HERMOSA TOWN BOARD
MONDAY, JULY 20, 2026
SPECIAL MEETING @ 6:00pm
Draft Minutes

ROLL CALL: Serviss called the meeting to order on Tuesday, July 20, 2026, at 6:02 p.m. with the following members present: Ferguson, Kramer, Matheny, Miller, and Serviss. Interested citizens, town attorney and town engineer were also in attendance. Pledge of Allegiance led by Serviss.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: There were no comments from the public.

CALL FOR CHANGES: Motion by Matheny and seconded by Ferguson to approve the agenda as presented; vote: all aye, motion carried.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION: All board members are responsible for refraining from discussion and voting on issues where they may have a conflict of interest. There will be roll call voting for any agenda items that may have a conflict of interest.

OLD BUSINESS: James Preston gave a power point presentation regarding the history of the Preston Family paying the town for water and sewer tap fees and development never started. The board will review the presentation and schedule another meeting with the Preston family to discuss negotiations for return of a portion of the monies paid to the town.

BREAK: The board took a break and reconvened at 7:23 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by Kramer and seconded by Matheny to approve emergency proposal and cleaning and decontamination of 33,000-gallon underground water tank and 135,000-gallon welded steel water tank; vote: all nay, motion failed. Motion by Matheny and seconded by Kramer to approve the cleaning of water tanks not to exceed an amount of $5,150.00; vote: all aye, motion carried.

BREAK: The board took a break and reconvened at 8:34 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED: Motion by Kramer and seconded by Miller to approve full contingency road map to secure and sustain potable water supply in the amount of $52,390.00 (which includes fix tank $40,750.00, survey $5,000.00, fix hydrant $1,680.00, booster station spools x 2 $3,000.00, pressure relief valve $160.00, and well testing $1,800.00); vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion by Kramer and seconded by Matheny to approve Donna Ferguson as authorized agent for approval of emergency expenditures related to contingency road map not to exceed $2,000 for duration of contingency plan dated today; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion by Kramer and seconded by Miller to approve hourly pay rate of $120.00 for historical knowledge consulting by Chuck Ferguson to be documented by recipient; vote: three aye and one abstain, motion carried. Motion by Kramer and seconded by Matheny to pay Chuck Ferguson the agreed upon amount for last week's consultation, once documented; vote: three aye and one abstain, motion carried.

CLOSING COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Dan Holsworth reminded the board of sewer issues at 315 Manning Street and thanked the town attorney for comments on the Preston family.

TRUSTEE INPUT: Miller stated she is excited to see the board and community working together. Matheny is grateful for water provided to the town by Heartland RV and help from fire department. Ferguson noted it has been a busy time for the board. Kramer thanked everyone for all the work being done and was glad the meeting provided a solution to the water issue. Serviss noted important things are happening in the town and community is coming together.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Matheny and seconded by Miller to enter Executive Session allowable by SDCL 1-25-2.4 – Contracts at 9:29 p.m.; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion by Matheny and seconded by Ferguson to exit Executive Session at 10:17 p.m.; vote: all aye, motion carried. No motions resulted from Executive Session.

ADJOURN: Motion made by Kramer and seconded by Ferguson to adjourn meeting at 10:18 p.m., vote: all aye, motion carried.

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