

**OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY APPROVED MINUTES OF MAY 11, 2022**

The Oglala Lakota Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on May 11, 2022. Present: Art Hopkins, Eugenio White Hawk, Wendell Yellow Bull (via phone) and Sue Ganje, Auditor. Ramon Bear Runner and Anna Takes the Shield (DuBray) were absent.

The meeting was called to order at 1:38 p.m. by Chairman White Hawk and the pledge was given. The agenda was reviewed for conflicts; none were noted. ALL MOTIONS RECORDED IN THESE MINUTES WERE PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the agenda, and to include an increase to the line of credit for the Highway Department credit card.

Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Yellow Bull, to approve the minutes of April 13, 2022.

Motion made by Hopkins, seconded Yellow Bull, to approve the Auditor's Account with the Treasurer as follows:

**AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT WITH THE COUNTY TREASURER**

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:  
I hereby submit the following report of my examination of the cash and cash items in the hands of the County Treasurer of this County on this 30th day of April 2022.

<b>Total Amount of Deposit in First Interstate Bank, HS:</b>	\$ 106,482.90
<b>Total Amount of Cash:</b>	\$ 914.95
<b>Total Amount of Checks in Treasurer's Possession Not Exceeding Three Days:</b>	\$ 17,485.91
<b>FIRST INTERSTATE SAVINGS</b>	
First Interstate, HS:	\$ 2,757,828.17
<b>CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT:</b>	
First Interstate, HS:	\$ 202,257.05
Black Hills Federal Credit Union, HS:	\$ 50,000.00
First National Bank of Lead Checking	\$ 1,000.00
First Nation Bank of Lead ICS Acct	\$ 1,217,170.97

**Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts that have**

**been in the Treasurer's possession over three days:**

Sheriff Change Fund:	\$	200.00
Election Petty Cash:	\$	15.00

**RETURNED CHECKS:**

**TOTAL \$ 4,353,354.95**

Dated This 30th Day of April 2022.

/s/Sue Ganje, County Auditor of Oglala Lakota County

/s/Teresa Pullen, County Treasurer of Oglala Lakota County

County Monies	\$	4,184,401.65
Held for other Entities	\$	128,531.52
Held in Trust	\$	40,421.78
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,353,354.95</b>

The Above Balance Reflects County Monies, Monies Held in Trust, and Monies Collected for and to be remitted to Other ENTITIES: SCHOOLS, TOWNS, AND STATE.

Lynx Bettelyoun, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the April 7 – May 1, 2022 sheriff fuel transfer to reimburse the highway for 172.6 gallons of fuel at \$3.915 per gallon, for a total of \$675.73.

Fuel quotes were presented as follows:

5/2/2022 Fuel Quotes	550-Gal Gasoline	2000-Gal Diesel
Westco	\$3.915/gallon	\$4.969/gallon
Pine Ridge Oil	No Bid	No Bid
Nelson's	No Bid	No Bid
Kadoka Oil & Gas	No Bid	No Bid

Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Yellow Bull, to approve the low and only bid from Westco for 550 gallons of gasoline at \$3.915 per gallon, for a total of \$2,153.25 and 2,000 gallons of diesel, at \$4.4969 per gallon, for a total of \$8,993.80.

Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Yellow Bull, to approve hire approval for Kelly Ferguson, \$15.00 per hour, seasonal, effective May 16, 2022.

Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Yellow Bull, to approve the private road contract with Coleen Provost, in the amount of \$85.00, for road work.

Jerlene Arredondo joined the meeting via phone at 1:45 p.m.

Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Yellow Bull to approve the increase on the Highway Superintendent's credit card to \$5,000.00.

Bettelyoun gave updates that included the Highway Department blading County Roads 13, 26, 16, 7, 15L, 11, 2, 4, 17 (twice), 15 and 9; reshaped County Road 16 and hauled 50 tons of gravel to the Batesland Streets and 825 tons to County Road 16. Maintenance was performed on the 2014 140M2 by replacing a tire and transmission hoses, serviced the 2017 F150 and replaced the fuel return splitter on the 1995 Peterbilt semi. Further discussion was held on Old BIA 17 becoming County Road 16, sign placement and the great shape that the 4 miles of the Old BIA Road is in now that the county has taken over.

Lily Heidebrink, Director of Equalization, met with the Board. Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve travel for Frances Denison to attend the NCRAAO Conference, June 27 through June 30, 2022 in Deadwood, SD and to attend the Vanguard Meeting, July 11 and July 12, 2022 in Chamberlain, SD.

