

**HERMOSA TOWN BOARD
MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2026
SPECIAL MEETING @ 5:00pm
Draft Minutes**

ROLL CALL: Serviss called the meeting to order on Monday, June 15, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present: Matheny, Ferguson, Miller and Serviss. Kramer joined the meeting at 5:02 p.m. Also in attendance was Town Attorney James. Pledge of Allegiance led by Serviss.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Jerry Styles thanked the board for giving the audience time for input at the beginning of the meeting.

CALL FOR CHANGES: Motion by Miller and seconded by Ferguson to move Item 5C Motion for action in response to WWTP state electrical inspection findings from Old Business to New Business Item 6 and approve agenda as amended: vote: three aye and two abstain, 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.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion was held on what enumerated powers should the board president have. Motion by Matheny and seconded by Kramer to allow the town attorney to make his own judgement on attending meetings and letting all board members know if he will attend the meeting or not; vote: all aye, motion carried. Discussion was held on a motion made on February 19, 2026, BOT Special Meeting regarding access to town's critical infrastructure. Motion by Matheny to add to February 19, 2026, BOT Special Meeting motion, Trespassing not for board members, staff and employees. Motion was amended by Matheny and seconded by Miller to amend the motion to change wording for critical infrastructure to infrastructure facilities and by appointment when necessary. Vote on amendment: all aye, motion carried. Vote on original: all aye, motion carried.

BREAK: The board took a break and reconvened at 6:18 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS: Serviss stated the town is required by Ordinance to elect a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary to serve on Planning & Zoning Commission. Motion made by Kramer and seconded by Miller to elect Matheny as Planning & Zoning Commission Chairperson; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion by Matheny and seconded by Kramer to elect Miller as Planning & Zoning Commission Vice Chairperson; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion by Kramer and seconded by Ferguson to elect Serviss as Planning & Zoning Commission Secretary; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion by Matheny to approve agenda item submission/approval policy as presented. Motion died for a lack of a second. Motion by Matheny and seconded by Kramer to table Item 6B Approve agenda item submission/approval policy until the next regular meeting; vote: all aye, motion carried. Discussion was held on preliminary report received from State of South Dakota Electrical Inspector on the Wastewater Treatment Plant. There were several violations cited in the preliminary report. Motion by Kramer and seconded by Matheny to wait until we have formal inspection report from South Dakota State Electrical Inspector and to start the process of getting an Engineering Company to classify the Wastewater Treatment Plant as necessary; vote: two aye, one nay and two abstain; motion failed. Motion by Miller and seconded by Ferguson to direct operator to deactivate systems containing issues identified by inspector and place in recirculation as necessary; vote: all nay, motion failed. Motion by Matheny and seconded by Kramer to table until the next regular meeting; vote: all aye, motion carried.

CLOSING COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Dan Holsworth stated the board needs to check with town attorney on failed motion for requesting formal inspection for wastewater treatment plant before acting on violations with wastewater treatment plant.

TRUSTEE INPUT: Kramer stated it was a good meeting. Ferguson had no comment. Matheny agreed with Holsworth comment concerning failed motion and looks forward to attorney's opinion. Miller stated the board is dealing with important issues and needs to do the right thing. Serviss will speak with Attorney James about the question on the failed motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: No Executive Session was held.

ADJOURN: Motion by Kramer and seconded by Ferguson to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.; vote: all aye, motion carried.

Terri Cornelison
Finance Officer

Aaron Serviss
Town Board President

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