

OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23, 2025

The Oglala Lakota Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at the Fall River County Courthouse, 3rd floor meeting room on October 23, 2025. Present: Allyssa Comer, Art Hopkins, Wendell Yellow Bull, and Sue Ganje, Auditor. Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray) and Ramon Bear Runner were absent.

The meeting was called to order at 1:14 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 Hopkins, seconded by Yellow Bull, to approve the agenda as written.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the commission meeting minutes of October 9, 2025, with a correction to the item approving the August Auditor's Account with the Treasurer, noting motion to be from Hopkins, seconded by Yellow Bull rather than motion by Yellow Bull and seconded by Bear Runner.

Bear Runner now present by phone; he experienced connection issues.

Lynx Bettelyoun, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins to change the wording on Private Road Maintenance from "Petition" to "Contract".

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins to approve the following Contracts for Private Road Maintenance: Robin Condon for blading a fence line road in the amount of \$100.00; Butch Divan for blading a road in the amount of \$1,080.00 for blading between two fields; and from Scott Divan for blading a road in the amount of \$100.00.

The fuel quotes were as follows: Westco \$3.515/gal unleaded for 2,000 gallons, \$3.049/gal diesel for 5,200 gallons of dyed #2, \$1.699/gal propane of 850 gallons; Vollan Oil \$2.86/gal unleaded, \$2.95/gal diesel, \$2.95/gal propane.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to accept the low bid from Vollan Oil in the amount of \$2.86/gal unleaded, \$2.95/gal diesel, \$2.95/gal propane.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve travel for the 2025 Annual Safety & Loss Control Training Conference in Pierre, November 12 & 13, 2025 to include \$75.00 registration, lodging and per diem.

Discussion on possible land purchase for a new highway shop took place.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve Bettelyoun's monthly report.

Motion made by Hopkins, seconded by Yellow Bull, to store the Sheriff's departments side by sides at the Oglala Lakota County Highway shop.

Discussion on David (Sam) Whiteface becoming a certified Forman for the Highway department.

Next year's Highway equipment budget will include purchasing a new work truck; so there will be 2 trucks available to check roads.

Discussion on who is interested in going to the tribal STOMP Summit in Pierre SD on the dates of November 6th & 7th, 2025. Comer, Hopkins, Yellow Bull and Black Bull will attend.

Hopkins stated that he no longer wants to lodge anywhere else besides the Clubhouse in Pierre, SD.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to move the Sheriffs business to the next meeting agenda.

Yellow Bull will take look at the law enforcement agreement and correct as needed. corrected.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to have Sheriff Black Bull receive supervisor training.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to rescind the portion of the meeting held on October 9th, 2025, designating action of meeting 2 times per month on the 2nd Thursday and 3rd Friday of each month.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to meet 2 times per month on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to reserve the 2nd Thursday for Highway Department business and the 4th Thursday for Sheriff's Department business.

Jessica Dossey, Payroll Clerk, met with the Board to provide updates regarding payroll deductions.

Lincoln Financial has denied life insurance for employees who do not work at least 20 hours per week. The Lincoln Financial refund will be reflected on the next paycheck for those affected. Dossey then spoke regarding Colonial Life insurance. The Auditor's Office was unaware that there were new invoices for coverage beginning in July. Dossey contacted Risty Benefits regarding the unpaid amounts. They will purge the outstanding invoices, and the new effective date will be November 1, 2025.

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

GENERAL FUND		
ARREDONDO, JERLENE	PER DIEM & MILE OVER	\$29.98
ARREDONDO, JERLENE	MILEAGE TO/FROM COMM	\$70.00
ARREDONDO, JERLENE	VOID CK, DID NOT ATTEND	-\$70.00
TAKES THE SHIELD, ANNA	MILEAGE TO/FROM COMM	\$70.00
HOPKINS, ARTHUR L	MILEAGE TO/FROM COMM	\$148.40
JOHNSON, CAROL	COURT REPORTER	\$171.50
LYNN'S DAKOTA MART	COMMISSION MTG SNACK	\$50.02
MASTEL, BRUCE	HOST DATABASE	\$35.00
MASTERCARD	CREDIT CARD PAYMENT	\$634.21

Treas \$491.52 AMAZON TREAS 12 CS COPY PAPER		
Sher \$55.66 ALLSTOP INC ROSEBUD FUEL, \$50.03 LOVE'S SIOUX FALLS FUEL, \$37.00 AMERICAN RED CROSS	CREDIT CARD PAYMENT	\$634.21
MASTERCARD	VOID CK/PD BY ACH	-\$634.21
SD DEPT OF REVENUE	SEPTEMBER 2025 REMIT	\$120.00
YELLOW BULL, WENDELL	MILEAGE TO/FROM COMM	\$91.00
COMER, ALLYSSA	MILEAGE TO/FROM COMM	\$134.40
COMMISSION	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$380.78
VET'S	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$1,816.01
SHERIFF	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$5,839.28
	TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND	\$9,520.58
COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND		
BLACK HILLS TRUCK	PARTS	\$246.09
DIAMOND MOWERS	PARTS	\$378.42
\$95.30 INV 287870 BLADE STAND ROTX2, \$96.74 " " BLADE REV ROT X 2, \$106.22 " " BLADE SUPER SUCTION X 2, \$80.16 " " FREIGHT		
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIO	INTERNET & LOCAL TELE	\$222.34
W.D. LARSON COMPANIES	PARTS	\$149.96
MASTERCARD	CREDIT CARD PAYMENT	\$338.19
Harbor Freight \$17.99 INV 03462035 TOOLS/PARTS, \$39.99 " " 300 LB LOW CREEPER, \$259.99 " " 10 T HD PORTABLE EQUIP KIT, \$19.71 " " SALES TAX, \$.51 GOOGLE ONE		
MASTERCARD	CREDIT CARD PAYMENT	\$338.19
MASTERCARD	VOID CK/PD BY ACH	-\$338.19
MCI COMM SERVICE	LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE	\$55.39
MENARDS	PARTS/TOOLS	\$278.67
\$47.48 INV 82281 BND CHAIN G70, \$16.99 " " 6'X8' MESH TARP, \$23.94 " " GATORADE 8 PK X 3, \$119.90 " " " 96" 110W 42PK, \$9.99 " " 1/2" ROPE KIT, \$12.49 " " 1/2-5/8" STOVE GASKET KIT \$23.94 " " GATORADE 8 PK X 3, \$23.94 " " GATORADE 8 PK X 3		
MIDWAY SERVICE/VOLLAN OIL	#2 DYED DIESEL & UNLEADED	\$21,057.05
\$15,337.05 INV 85845 5199 GAL #2 DYED DIESEL, \$5,720.00 " " 2000 GAL UNLEADED GAS		
OL COUNTY TREASURER	VEHICLE REGISTRATION	\$51.70
WESTCO	FUEL/UTILITIES	\$1,478.47
CRBR ADMIN	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$10,834.11
	TOTAL FOR COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$35,090.39
	TOTAL FOR BILLS PD BETWEEN 10/10 & 10/23/2025	\$44,610.97

