

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BUFFALO BOARD MEETING

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Buffalo met at the Harding County Memorial Recreation Center at 6:00PM on December 9, 2025. Trustees present: John Klempel, Doris Dagman, Brandon Schleuning, Jason Lindholm, Tex Lermeney. Employees present: Jaylene Stirling, Ryan Smith, Barb Williams. Guest's present: None.

President Klempel called the meeting to order at 6:02PM.

Lermeney made a motion to approve the agenda, Lindholm seconded. All approved, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the bills, Schleuning made a motion to approve the bills, Dagman seconded. All approved, motion carried.

Lindholm made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 10, 2025, meeting, Lermeney seconded. All approved, motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Law enforcement was not present, but they submitted their report for review. Discussion was held.

BAR REPORT/LIQUOR LICENSES: No one was present, but a bar report was made available.

HC MEMORIAL REC CENTER REPORT: Williams reported that they are looking into hosting a poker tournament in February and a puzzle and pizza night on January 25th. They are also planning to schedule more pickleball leagues and a sip and paint possibly. The board had no concerns.

RESTRICTED USE SITE/TRASH PICKUP: Discussion was held on the hours at the dump and the open/closed sign that is on Old Highway 85. Discussion was also held on rates at the dump for 2026. There was also discussion on Trailer Trash Haulers and Stirling was asked to see about getting an ordinance for that type of business. As Trailer Trash Haulers does not currently have an account Dagman made a motion to have a letter given to Trailer Trash Haulers when they go to the Restricted Use Site this week stating that he needs to set up a commercial account or he can be billed per load when taking out the trash he picks up for his business – Lermeney seconded the motion. All approved, motion carried.

METER PIT: Smith reported that he did visit with Harding County School, and they agreed to split the cost 50/50 with us on a new meter pit at the football field, they will start that this spring.

PUBLIC CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UTILITY BILLS: Stirling brought a copy of the Notice of Service Discontinuation Past Due Notice to the board for review, discussion was held, and it was updated. Discussion was held that there are programs for people struggling with paying their bills.

OPERATING AGREEMENTS: Schleuning made a motion to approve the 2026 Operating Agreement for the No. 3 Saloon, Lermeney seconded the motion. All approved, motion carried. Schleuning made a motion to approve the 2026 Operating Agreement with Liz and Dek Ginsbach, Lindholm seconded the motion. All approved, motion carried.

ATTORNEY CONTRACT: Schleuning made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-5, Lindholm seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

PARKING LOT: Klempel asked the town about the Lions Club parking lot and stated that the curb is washing out. He was informed that it is not the Town's responsibility to fix it as the Lions Club owns the parking lot and that is along Highway 20, so it would be the state right of way.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Smith reported that the new pit was dug at the Restricted Use Site and Stirling sent the bill to Harding County. He also said they will burn branches sometime this month, the tires should be gone within the next week, and they replaced the meter at the hotel. Discussion was held on sidewalks and Smith informed the board that we will reach out again for bids in February or March.

FINANCE OFFICE REPORT: Discussion was held on renting the rec center and use of tables and chairs. Stirling also reported to the board that they have been asked about fixing cats, the board reminded her that they are no longer doing that and it is not in the budget for 2026.

MISC: The final meeting of the year is set for December 29th at 6PM at the HC Memorial Rec Center. The meeting in January will be moved to January 12, 2026, at 6PM at the HC Memorial Rec Center due to multiple conflicts on January 13, 2026.

President Klempel moved the board to executive session at 7:09PM regarding SDCL 1-25-2(1) and SDCL 1-25-6(a). Klempel declared the board out of executive session at 7:19PM.

President Klempel adjourned the meeting at 7:20PM.

The final meeting of 2025 will be held December 29, 2025, at 6PM at the Harding County Memorial Recreation Center.

Signed: _____
John Klempel, President

Attest: _____
Jaylene Stirling, Finance Officer

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