

OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2025

The Oglala Lakota Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on March 13, 2025. Present: Allyssa Comer, Art Hopkins, Wendell Yellow Bull and Sue Ganje, Auditor. Ramon Bear Runner and Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray) were absent.

The meeting was called to order at 1:17 p.m. by Chairwoman Comer. The agenda was reviewed for conflicts. 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 as written.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the February 13, 2025 minutes.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins to approve the Auditor's Account with the Treasurer for January 2025 as follows:

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 31st day of January 2025.

Total Amount of Deposit in First Interstate Bank, HS: \$ 297,387.28

Total Amount of Cash: \$ 1,200.72

Total Amount of Checks in Treasurer's Possession Not Exceeding Three Days: \$ 8,551.83

FIRST INTERSTATE SAVINGS

First Interstate, HS: \$ 2,793,239.88

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT:

Schwab 2 year \$ 2,124,865.89

Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts that have been in the Treasurer's possession over three days:

Election Petty Cash: \$ 15.00

RETURNED CHECKS:

Deaton, Tyler \$ 110.10

TOTAL \$ 5,225,370.70

Dated This 31st Day of January 2025.

/S/ Sue Ganje

Sue Ganje, County
Auditor of Oglala
Lakota County

/S/ Teresa Pullen

Teresa Pullen, County Treasurer
of Oglala Lakota County

County Monies	\$	5,104,117.93
Held for other Entities	\$	26,635.02
Held in Trust	\$	94,617.75
TOTAL	\$	5,225,370.70

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.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to set the Consolidated Board of Equalization meeting tentatively on April 8, 2025, rather than the regular meeting date on April 10, to allow Commissioners to attend the Spring workshop for County Commissioners in Pierre.

Lynx Bettelyoun, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve travel for Bettelyoun, Commissioners Comer, Hopkins and Yellow Bull, to include advanced travel for Commissioners to attend the Highway Short Course March 18-20, 2025 at a cost of \$200.00/person plus lodging and per diem.

Bear Runner entered the meeting via telephone at 1:21 p.m.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the gravel hauling contract with Lee Ranch Trucking, contingent on the State's Attorney's review and approval.

Fuel quotes were provided for 2,000 gallons of unleaded gasoline: Westco quoted \$3.502/gallon; Vollan Oil, Lakota Plains and Discount Fuels, Inc did not provide a bid.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Bear Runner, to approve and accept the low bid from Westco at \$3.052/gallon for 2,000 gallons of unleaded gasoline.

Bettelyoun provided his monthly report.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to accept the Highway Department's monthly report.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Bear Runner, to approve a pay raise of \$1.00/hr for the Highway Department employees, retroactively to the begin at the beginning of this pay period.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to move Sheriff Mark Mesteth and VSO Jerlene Arredondo's agenda items to the next meeting.

TJ Plume of Alpha One Fire Department did not call in to present his agenda item. Discussion was held regarding a potential contract to provide fire suppression coverage for central Oglala Lakota County. State’s Attorney Russell suggested that the Board get proposals in writing to include all aspects of coverage and expectations.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve advanced travel for mileage with the meal per diem paid through payroll to attend the Black Hills SDACC/SDACO meeting in Rapid City on March 14, 2025 for Bear Runner, Comer, Hopkins and Yellow Bull.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve advanced travel for mileage and per diem to attend the SDACC Spring Workshop (registration fee: \$125.00/each) April 9-10, 2025 in Pierre for Comer, Hopkins, Yellow Bull, Takes the Shield (Dubray) and Bear Runner.

Dallas Nelson of Hesapa Lakota Wakanyeja Wicoti (Black Hills Lakota Youth Camp) met with the Board to request County held Opioid Settlement funds to help with the camps that they sponsor each year for youth from the Pine Ridge/Slim Buttes area. Hopkins would like to see it opened up for youth throughout the County. Yellow Bull said that he was going to recuse himself from voting on this item. Discussion was held with the State’s Attorney on Yellow Bull recusing himself, it was determined that there was not a conflict for Yellow Bull.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve providing \$20,000.00 of the County held Opioid Settlement funds to Hesapa Lakota Wakanyeja Wicoti (Black Hills Lakota Youth Camp) to help with the costs of hosting the camp contingent on verification of compliance with usage of the funds.

Lance Russell, State’s Attorney, met with the Board to provide a briefing regarding 56CRI 24-12. The hearing will be on April 23, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. Russell invited anyone that wanted to attend. Russell then informed the Board that he had read through the Lee Ranch Trucking Hauling Contract and said that it looked fine to him.

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

GENERAL FUND		
ARREDONDO, JERLENE	VOID/DUPLICATE PAYMENT	-\$95.14
AT&T MOBILITY	WIRELESS PHONE SERVICES	\$405.46
BEAR RUNNER, RAMON	ADVANCED TRAVEL	\$221.10
BEAR RUNNER, RAMON	VOID MILEAGE/DID NOT ATTEND	-\$85.15
BEAR RUNNER, RAMON	VOID DID NOT COME TO MEETING	-\$87.10
BEAR RUNNER, RAMON	VOID DID NOT ATTEND	-\$87.10
BEAR RUNNER, RAMON	VOID/DUPLICATE CHECK	-\$87.10
WEST RIVER MH/FKA BMS	2025 ANNUAL ALLOCATION	\$8,500.00
CENTURY BUSINESS	CENTURY BUSINESS LEASE	\$335.57
TAKES THE SHIELD, ANNA	MILEAGE & MEAL REIMB	\$136.68
TAKES THE SHIELD, ANNA	VOID DID NOT ATTEND	-\$65.50
TAKES THE SHIELD, ANNA	VOID DID NOT ATTEND	-\$208.55
TAKES THE SHIELD, ANNA	VOID DIDN'T ATTEND MEETING	-\$67.00
TAKES THE SHIELD, ANNA	VOID DID NOT ATTEND	-\$67.00
FALL RIVER COUNTY HERALD	PUBLICATION COSTS FOR OL, LIENS	\$290.00

