

TOWN OF HOCHATOWN
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 6th, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.
Hocha Town Hall - 101 Rock Oak Lane - Hochtatown, OK 74728

MEETING MINUTES

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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		Absent

A quorum was present.

3. Recognition of Guests.

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

4. Pledge to the Flag.

Led by Trustee Howard Haggard.

5. Opening Prayer.

Led by Mayor Chad Sargent.

6. Public Comment: *Audience may address the Board in accordance with the Rules and Procedures set forth in Hochatown Resolution No. 10.*

1. Speaker name: Crista Joslin
Agenda item: 11, 16, 17
Duration: 1 minute and 49 seconds.

7. Consent Docket: *The following items are considered routine by the Board of Trustees and will be enacted with one motion. Discussion desired on any item, that item will be removed from the Consent Docket and considered separately.*

- a. Approval of the July 25th, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes.
- b. Approval of the July 9th, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes.
- c. Approval of Payment of Claims.

8. Discussion, consideration and possible action (approval, rejection, amendment and/or postponement) regarding items removed from the Consent Docket.

Motion: To approve the Consent Docket.

By: Howard Haggard

Second: Todd McDaniel

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion carried.

9. Treasurer's Report.

Discussion:

Treasurer Julie Arrieta presented the July 2025 Treasurer's Report, noting a 44% revenue increase compared to July 2024.

Motion: To accept the Treasurer's Report.

By: Dian Jordan

Second: Todd McDaniel

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion carried.

10. Town Administrator's Monthly Report.

Town Administrator Adam Vossen provided updates on comprehensive plan progress, road projects, GIS integration and parcel mapping with Granicus, OWRB grant, and hog removal with 25 hogs trapped to date.

11. Town Department Head's Reports.**a. Police Chief**

Chief Chris Williamson reported on recent activities, including vehicle and ATV accidents, theft investigations, and business compliance checks. He discussed progress on cross-deputation with the Choctaw Nation, plans to acquire a thermal drone through grant funding, and implementation of Axon training systems. He also highlighted partnerships for mental health evaluations, updates on surveillance and equipment installations, and coordination with other agencies to enhance public safety.

b. Fire Chief

Chief Cody Gilbert provided updates on staffing needs, the hiring of part-time firefighters to cover shifts, and ongoing equipment planning. He discussed training opportunities in swift water rescue and noted the proposal for a rescue boat purchase, emphasizing its potential value for both Hochatown and countywide emergency response.

c. Douglas Copeland

Douglas (Skip) Copeland reported on tourism promotion, development opportunities, and infrastructure progress, including land negotiations for lift stations and ongoing sewer and wastewater project planning with ODOT and Garver Engineering. He highlighted regional interest in bike trail development, emphasized the importance of approving the upcoming audit authorization to support debt service and grants, and stressed the need to advance infrastructure and tourism initiatives to drive future economic growth.

12. Discussion, consideration and possible action (approval, rejection, amendment and/or postponement) regarding the appointment of a trustee to serve on the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee.

Motion: To appoint Trustee Brenda Walters.

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	Absent

The motion carried.

13. Discussion, consideration and possible action (approval, rejection, amendment and/or postponement) regarding the appointment of Ruth Notestine to the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee, as recommended by the Planning Commission during the July 31, 2025 meeting.

Motion: To approve the Planning Commission recommendation of Ruth Notestine.

By: Dian Jordan

Second: Howard Haggard

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion carried.

14. Discussion, consideration and possible action (approval, rejection, amendment and/or postponement) regarding the engagement of Crawford & Associates, P.C. to prepare annual financial schedules and perform agreed-upon procedures for the Town of Hochatown for fiscal years ending June 30, 2024, and June 30, 2025, in accordance with Oklahoma statutes.

Motion: To approve the engagement with Crawford & Associates, P.C.

By: Howard Haggard

Second: Chad Sargent

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion carried.

- 15. Discussion, consideration and possible action (approval, rejection, amendment and/or postponement) regarding the engagement of Crawford & Associates, P.C. to provide general accounting advisory services and budget preparation assistance for the Town of Hochatown for fiscal year 2025–2026, as outlined in their engagement letter dated July 1, 2025.**

Motion: To approve the engagement with Crawford & Associates, P.C.

By: Dian Jordan

Second: Howard Haggard

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion carried.

