TOWN OF HOCHATOWN SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 25th, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. Hocha Town Hall - 101 Rock Oak Lane - Hochatown, OK 74728

AMENDED MEETING MINUTES

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The governing body may adopt, approve, ratify, deny, defer, recommend, amend, strike, or continue any agenda item. When more information is needed to act on an item, the governing body may refer the matter to staff, attorney or to the recommending Board, Commission or Committee.

1. Call to Order.

Who ordered:

Mayor Chad Sargent

Time:

1:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Board of Trustees.

Trustee Name	Present	Absent
Howard Haggard	Y	
Dian Jordan	Y	
Todd McDaniel	Y	
Chad Sargent	Y	
Brenda Walters	Y	

A quorum was present.

3. Pledge to the Flag.

Led by Trustee Howard Haggard.

4. Opening Prayer.

Led by Trustee Howard Haggard.

5. Recognition of Guests.

Mayor Chad Sargent recognized the guests and thanked them for their attendance.

6. Discussion, consideration and possible action (approval, rejection, amendment, and/or postponement) on selecting a bid for the Choctaw Hills Subdivision Road resurfacing project.

Motion:

To approve the lowest bid from Tri-State Asphalt for the Choctaw Hills Subdivision Road

resurfacing project.

By:

Dian Jordan

Second:

Chad Sargent

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Name	Vote
Howard Haggard	Y
Dian Jordan	Y
Todd McDaniel	Y
Chad Sargent	Y
Brenda Walters	Y

The motion carried.

7. Discussion, consideration and possible action (approval, rejection, amendment and/or postponement) regarding the First Due software proposal for the Fire Department in the amount of \$14,650.00.

Discussion:

Fire Chief Cody Gilbert explained the software integrates with reporting, training, inspections, and emergency alerts, streamlining operations and reducing reliance on paper binders. Annual renewal after year one will be \$11,850.

Motion:

To approve the purchase of First Due software for the Fire Department in the amount of

\$14,650.00.

Bv:

Howard Haggard

Second:

Brenda Walters

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Name	Vote
Howard Haggard	Y
Dian Jordan	Y
Todd McDaniel	Y
Chad Sargent	Y
Brenda Walters	Y

The motion carried.

8. Discussion, consideration and possible action (approval, rejection, amendment and/or postponement) regarding the Town of Hochatown's contribution toward employee-dependent benefits.

Motion:

To approve a 75% Town contribution toward dependent insurance coverage for employees.

By:

Brenda Walters

Second:

Howard Haggard

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Name	Vote
Howard Haggard	Y
Dian Jordan	Y
Todd McDaniel	Y
Chad Sargent	Y
Brenda Walters	Y

The motion carried.

9. Discussion, consideration and possible action (approval, rejection, amendment and/or postponement) the Fiscal Sustainability Plan prepared for submission with the OWRB REAP Grant application.

Discussion:

Administrator Vossen presented the Fiscal Sustainability Plan, developed with feedback from OWRB and Frank Crawford, as part of the REAP Grant application.

Motion:

To approve the Fiscal Sustainability Plan for submission with the OWRB REAP Grant

application.

By:

Chad Sargent

Second:

Howard Haggard

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Name	Vote
Howard Haggard	Y
Dian Jordan	Y
Todd McDaniel	Y
Chad Sargent	Y
Brenda Walters	Y

The motion carried.

10. Discussion, consideration and possible action (approval, rejection, amendment, and/or postponement) to designate the Town Administrator as the authorized representative for Hochatown to apply for the Rural Economic Action Plan (REAP) Grant.

Motion: To designate Town Administrator Adam Vossen as the authorized representative for

Hochatown's REAP Grant application.

By: Brenda Walters

Second: Dian Jordan

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Name	Vote
Howard Haggard	Y
Dian Jordan	Y
Todd McDaniel	Y
Chad Sargent	Y
Brenda Walters	Y

The motion carried.

11. Discussion, consideration and possible action (approval, rejection, amendment, and/or postponement) to approve Resolution No. 2025-12: AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR RURAL ECNOMIC PLAN GRANT FROM THE OKLAHOMA WATER RESOURCES BOARD.

Motion: To approve Resolution No. 2025-12.

By: Chad Sargent

Second: Brenda Walters

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Name	Vote
Howard Haggard	Y
Dian Jordan	Y
Todd McDaniel	Y
Chad Sargent	Y
Brenda Walters	Y

The motion carried.

12. Discussion, consideration and possible action (approval, rejection, amendment, and/or postponement) to convene into Executive Session pursuant to Title 25 of Oklahoma Statute, § 307(B)(1), discuss the employment, hiring, appointment, demotion, promotion, disciplining, or resignation of Jason Justin Nethercott and Aaron Marsh.

Motion: To enter into Executive Session.

By: Howard Haggard

Second:

Dian Jordan

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Name	Vote
Howard Haggard	Y
Dian Jordan	Y
Todd McDaniel	Y
Chad Sargent	Y
Brenda Walters	Y

The motion carried.

Time: 1:32 p.m.

13. Discussion and possible action (approval, rejection, amendment, and/or postponement) to reconvene in open session.

Motion:

To reconvene into open session.

By:

Chad Sargent

Second:

Howard Haggard

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Name	Vote
Howard Haggard	Y
Dian Jordan	Y
Todd McDaniel	Y
Chad Sargent	Y
Brenda Walters	Y

The motion carried.

Time: 1:55 p.m.

14. Statement of executive session minutes.

The Board took no action.

15. Discussion, consideration and possible action (approval, rejection, amendment, and/or postponement) on any discussion from Executive Session.

Motion:

To present job offers to Justin Nethercott for the position of Fireman at \$19.00/hour and Aaron Marsh for the position of Firefighter at \$20.00/hour, contingent upon background check, drug screening and physical.

By:

Brenda Walters

Second:

Todd McDaniel

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Name	Vote
Howard Haggard	Y
Dian Jordan	Y
Todd McDaniel	Y
Chad Sargent	Y
Brenda Walters	Y

The motion carried.

16. Discussion, consideration and possible action to adjourn.

Motion:

To adjourn.

By:

Howard Haggard

Second:

Brenda Walters

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Name	Vote
Howard Haggard	Y
Dian Jordan	Y
Todd McDaniel	Y
Chad Sargent	Y
Brenda Walters	Y

The motion carried.

Time: 1:57 p.m.

Howard Haggard, Trustee

Dian Jordan, Trustee

Todd McDaniel, Trustee

Chad Sargent, Mayor

Bluda Walters

Attest:

Julie Arrieta, Town Clerk

Brenda Walters, Trustee