

HERMOSA TOWN BOARD
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026
REGULAR MEETING @ 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Koontz called the meeting to order on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 6:03pm. Roll Call was held with Kramer, Ferguson, Koontz, Serviss and Matheny in attendance. Interested citizens, Town Engineer Theodorou were also present. Pledge of Allegiance led by Koontz.

CALL FOR CHANGES: Motion by Koontz and seconded by Matheny to amend the agenda as follows: Matheny would like to move Item 17D Pre-approve Brylee Camire's Probationary Period Ending 03/29/2026 raise to \$19/hour to executive session, Ferguson would like to add discussion of Defense of Criminal Investigation to Law enforcement as 11B, Koontz would like to add the word 'surcharge' to end of 17F, insert 'DWSRF' before the word bond on 17F, add 17H 'approve ambulance district resolution', add 10C 'snow removal', vote: four aye, one nay, motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion by Koontz and seconded by Matheny to accept March 3rd meeting minutes with amendments as follows: Planning and Zoning, strike the words 'add lift station be' replaced with 'approve building permit contingent upon lift station being', change streets vice chair as Koontz; vote: three aye and two nays, 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. Koontz noted that there will be roll call voting for any agenda items that may have a conflict of interest.

PUBLIC HEARING: Began public hearing at 6:11pm to discuss applications for malt beverage and on-sale liquor license. Motion by Kramer and seconded by Koontz to approve new application for Malt Beverage-South Dakota Wine License – TW Bar, vote: four ayes, one abstain, motion carried. Motion by Kramer and seconded by Matheny to approve new application for On-sale Liquor License – TW Bar, vote: four ayes, one abstain, motion carried. Motion by Kramer and seconded by Matheny to approve Operating Agreement TW Bar, vote: four ayes, one abstain, motion carried.

TOWN/FEMA UPDATES: Town Engineer Theodorou discusses the public engagement meeting will be held on April 15th at 6:00pm at the American Legion.

ENGINEER: Theodorou presented three videos of John Burkhard explaining improvements needed for the Ferguson Lift Station.

PLANNING & ZONING: Motion by Koontz and seconded by Matheny to remove Item 8A Extraterritorial Land Use Violation Parcel #010619 – Hermosa Mud Bog off the agenda as Custer County is overseeing it; vote: four aye and one abstain, motion carried.

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT: Town Engineer Theodorou updated on water and sewer. He wants to dispose of unused and expired chemicals. Motion by Matheny to approve disposal of expired and unused chemicals. Motion died for a lack of a second. Question came up of surplus, moved item to next meeting. They have been maintaining propane heating system in well house. Kramer brings concern for amount of water in tanks because of the fire; there is plenty of water. Theodorou updates on sewer, working with state for the water sampling. Motion by Matheny and seconded by Kramer to approve invoice of \$225.14 for sewer issues for Heartland Hair, vote: four ayes, one abstain, motion carried Motion by Matheny and seconded by Kramer to approve quote of \$695 for cleaning of Ferguson Lift Station, vote: four ayes, one abstain, motion carried Motion by Koontz and seconded by Kramer to table 'Approve budget for Public Tour Safety and Beautification Upgrades for WWTP' until cost estimates are provided, vote: four ayes, one abstain, motion carried

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PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT: Koontz discusses snow removal and thanks Ryan and Breezy Simpson for helping.

LAW ENFORCEMENT/ABATEMENTS/COMPLAINTS: Custer County Log was provided in the packet. Department of Criminal Investigation reached out to Ferguson to ask about putting a license plate camera on HWY 40 to the east. Town would only be responsible for providing electricity for a 60-watt plugin.