- 16. Discussion, consideration and possible action (approval, rejection, amendment and/or postponement) regarding the hiring of up to four part-time firefighters for the Hochatown Fire Department.**

Motion: To approve hiring up to four part-time firefighters.

By: Chad Sargent

Second: Howard Howard

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion carried.

- 17. Discussion, consideration and possible action (approval, rejection, amendment and/or postponement) regarding the purchase of rescue boat equipment and accessories for the Hochatown Fire Department, as quoted by ONE Boat in the amount of \$64,016.50.**

The Board took no action.

- 18. Discussion, consideration and possible action (approval, rejection, amendment and/or postponement) regarding the potential sunseting of the ODOT Office Hour Sessions currently held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. prior to each regularly scheduled Hochatown Board of Trustees meeting, as requested by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation.**

Motion: To approve the sunseting of the ODOT office hour sessions.

By: Dian Jordan

Second: Todd McDaniel

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion carried.

- 19. Discussion, consideration and possible action (approval, rejection, amendment and/or postponement) regarding sponsorship of the 2025 Savage Commemorative Football Program, including advertisement options in the Broken Bow News and McCurtain Gazette.**

The Board took no action.

- 20. Discussion, consideration and possible action (approval, rejection, amendment and/or postponement) regarding the Town of Hochatown's participation in the Choctaw Nation Deputation Agreement for law enforcement cross-deputation, including execution of the required City Addendum.**

Motion: To approve participation in the Choctaw Nation Deputation Agreement and authorize execution of the City Addendum.

By: Dian Jordan

Second: Todd McDaniel

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion carried.

At the point Mayor Sargent advance to agenda item 22.

- 21. Discussion, consideration, and possible action (approval, rejection, amendment, and/or postponement) to approve Resolution No. 2025-11: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF HOCHATOWN, OKLAHOMA, CASTING A VOTE FOR TRUSTEE OF THE OKLAHOMA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND (OkMRF) TO FILL THE EXPIRING TERM OF DISTRICT 2 TRUSTEE REPRESENTING THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP.**

Motion: To adopt Resolution 2025-11.

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	Absent

The motion carried.

- 22. 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 Julia Storey, Jason Ledet, and Chris Williamson.**

Motion: To convene 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	Absent

The motion carried and the Board went into Executive Session.

Time: 2:04 p.m.

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

Motion: To reconvene in open session.

By: Howard Haggard

Second: Todd McDaniel

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion carried and the Board reconvened.

Time: 3:15p.m.

24. Statement of executive session minutes.

No Board took no action.

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

Motion: To authorize an administrative investigation involving Police Chief Chris Williamson, retaining independent attorney Amanda Mullins to conduct the investigation on behalf of the Town.

By: Dian Jordan

Second: Todd McDaniel

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion carried.

26. New Business: any matter not known or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting the agenda.

No new business was introduced.

At the point Mayor Sargent returned to agenda item 21.

27. Discussion, consideration and possible action to adjourn.

Motion: To adjourn.

By: Howard Haggard

Second: Todd McDaniel

Roll Call Vote:

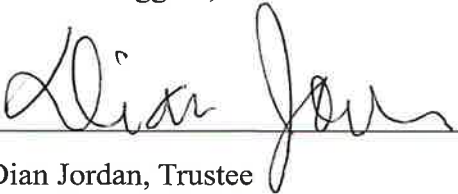
Trustee Name	Vote
Howard Haggard	Y
Dian Jordan	Y
Todd McDaniel	Y
Chad Sargent	Y
Brenda Walters	Absent

The motion carried.

Time: 3:42 p.m.



Howard Haggard, Trustee



Dian Jordan, Trustee



Todd McDaniel, Trustee

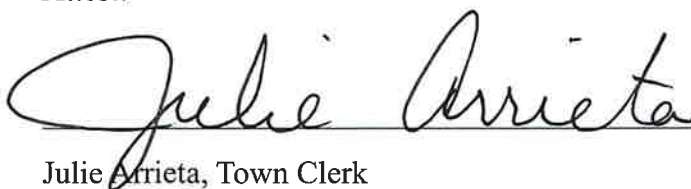


Chad Sargent, Mayor

Absent


Brenda Walters, Trustee

Attest:



Julie Arrieta, Town Clerk