

# C. HUNTER ROBERTS

## OBJECTIVE

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Through service, communication, collaboration, and hard work, make our state and nation a better place to live.

## SKILLS & ABILITIES

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Experienced state government executive and manager with proven results in establishing policies and procedures aimed at meeting the executive branch's goals on good governance. Demonstrated public servant experience working with multiple stakeholders, including: private industry, Non Government Organizations, the legislature, and other agencies to solve state issues and create better outcomes for the citizens of South Dakota.

## EXPERIENCE

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April 2021 – Present Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources  
Pierre, SD

### *Secretary*

- Lead a diverse agency tasked with representing the state's largest industry, agriculture, and administering environmental regulations. The department's core mission is to protect and preserve South Dakota's agriculture, environment, and natural resources through effective regulatory services, natural resource conservation, and financial and technical assistance.
- Provide assistance to DANR's 20 boards and commissions with tasks ranging from environmental funding and regulation to animal health and safety.

September 2020 – April 2021 Department of Agriculture  
Pierre, SD

### *Interim Secretary*

- Governor Noem announced her plans to merge the Departments of Agriculture and Environment and Natural Resources into the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources and selected me to lead the merger, serve as the Interim Secretary of Agriculture, and head the new department.

August 2019 – April 2021 Department of Environment & Natural Resources, Pierre, SD

### *Secretary*

- Lead the agency in its mission to protect public health and the environment by providing environmental monitoring and natural resource assessment, technical and financial assistance for environmental projects, and environmental regulatory services to protect the state's natural resources for today and tomorrow.

January 2019 – August 2019 Department of Labor and Regulation  
Pierre, SD

*Deputy Secretary, Director of Labor and Management*

- Leadership role in a diverse department working to connect employers and job seekers with trained staff. The Department of Labor provides regulatory oversight to the insurance, securities, and banking industries along with nine licensing boards and commission to provide proper licensing and regulation of those industries. The department administers reemployment assistance and reemployment taxes insurance as well.
- Director of Labor and Management which includes administration of our State Workers' Compensation Program, Unemployment Appeals, State Labor Law Administration, and the Human Rights Division.

December 2014 – December 2018 Office of Governor Dennis  
Daugaard, Pierre, SD

*Policy Advisor*

- Advise the Governor on issues relating to transportation, agriculture, energy, environment, land management, and game, fish, and parks.
- Represent the Governor on numerous government and industry groups.
- Member of the Governor's Legislative Task Force.

April 2008 – December 2014 Governor's Office of Economic  
Development, Pierre, SD

*Energy Policy Director*

- Lead state's effort to promote business development in the energy industry for the State of South Dakota including: power generation, energy production, and clean energy manufacturing.
- Administer the South Dakota Ethanol Incentive Program
- Advise and lobby energy policy issues on behalf of the Governor, represent South Dakota on energy policy for the Midwestern Governors Association, Western Governors Association, National Governors Association, Governors Biofuels Coalition, Governors Wind Energy Coalition, and the Upper Midwest Transmission Development Initiative (UMTDI).
- Executive Director of the South Dakota Energy Infrastructure Authority.

March 2007 – April 2008 Governor's Office of Economic Development  
Pierre, SD

*Assistant State Energy Director*

- Research, develop, and advocate for sound energy policies for the state of South Dakota.

## EDUCATION

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2004 – 2006 University of South Dakota Vermillion, SD

*Juris Doctorate of Law*

- Member of South Dakota Bar since 2007

2003 University of South Dakota Vermillion, SD

*Masters of Business Administration*

1998 – 2002 University of South Dakota Vermillion, SD

*Bachelors of Business Administration, Civic Leadership Minor*

- Varsity Football player and member of the Farber Leadership Program

## ACTIVITIES

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Owner/Partner/Operator: Roberts' Farm and Ranch

Board Member: Pierre Area Junior Achievement

Committee Member: Missouri River Chapter Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

Past Committee Member: Pierre First United Methodist Church Leadership Team

Coach: Pierre Area Youth Football and Basketball

## REFERENCES

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*References Available Upon Request*