



May 1, 2013

Mayor Sam Kooiker  
City of Rapid City  
300 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Rapid City, SD 57701

Honorable Sam Kooiker:

Black Hills Council of Local Governments is requesting the City of Rapid City to appoint Linda Rabe, President of the Rapid City Chamber Commerce, to the Black Hills Council of Local Governments Board. The reason for this request is under the funding we receive from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) Planning and Technical Assistant grant, we are required to have at least one member represent a Chamber of Commerce, workforce development organization and/or higher education institution. In the past, our EDA representative has allowed an economic development official to meet this criteria. However, our new EDA representative has instructed that this does not meet the federal requirements and instructed to have a revised board membership. I have spoken to Linda and she is willing to serve.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to give me a call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Blaise Emerson".

Blaise Emerson  
Executive Director