

OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF JULY 9, 2026

The Oglala Lakota Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on July 9th, 2026. Present: Allyssa Comer, Art Hopkins, Wendell Yellow Bull and Sue Ganje, County Auditor. Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray) was present by phone. Ramon Bear Runner was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by Chairwoman Comer. The agenda was reviewed for conflicts.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to amend the agenda to include a discussion and possible action regarding employee incentives.

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 minutes of June 25th, 2026, with the following amendment; to add Travel and Per Diem to the State Tribal Opioid and Methamphetamine Prevention Summit (Stomp) September 10 & 11 2026, Pierre, SD.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve travel for Allyssa Comer, Art Hopkins, Wendell Yellow Bull, Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray), Ramon Bear Runner, Melody Engebretson, Register of Deeds, Teresa Pullen, Treasurer, and Bobbie Janis, Auditor Administrative Assistant, for the SDACC/SDACO Fall Conference in Sioux Falls, September 14, 15 and return 16, 2026 in the amount of \$220.00 per person plus lodging and per diem.

Lynx Bettelyoun, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. Presented the June 2026 fuel used by the OL Sheriff's Department.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve fuel reimbursements from the Sheriff's Office to the Highway Department in the amount of \$564.27.

Bettelyoun said that he will be meeting with Banner to discuss the final updated designs for the Oglala Lakota Highway Maintenance Shop Building on July 13, 2026.

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

Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray) joined the meeting by phone at 1:40 p.m.

Jerlene Arredondo, Veteran's Service Officer, met with the Board. Presented the May and June reports. May office visits were 47. Two Tribal Members passed away. Updated information and worked on existing claims. Memorial Day Services were held in Kyle. Ordered 7 Headstone, and 4 have been set. June was busy with the Veteran's Powwow, Veteran's Stand Down. Two Tribal members passed away. Agent Orange Veteran spent two years waiting for the final decision on his disability and is now determined to be 60% disabled with a lump sum in back pay issued.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the Veterans Service Officer's monthly report.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve the quote for the Veterans Service Officers Building sign.

Sue Ganje, Auditor, reviewed the Badlands Conservation District contract, and the 2026 budget through May. The Commissioner's discussed the process of lunch requests ahead of scheduled meetings. The Auditor's office will send out an email on Monday before the meeting to discuss the menu. Sue also discussed letting the office know beforehand who will be attending the meeting to try and save on voiding checks. Allyssa recalled that we would send out an email and that if no one replied and showed up to the meeting they wouldn't get a check until the following meeting.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to Approve a Cash Transfer in the amount of \$103,019.43, from the General Fund to the Opioid Fund, effective January 2nd, 2026.

Anna Takes the Shield (Dubray) left the meeting by phone at 2:34 p.m.

Commissioners would like to see a policy for complaints. Will ask Lance Russell to draft a complaint policy.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to approve incentives for the Oglala Lakota County employees along with the contracted employees.

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

GENERAL FUND		
ARREDONDO, JERLENE	MILEAGE/COMM MTG	\$70.00
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT	CERTIFIED PATENTS	\$18.00
CENTURY BUSINESS	COPIER	\$212.81
GOLDEN WEST	ELECTION DAY INTERNE	\$348.21
HOLY ROSARY MISSION CH	ELECTION VENUE RENTA	\$3,315.00
HOPKINS, ARTHUR L	MILEAGE/COMM MTG	\$148.40
LINCOLN FINANCIAL GROUP	INSURANCE PLATFORM	\$150.09
LAKOTA TIMES	JUNE 4 COMMISSION MI	\$52.92
LYNN'S DAKOTA MART	TREATS FOR COMMISSIO	\$31.15
MASTERCARD	MASTERCARD	\$522.08
\$40.02 BLACK BULL FUEL BIG BATS, \$103.31 BJ'S FUEL D ROJO, \$150.95 TAKE 5 OIL CHANGE/ ROJO, \$45.14 POST ELEC AUDIT LUNCH, \$27.06 LUNCH FOR DISPOSITION COMM AUD, \$14.81 TREATS FOR COMMISSION MTG, \$46.10 PIZZA FOR COMMISSION MTG, \$12.99 METAL LOCKS FOR ELECTION, \$46.10 PIZZA FOR COMMISSION MTG, \$35.60 CLOUDFLARE		
NATIVE SUN NEWS	VOTER REG RUNOFF	\$156.08
PAYLOCITY	WAGES PAID JUNE 2026	\$556.19
SOFTWARE SERVICES	OPERATOR ASSIST	\$50.00
WORKPLACE BY DIRECT	AGREEMENT MANAGED PR	\$73.28
YELLOW BULL, WENDELL	MILEAGE/COMM MTG	\$91.00
COMER, ALLYSSA	MILEAGE/COMM MTG	\$134.40
	TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND	\$5,929.61
COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND		
A & B WELDING SUPPLY	A&B WELDING SUPPLY	\$193.08

