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New member appointed to Board of Pardons and Paroles

Pierre, S.D. – Michael J. McGreevy of Sioux Falls has been appointed to the Board of Pardons and Paroles.

McGreevy replaces Bob Hofer of Pierre, who resigned from the board effective November 19th.

The Board of Pardons and Paroles is made up of nine members. State law grants appointing authority for the Board to the Governor, Attorney General and state Supreme Court, with each appointing three members. At least one of the members appointed by each authority is required to be an attorney.

McGreevy is a state Supreme Court appointee.

Parole Board members are confirmed by the State Senate and serve four-year terms. McGreevy will serve the remainder of Hofer's term, which expires at the end of the 2005 legislative session. At that time, McGreevy will be reappointed to a four-year term, subject to confirmation from the State Senate.

The Board of Pardons and Paroles conducts hearings and takes action on inmate petitions for parole and makes recommendations to the Governor on requests for clemency.

The Board is administered under the jurisdiction and direction of the Department of Corrections but retains quasi-judicial, quasi-legislative, advisory and other non-administrative functions independent of the Department of Corrections. The Board in South Dakota is part-time, holding hearings each month at prison facilities in Sioux Falls, Pierre, Springfield and Yankton.