

**HERMOSA TOWN BOARD
TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025
REGULAR MEETING @ 6:00pm**

ROLL CALL: Kramer called the meeting to order on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 6:02 pm with the following members present: Ferguson, Kramer, Koontz, and Serviss. Harris and Attorney Hagg were absent. Interested citizens were also present. Pledge of Allegiance led by Kramer.

CALL FOR CHANGES: Motion by Serviss and seconded by Ferguson to amend the agenda with the addition of Update on snow machine under Engineer and approve agenda as amended; vote: all aye, motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion made by Ferguson and seconded by Koontz to amend the February 4, 2025, regular meeting minutes under Engineer with the addition of "Motion by Ferguson and seconded by Serviss to approve the quote from DSG in the amount of \$14,321.43 (town will purchase these items and deduct from bid amount awarded for lagoon expansion); vote: all aye, motion carried and to accept the minutes of the February 19, 2025 meeting 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.

TOWN UPDATES: Kramer set work sessions to be held on the opposite Tuesday of Regular Board Meetings for the months of March and April 2025 with a start time of 5:00 p.m. Kramer also stated a correction to a newspaper article published in the Custer County Chronicle on February 26, 2025. A short FEMA update from Joan Harris was read by Kramer.

TRAILS WEST SALOON: Motion by Serviss and seconded by Koontz to approve (as required per SDCL 22-25-25) Chase the Ace games to be held at Trails West Saloon with proceeds to benefit Fairburn Volunteer Fire Department for the year 2025; vote: all aye, motion carried. Discussion was held on requirements for a special event liquor license that will be needed for the Trails West Saloon this summer. This item will be placed on a future agenda in April.

ENGINEER: Motion by Serviss and seconded by Ferguson to approve Town Engineer to apply for water rights permit for well; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion by Ferguson and seconded by Serviss to approve the Madison well proposal; vote: all aye, motion carried. Town Engineer Theodorou gave an update on TIF #2 and the snow machine that was purchased for lagoon maintenance.

PLANNING & ZONING: Motion by Serviss and seconded by Ferguson to approve and authorize the chair to sign the Community Acknowledgement Form; vote: all aye, motion carried.

CLAIMS: Motion made by Ferguson and seconded by Serviss to approve the amended Payroll and Claims; vote: all aye, motion carried; A & B BUSINESS, monthly printer/fax fee, \$538.42; BANK WEST, classic web banking fee, \$25.00; BANKWEST CREDIT CARD, stamps/SDML membership/Adobe software/File W2's, \$995.32; BAROQUE ADVANTAGE LLC, Pay Application #3, \$97,472.31; BENESCH, Hermosa Wastewater Treatment Plant Engineering, \$2,752.00; North Water Tank Engineering Fees, \$2,582.50; FY22 Drinking Water SRF Project Engineering Fees, \$11,835.00; Lagoon Expansion Design/New DANR Permit Engineering Fees, \$1,948.97; Lone Coyote Water & Sewer Extension Engineering Fees, \$6,520.00; BLACK HILLS ELECTRIC COOP, utilities electric/January 2025, \$3,460.57; CONNIE LEIMERS, Trap/Neuter/Release Program, \$35.00; D & R SERVICE, replace blower motor & capacitor town furnace, \$790.67, DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP, lagoon parts for contractor, \$13,283.11; CHUCK FERGUSON, February 2025 Services, \$3,120.00; 8 hours pumping lagoon /fuel for lagoon pumping, \$153.69; KING BROWN WELDING, 4x Multigas Detector, \$850.00, NELSON'S OIL & GAS, propane for city well, \$183.70; RAPID ROOTER, jetted 130'/hot box/after-hours fee, \$531.00; RURAL DEVELOPMENT, RD 1 Loan-February 2025 interest & principal, \$1,278.00; RD2 Loan-February 2025 interest & principal, \$417.00, RD3 Loan-February 2025 interest & principal, \$222.00; TIME EQUIPMENT RENTAL, rent trash pump, \$322.19; US BANK, SRF quarterly loan payment for February 2025, \$1,493.23; MONTE WALTMAN, mileage to commercial applicator training, \$15.30; WESTERN DAKOTA REGIONAL WATER, class 1 membership dues, \$1,500.00; WYOMING SUNMADE, 430 ton bentonite for lagoon expansion, \$37,625.00 **Accounts Payable Total: \$189,949.98.** Payroll related: Total Paid On:02/28/2025: General, \$3,863.82, Water, \$541.79, Sewer, \$237.55, Promoting City/ BBB, \$79.18; EFTPS-Electronic Federal Tax, FED/FICA

TAX, \$1,252.74, SOUTH DAKOTA RETIREMENT, \$1,072.60; HEALTH POOL OF SD, \$2,087.14; **Total Payroll Related Paid: \$9,134.82. REPORT TOTAL: \$199,084.80.**

LAW ENFORCEMENT/ABATEMENTS/COMPLAINTS: The Custer County Log was provided to the board.

LEGAL: No items presented

PUBLIC WORKS: Ferguson provided updates on water and sewer departments.

FINANCE OFFICE: Monthly financials will be provided at the next regular meeting. Cornelison gave an update on digital speed sign has been ordered and 8-month CD will mature on March 26, 2025.

OLD BUSINESS: Motion by Koontz and seconded by Ferguson to award Linda Hasselstrom, Leo, and Deb VanSambeek the 2024 Volunteer of the Year; vote: all aye, motion carried. Awards will be presented at a future board meeting. The Town of Hermosa Media Policy will be addressed at a future work session. Trena Matheny gave a presentation on the new town website. Motion by Serviss and seconded by Koontz to approve moving the town website to a new domain; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion by Koontz and seconded by Serviss to change vendor permit fee structure to any events held on private property will not require a vendor permit or fee with liability being on the property owner and any event held on public property will require a vendor permit and fees as follows: \$50 annual for Transient Vendor/Peddlers Application and \$100 annual for Mobile Food and Beverage Vendor License Application; vote: all aye, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: No items were presented.

CITIZENS/TRUSTEE INPUT: Audience and trustees had input.

The board had a five-minute break.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Serviss and seconded by Ferguson to enter Executive Session allowable by SDCL 1-25-2.1 – Personnel at 8:10 p.m.; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion made by Ferguson and seconded by Koontz to exit Executive Session at 9:01 p.m.; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion by Serviss and seconded by Ferguson to allow the Finance Officer to develop an Administrative Assistant job description to be shared and approved by the board before being advertised; vote: all aye, motion carried.

ADJOURN: Motion made by Ferguson and seconded by Koontz to adjourn meeting at 9:03 p.m., vote: all aye, motion carried.

ATTEST:

Terri Cornelison
Finance Officer

Linda Kramer
Town Board President

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