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to move State's Attorney, Lance Russell's agenda items to the next meeting.

There were no public comments and no Executive Session.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to adjourn the meeting at 2:57 p.m.

/s/Allyssa Comer

Allyssa Comer, Chairwoman

Board of Oglala Lakota County Commissioners

ATTEST:

/s/Sue Ganje

Sue Ganje

Oglala Lakota County Auditor

POSITION TITLE: Highway Foreman

REPORTING TO: Oglala Lakota County Highway Superintendent

SALARY: Hourly wage and all benefit selections available to County employees

HOURS: 40 hours per week subject to call out for extra overtime duties

LOCATION: Oglala Lakota County Highway Department, Batesland SD

PURPOSE: The Oglala Lakota County Highway Department is responsible for maintaining all county roads

And they will be responsible for supervision of County Highway employees in absence of the County Highway Superintendent.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES:

- Organize and implement daily work with crew: graveling, sign work, patching, sealing, mowing ect
- Organize culvert installation, ordering and maintaining inventory.
- Implement signing work, replacement, repair and inventory control.
- Routinely check roads, bridges, culverts, signs and all county road properties in general
- MSHA competent person trainer responsible for:
 - New Miner Training
 - Newly Hired Experienced Miner Training
 - New Task Training Program
 - Hazard Awareness Training Program

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

KNOWLEDGE:

- Knowledge of how to locate utilities and help with easements as needed.

SKILLS:

- Maintenance of the county yard, stockpiling materials, snow removal, ect.
- Must be able to operate all county equipment.

ABILITIES:

- Ability to instruct operate techniques in graveling, blading, oil and general road work.
- Ability to operate heavy equipment as needed.
- Ability to fill in as mechanic as needed.
- Ability to lift 50lbs.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- Must possess a valid South Dakota Drivers License and CDL Class A
- Prefer individual have some experience in general mechanics.

ADVANCEMENT/PROMOTION: Wages may increase with position advancement/ promotion.

THIS POSITION DESCRIPTION SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED TO IMPLY THESE REQUIREMENTS ARE THE EXCLUSIVE DUTIES OF THE POSITION INCUMBENTS MAY BE REQUIRED TO FOLLOW ANY OTHER INSTRUCTIONS AND TO PERFORM ANY OTHER RELATED DUTIES AS MAY BE ASSIGNED.



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Sat, Nov 8, 2025 at 3:18 PM

Please put me on the OL agenda:

Update on Investments

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31-11-41. Petition for county maintenance on private roads.

Any resident of a county may petition the board of county commissioners to hold a public hearing on whether the county should contract with owners of private roads within the county for the county to provide maintenance on private roads.

Source: [SL 1994, ch 238](#), § 1.

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31-11-42. Hearing on petition for maintenance of private roads--Notice.

If the board of county commissioners receives a petition pursuant to § [31-11-41](#), the board shall schedule a public hearing to be held within thirty days of receipt of such petition. The board of county commissioners shall publish a notice of such hearing once a week for two successive weeks in the legal newspapers of the county.

Source: [SL 1994, ch 238](#), § 2.

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31-11-43. Determination on maintenance contract for private roads--Cost of maintenance.

At a hearing held pursuant to §§ [31-11-42](#) and [31-11-44](#), the board of county commissioners shall take public testimony on the question of whether the county should contract with the owners of private roads within the county for the county to provide maintenance on such roads. If, after the hearing, the board determines that it is in the best interests of the residents of the county for the county to maintain private roads, the board may authorize the highway superintendent to enter into contracts for the maintenance of private roads by the county. The contract may not include a per hour cost of the maintenance which is less than the county's total cost for such maintenance. No contract may be for more than six hours of maintenance per year for any one person.

Source: [SL 1994, ch 238](#), § 3.

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31-11-44. Annual hearing on maintenance continuation of private roads.

The board of county commissioners shall annually hold a public hearing on the continuance of the maintenance of private roads by the county. Such hearing shall be published pursuant to § [31-11-42](#).

Source: [SL 1994, ch 238](#), § 4.

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31-11-45. Maximum maintenance authorization on private roads.

If the board of county commissioners agrees to maintain private roads pursuant to §§ [31-11-41](#) to [31-11-44](#), inclusive, the board may establish a maximum number of hours of maintenance, or miles of road that the board will authorize.

Source: [SL 1994, ch 238](#), § 4A.



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