Teresa Pullen, Treasurer, reported to the Board that she will start processing tax deeds on 43 parcels. Many parcels date back to 1985 and 21 of the 43 parcels are a part of undivided interest. Pullen is confident that some will get caught up because people are starting to hear about it; she will contact Kili and Lakota Times to advise the public, as well as post it to Facebook and on the County Website. The Board requested that Pullen contact the Gordon Radio Station as well. Pullen is hopeful that after 3 months she will have a good follow up for the Board.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to allow Pullen to start the process with tax deeds.

Pullen also recommended not to sell tax certificates at this time, which will allow her to clean up as much of the old files as possible first. Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to leave the moratorium on the sale of tax certificates in place until the next update.

Jerlene Arredondo, Veteran's Service Officer, met with the Board. Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by White Hawk, to transfer a vehicle from the Sheriff's office for Arredondo to drive for work related travel and increase Arredondo's hours to full-time, with a new hourly wage of \$18.40 per hour. With Hopkins voting no, all others voting yes, motion carried.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded for Hopkins to request an objective management plan for the VSO office, including continued monthly reports on activities.

Joe Herman, Sheriff, met with the Board to request a full time Deputy Sheriff hire approval, and reviewed the 2 applicants with the Board. Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins to advertise for a deputy sheriff, with an hourly wage of \$19.35.

Kim McNemar, Behavior Management, met with the Board to present their 2023 Budget request. Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve having Behavior Management report to the Board quarterly if the budget request is fulfilled.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, to table the coroner position until the next meeting. Yellow Bull retracted his motion.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to advertise for the coroner position for 30 days.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve bills as follows:

**GENERAL FUND**

AT&T TELECONFERENCE	CONFERENCE CALL SERVER	\$95.30
BETTELYOUN, TINA	MILEAGE (EARLY VOTE)	\$43.68
FALL RIVER CO. SHERIFF	INMATE HOUSING	\$85.00
FALL RIVER CO. TREASURER	REIMBURSE SUPPLY	\$40.56
SCHMIDT, STACY	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	\$46.00
GOLDEN WEST	LOCAL PHONE/EMAIL/LONG DISTANCE	\$205.85
HOPKINS, ARTHUR L	MILEAGE	\$95.76
LAKOTA TIMES	PUBLICATION	\$319.80
NORTON, MIKAYA	BLOOD DRAW	\$75.00
OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE	MONTH RENT FOR VET SERVICE OFFICER	\$100.00
PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT	EQUIPMENT/INSTALL	\$1,895.00
PULLEN, TERESA	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	\$140.08
SECRETARY OF STATE	PISTOL PERMITS	\$51.00
WHITE HAWK, EUGENIO	MILEAGE	\$78.12
BETTELYOUN, ARROW	MILEAGE (EARLY VOTE)	\$21.84
DONOVAN, MARK	MILEAGE (EARLY VOTE)	\$65.52
WESTOVER, AGNES A	MILEAGE (EARLY VOTE)	\$75.60
	TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND	\$3,434.11

**COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE**

CULLIGAN	UTILITY	\$19.50
GREAT WESTERN TIRE INC.	SUPPLY	\$3,047.12
LACREEK ELECTRIC ASSOC	UTILITY/ELECTRIC	\$380.22
W.D. LARSON COMPANIES	PARTS	\$385.62
WESTCO	FUEL/UTILITES	\$10,849.25
	TOTAL FOR COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	\$14,681.71
	TOTAL PAID BETWEEN 4/30/22 AND 5/11/22	\$18,115.82

Wendell Yellow Bull, Commissioner, reported to the Board that there is a lot of federal information to benefit Oglala Lakota County staff to have knowledge of dealing with the grants, expenses, liabilities, HR, policies and Federal procurement.

Discussion was held on projects that ARPA funds could be used on. Yellow Bull would like to see an Oglala Lakota County office and Highway safety programs, with sewer and water for both offices; he would also like to enhance programs and get a grant writer. Further discussion was held on having a strategic planning meeting, with intellectual thinking on expenditures, with all commissioners in attendance. White Hawk would possibly like to see some college training for CDL's.

No public comment was given. Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Yellow Bull, to adjourn at 3:59 p.m.

/s/Eugenio White Hawk  
Eugenio White Hawk, Chairman  
Board of Oglala Lakota County Commissioners

ATTEST:  
/s/Sue Ganje  
Sue Ganje, Oglala Lakota County Auditor