\$67.20 3/32 FLTWELD 5LB TUBE 10, \$67.68 1/8X14 FLTWELD RSP 5TB 10, \$48.20 18R VISE GRIP, \$10.00 HAZARD MATERIAL CHARGE		
BADLANDS CONCRETE LLC	CONCRETE, RETARDER, MILEAGE	\$5,082.36
BUTLER MACHINERY CO.	EQUIPMENT REPAIR/SER	\$2,475.27
\$1654.40 INV 06PS0734734 SLIP CLUTCH, \$235.84 INV 06PS0735282 SHEAR & PIN 8, \$113.56 " " LINING X 2, \$144.24 " " CROSS KIT BP S8, \$182.99 " " PRESSURE PLATE, \$144.24 " " CROSS KIT BP S8		
CULLIGAN	HWY WATER	\$27.80
DIAMOND MOWERS	REPAIRS	\$302.14
FERGUSON, KELLY	GRAVEL	\$40,000.00
BUCHER HARDWARE & LUMBER	HARDWARE & LUMBER	\$221.90
\$42.99 BEDDING FRK 10TN FBGL HNDL, \$44.99 BEDDING FRK 10TN D HNDL, \$83.94 6 PADLOCK MASTER 3 KALF KEY, \$11.99 BALLCOCK ADJ 9-14, \$37.99 BOW RAKE 66X17 FG HNDL		
LINCOLN FINANCIAL GROUP	INSURANCE PLATFORM	\$196.58
MASTERCARD	MASTERCARD	\$929.29
\$1.99 CLOUD STORAGE LB CELL PHONE, \$2.07 GOOGLE ONE LB CELL PHONE, \$40.02 LIL ANGELS FUEL LYNX, \$264.60 TIES 1-5/8 EASY TWIST, \$62.00 TENSION BAND 3", \$28.11 CARRIAGE BOLTS 5/16 X 11/4, \$119.48 2 FOR \$3 POWERADES x 75, \$93.77 FRONT BUMPER GRILL LYNX TRUCK, \$38.54 TAILGATE MOLDING LYNX TRUCK, \$23.96 LIC PLATE BRACKET LYNX TRUCK, \$21.98 TAX ON AMERICAN FENCE, \$72.80 AMERICAN FENCE, \$148.67 WEST RIVER TRAILER SALES		
MCI COMM SERVICE	SHOP PHONE BILL	\$110.50
MENARDS	WORK WEAR	\$39.96
MODERN FARM EQUIPMENT CO.	EQUIPMENT	\$21.61
NATIVE SUN NEWS	VOTER REG RUNOFF	\$10.06
WESTERN CONSTRUCTION	MOBILIZATION, SURFAC	\$335,768.41
\$20,000.00 INV 1619 MOBILIZATION, \$310,768.41 GRAVEL SURFACING, \$5,000.00 QUALITY CONTROL TEST		
	TOTAL FOR COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$385,378.96
M & P RELIEF FUND		
TRIMIN SYSTEMS, INC	ANNUAL MAINTENANCE	\$3,231.00
	TOTAL FOR M & P RELIEF FUND	\$3,231.00
	TOTAL FOR BILLS PAID BETWEEN 06/26 & 07/09/2026	\$394,539.57

There were no public comments.

Motion made by Yellow Bull, seconded by Hopkins, to adjourn the meeting at 3:21p.m.

/S/ Allyssa Comer

Allyssa Comer, Chairwoman

Board of Oglala Lakota County Commissioners

ATTEST:

/S/ Sue Ganje

Sue Ganje, Auditor