

REGULAR MEETING OF THE OACOMA TOWN BOARD
October 16, 2023

The Oacoma Town Board met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. on October 16, 2023, in Meeting Room #2 at the Oacoma Community Center. Board members present were Gary Dominiack, President; Richard Kirkpatrick, Vice President; Kyle Fuchs; Robin Hutmacher; and Justin Rabern. Also present were Valerie Moore, Finance Officer; and Jona Ohm, Middle America Communication Solutions.

MINUTES

Motion by Hutmacher, second by Fuchs, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on October 2, 2023, and the special meeting on October 10, 2023. Motion carried.

SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

Jona Ohm, Middle America Communication Solutions, provided third quarter statistics on the Visit Oacoma S.D. Facebook page. Ohm reported the page reached 55,867 viewers during the third quarter compared to 43,292 viewers during the second quarter. Sponsored ads reached 23,446 viewers during the third quarter compared to 13,976 viewers during the second quarter. The page currently has 399 followers and Ohm's goal is to increase it to 500 followers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time was reserved for public comments pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1. No comments were offered.

HAUL ROAD AGREEMENT

Dominiack reported Ringneck & Western Railroad, LLC has finished hauling material to and storing material upon the project site known as the town's "East Yard". An inspection revealed the streets used for the haul road and the project site remain in satisfactory condition. Motion by Kirkpatrick, second by Rabern, to release Ringneck & Western Railroad, LLC from the haul road and project site agreement executed in July 2022 and return their \$5,000 damage deposit. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL

The board reviewed and discussed Policy #3 Employee Classifications and Policy #7 Leaves of Absences from the Oacoma Personnel Manual. Motion by Hutmacher, second by Fuchs, to authorize deletion of all language restricting an employee-in-training from using accrued vacation leave until the training period is complete. Motion carried.

Dominiack reported the applicant offered the position of Deputy Finance Officer has accepted the offer of employment. Motion by Hutmacher, second by Kirkpatrick, to hire Desiree Hettick as Deputy Finance Officer at the rate of \$20.00 per hour. Motion carried. Moore reported Hettick will begin in early November under part-time status and move to full-time status in December.

RECONCILIATION OF CASH ASSETS

Dominiack verified the Reconciliation of Cash Assets for the month of September.

OTHER DISCUSSION

Dominiack reported Sheena Larsen, Lake Francis Case Development Corporation, is working on a "Thriving Communities" federal grant opportunity sponsored by the U. S. Dept. of Transportation to provide technical assistance for transportation, housing, and community revitalization activities. Larsen anticipates submitting the application as a collaborative effort with participation from the cities of Chamberlain and Oacoma and the counties of Brule and Lyman.

PAY BILLS

The following bills were approved for payment: Banner Associates, engineering fees-754.46; Byre Bros, garbage service-134.00; DMC Wear Parts LLC, cutting edges/blades for all plow equipment-2675.07; KO's Winterizing, winterize OCC sprinklers-50.00; Midstate Communications, phones & internet-418.60; SDML Work Comp Fund, 2024 work comp coverage-5746.00; Tri-County Landfill, rubble fees for trees-557.76; West Central Electric Cooperative, utilities-3955.85.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kirkpatrick, second by Fuchs to adjourn. Motion carried. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 6, 2023, beginning at 7:00 P.M. in Meeting Room #2 at the Oacoma Community Center.

Gary Dominiack, President

Valerie J. Moore, Finance Officer

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