LEGAL: No items presented

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: No items presented

CLAIMS: Motion by Ferguson and seconded by Matheny to approve Payroll for March 13, 2026, and claims for March 17, 2026, as presented; vote: all ayes, motion carried. INDEPENDENT AUDIT SERVICES, audit draft for 2024-2025, \$2,250.00; SD DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, January/February sales tax, \$592.77; CBH CO-OP, propane for town shop, \$574.23; CONIFER CONSTRUCTION, replacing piping/valves in drop box, \$1,900.00; MT RUSHMORE TELEPHONE, phone/internet – fax line, \$57.62; MT RUSHMORE TELEPHONE, phone/internet – marshal’s office, \$145.60; MT RUSHMORE TELEPHONE, phone/internet – second line, \$67.34; MT RUSHMORE TELEPHONE, phone/internet – main line, \$141.86; BENESCH, operations on-call inspection *final payment*, \$4,973.00; BENESCH, FRA grant application *final payment*, \$596.00; BENESCH, on-call office *final payment*, \$1,404.00; BENESCH, CMOM update *final payment*, \$632.00; BENESCH, on-call building official *final payment*, \$3,850.50; KIEFFER SANITATION, monthly sanitation fee – February 2026, \$4,158.96; GOLDEN WEST TECHNOLOGIES, monthly service fee, \$633.65; SECRETARY OF STATE, notary application for admin, \$30.00; SOUTHERN HILLS PUBLISHING, publishing/legal notices, \$350.94; SOUTHERN HILLS LAW PLLC, attorney services – February 2026, \$2,047.50, **Accounts Payable Total: \$24,405.97.** Payroll related: Total Paid on 03/13/2026; Legislative, Financial Administration, \$2,461.82, Water, \$303.81, Sewer, \$182.29, Promoting City/BBB, \$74.14, HSA, \$62.50, EFTPS-Electronic Federal Tax, \$777.44, **Total Payroll Related Paid: \$. REPORT TOTAL: \$28,267.97.**

FINANCE OFFICE: Matheny shares concerns about overspending on attorney and engineer on financial reports. Serviss and Matheny will go over computer sonic wall security contract with the office staff. Board agreed to have the next regular meeting at 5:30pm and decide if all future meetings should start at that time.

BREAK: The board took a break and reconvened at 7:40pm

OLD BUSINESS: Matheny wants to add more questions to response letter from mail call on 16A. Finance officer will send letter. Koontz read 2025 Volunteer of the Year nomination letter for Dan and Shelley Martin. They will accept award at the next meeting they are available.

NEW BUSINESS: Matheny reviews policies for cyber security and key control and asks office staff to review. Motion by Koontz and seconded by Matheny to approve Finance Committee to work with Don Peterson to write letters to DANR, Motion to amended by Koontz and seconded by Matheny to put a \$1,100 ceiling cost (total of four hours’ time), vote: four aye, one abstain amendment carried, vote on original: four aye, one abstain original motion carried. Motion by Koontz and seconded by Kramer to table ‘Approve Resolution for DWSRF Loan surcharge’ and ‘Approve Resolution for Bond DWSRF’ until next meeting, vote: four ayes, one abstain, motion carried. Motion by Koontz and seconded by Matheny to amend previous resolution 2026-04 ‘A resolution stating intent of the town of hermosa to be included in proposed east Custer County ambulance district’ all aye, motion carried.

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ITEMS FROM CONSTITUENTS: Faye Miller asks when Serviss will be put back on a committee. Kathy Pillen asks about a street issue. Connie Leimer questions about snow removal.

TRUSTEE INPUT: Servis states being off a committee does not affect him, has other things to do. Matheny questions about proposed water and sewer rates.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Koontz and seconded by Matheny to enter executive session allowable by SDCL 1-25-2-1 – Personnel at 8:11pm, all aye, motion carried. Motion by Koontz and seconded by Ferguson to exit executive session at 8:26pm, all aye, motion carried. RESULTS: Motion by Matheny and seconded by Kramer to approve Brylee Camire’s Probationary Period Ending 03/29/2026 for a raise to \$19/hour with a 6-month review starting now, all aye, motion carried. Motion by Koontz and seconded by Matheny to enter executive session allowable by SDCL 1-25-2 -6A – Security at 8:27pm, all aye, motion carried. Motion by Ferguson and seconded by Kramer to exit executive session at 8:50pm, all aye, motion carried. RESULTS: Motion by Koontz and seconded by Matheny to update the policy for access to restricted locations, will post policy on restricted locations, which will say ‘all people entering must be accompanied by a certified operator or an approved guide with positive notifications from the certified operator to each entrant’, vote: all aye, motion carried.

ADJOURN: Motion made by Koontz and seconded by Matheny to adjourn meeting at 8:52pm., vote: all aye, motion carried.

ATTEST:

Brylee Camire
Administrative Assistant

Kelburn Koontz
Town Board President

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