HOPKINS, ARTHUR L	MILEAGE & MEAL REIMB	\$441.34
HOPKINS, ARTHUR L	VOID/DUPLICATE CHECK	-\$142.04
INTELLECTUAL TECH INC	ENVELOPES & POSTAGE	\$131.33
LAKOTA TIMES	PUBLICATION	\$270.00
LYNN'S DAKOTA MART	MEETING SNACKS/WATER	\$41.11
MASTEL, BRUCE	DATA BASE & HOST	\$70.00
MASTERCARD	CREDIT CARD CHARGES	\$522.66
OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE	VOID/WRONG VENDOR FOR VSO	-\$100.00
RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE	LIFE INSURANCE	\$72.00
SD ASSN OF COUNTY COMM.	QUARTERLY ASSESS/SDACC REG	\$908.00
SD DEPT OF HEALTH	BLOOD TOXICOLOGY	\$100.00
SDACHS	2025 SHORT COURSE REG	\$600.00
OL COUNTY TREASURER	SALES TAX	\$3.19
SD DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE REMITTANCE	\$120.00
SOFTWARE SERVICES	SOFTWARE SERV, ANALYSIS	\$1,100.00
THOMSON REUTERS - WEST	ONLINE SUBSCRIPTION	\$326.34
TTECH TRANSCENDENT TECH.	ANNUAL SOFTWARE	\$3,837.00
AKICITA LAKOTA VETERANS	VSO RENTAL	\$500.00
WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS	PROGRAMMING SERVICE	\$210.00
WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS	VOID/WRONG VENDOR	-\$210.00
YELLOW BULL, WENDELL	TRAVEL & MEALS	\$449.40
YELLOW BULL, WENDELL	VOID/DUPLICAT CK FOR MTG	-\$87.10
ZEITAWI, JASON	REISSUE LOST CHECK	\$255.07
RED ELK, RUTH	LOST CHK	-\$185.18
COMER, ALLYSSA	ADVANCED TRAVEL & MEAL	\$379.72
COMER, ALLYSSA	VOID/DUPLICATE CK	-\$128.64
COMMISSION	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$4,413.21
ST ATTY	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$284.13
VET'S	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$4,062.04
SHERIFF	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$11,132.91
	TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND	\$38,415.66
COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE		
AT&T MOBILITY	WIRELESS PHONE	\$190.44
BOMGAARS SUPPLY	SUPPLY	\$98.44
BOOT BARN INC.	VOID, RET CHK OVERPAYMENT	-\$7,525.10
BOOT BARN INC.	2025 CLOTHING ALLOWAWANCE	\$3,001.60
BOOT BARN INC.	VOIDED LAST CK/CORRERECTED	\$2,397.82
BUTLER MACHINERY CO.	EQUIP/REPAIR	\$4,093.22
BUTLER MACHINERY CO.	VOID/PREVIOUSLY PD	-\$211.32
CULLIGAN	DRINKING WATER	\$27.80
BUCHER HARDWARE & LUMBER	SUPPLY	\$379.99
GODFREY BRAKE SERVICE AND	VOID ALREADY PD CK 2	-\$153.84
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIO	TELEPHONE SERVICES	\$222.42
GREAT WESTERN TIRE INC.	TIRES	\$279.90
GREAT WESTERN TIRE INC.	VOID INVOICE REVERSE	-\$681.95

LACREEK ELECTRIC ASSOC	UTILITY/ELECTRIC	\$643.75
LAKOTA TIMES	PUBLICATION	\$20.88
MARTIN AUTO PARTS	PARTS/SUPPLY	\$96.15
MASTERCARD	CREDIT CARD CHARGES	\$425.58
MCI COMM SERVICE	LONG DISTANCE PHONE	\$110.21
MENARDS	SUPPLY	\$397.62
MODERN FARM EQUIPMENT CO.	VOID ALREADY PD	-\$399.41
PACIFIC STEEL & RECYCLING	STEEL & RECYCLING	\$87.18
RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE	LIFE INSURANCE	\$148.25
SDACHS	2025 SHORT COURSE REG	\$200.00
OL COUNTY TREASURER	SALES TAX	\$6.82
WESTCO	FUEL/UTILITES	\$8,440.96
WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS	PROGRAMMING SERVICE	\$60.00
CRBR ADMIN	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$25,615.41
	TOTAL FOR COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	\$37,972.82
M & P RELIEF FUND		
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS	SCANNING EQUIP	\$75.00
TRIMIN SYSTEMS, INC	LAND SOFTWARE	\$2,733.00
	TOTAL FOR M & P RELIEF FUND	\$2,808.00
	TOTAL FOR BILLS PAID BETWEEN 02/14 AND 03/13/2025	\$79,196.48

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to adjourn the meeting at 2:38 p.m.

/s/Allyssa Comer
Allyssa Comer, Chairwoman
Board of Oglala Lakota County Commissioners

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