz

Pledge of Allegiance

Acknowledgement of Boards and Roll Calls

Present from the City of South Sioux City:

Jasper Kriens, Dan Bousquet, Ben Schultz, Randy Meyer and Mayor Rod Koch.

Monty Peters arrived at 5:45 p.m.

Absent: Yahaira Schultz, Mohamud Osman and Jim Gunsolley

Invocation

Special Presentation

Mayor Rod Koch presented City Administrator Lance Hedquist for 45 plus years as City Administrator for the City of South Sioux City and for everything he does for the community and the surrounding communities.

Dinner served

Addresses:

- State of South Sioux City Schools - Superintendent Dr. Rony Ortega
- State of Dakota County - Board Chair Martin Hohenstein
- State of Dakota City - Mayor Jerry Yacevich
- State of South Sioux City - Mayor Rod Koch
- State of Homer Schools - Superintendent Joey Lefdal
- State of Northeast Community College - Director Katie Towler
- State of Wayne State College - Vice President Kevin Halle
- Comments by other Public Bodies -

Awards:

Presentation of Volunteer Service Award

Other Government Agencies:

- SIMPCO Updates - Michelle Bostinelos, Brian Pearson, and Jenny Anderson
- South Sioux City Chamber of Commerce - Mike LaCroix

Adjourn

Kriens motioned at 7:15 p.m. close the meeting, seconded by Peters. Voting Aye: Kriens, Peters, Bousquet. B. Schultz and Meyer. Voting No: none