

**TOWN OF HOCHATOWN  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

May 8, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

Hocha Town Hall

101 Rock Oak Lane - Hochatown, OK 74728

**MEETING MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order.**

*Who ordered:* Mayor Dian Jordan

*Time:* 1:00 p.m.

**2. Roll Call of Board of Trustees.**

<b>Trustee Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Howard Haggard	Y	
Dian Jordan	Y	
Todd McDaniel	Y	
Chad Sargent	Y	

A quorum was present.

**3. Recognition of Guests.**

Mayor Jordan thanked the guests for their attendance.

**4. Discussion and possible action (Approval, Rejection, Amendment and/or Postponement) of a Waste Water Budgetary Proposal from a Consultant group by the name of Oklahoma Alliance Consultants, presented by trustee Todd McDaniel. No total amount or cost estimate provided.**

*Discussion:*

Trustee Todd McDaniel began the discussion by explaining that he had become aware of funding opportunities during a recent visit to Oklahoma City where he met with the Chair of the Appropriations Committee. He reiterated that this meeting was only to request funding for municipal projects, this item being Waste Water, with no obligation to the Town.

A representative from Oklahoma Alliance Consultants was in attendance, verifying that the proposal was prepared as supporting documentation for the Town's request for funding and in no way was a binding proposal.

*Motion:* To postpone Agenda Item 4.

*By:* Chad Sargent

*Second:* Todd McDaniel

**Roll Call Vote:**

<b>Trustee Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Howard Haggard	Y
Dian Jordan	Y
Todd McDaniel	Y
Chad Sargent	Y

The motion carried.

- 5. Discussion and possible action (Approval, Rejection, Amendment and/or Postponement) to approve submission of funding request to the Oklahoma Legislature for a Hochatown Scenic Loop and Spur Site Plan and Planning Cost Estimate in the amount of \$147,394,860.00 prepared by a consulting group Oklahoma Alliance Consultants, presented by trustee Todd McDaniel. This is a grant funding request at no current cost to the town.**

*Discussion:*

Todd McDaniel began the discussion by explaining that this request for funding a Scenic Loop and Spur project was in no way connected to the proposed Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) U.S. Highway 259 five lane expansion project, adding that this also is only a request for funding that does not obligate the Town. He furthers that a scenic loop would allow the town to expand and collect revenue.

There was discussion by Chad Sargent regarding how expansion on a scenic loop would be defined as he is concerned for current businesses on U.S. Highway 259, the core commerce for the Town. He was also concerned with who would control the bypass.

Howard Haggard noted that the proposed loop identified in the supporting document prepared by Oklahoma Alliance Consultants is outside of Hochatown's current border. Mayor Jordan asked if Weyerhauser has agreed to the donation or sale of the land that would be needed for the proposed scenic loop as drawn in the supporting document. Todd McDaniel confirmed Weyerhauser has not made any agreement to sell or donate the land needed for the Scenic Bypass and Spur.

*Motion:* To postpone Agenda Item 5.

*By:* Howard Haggard

*Second:* Chad Sargent

**Roll Call Vote:**

<b>Trustee Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Howard Haggard	Y
Dian Jordan	Y
Todd McDaniel	Y
Chad Sargent	Y

The motion carried.

**6. Discussion and possible action (Approval, Rejection, Amendment and/or Postponement) of the Town of Hochatown submitting a letter to the Oklahoma Legislature requesting funding for infrastructure projects.**

*Discussion:*

After a brief discussion in which all Trustees and Mayor indicated support to submit a letter requesting funding for infrastructure projects.

*Motion:* To send a letter to the Oklahoma Legislature requesting funding for infrastructure projects.

*By:* Howard Haggard

*Second:* Chad Sargent

**Roll Call Vote:**

<b>Trustee Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Howard Haggard	Y
Dian Jordan	Y
Todd McDaniel	Y
Chad Sargent	Y

The motion carried.

**7. Discussion and possible action (Approval, Rejection, Amendment and/or Postponement) of selecting and prioritizing projects to include on the request for funding from the Oklahoma Legislature via a letter.**

*Discussion:*

Mayor Jordan opened discussion to explain that besides sewer and roads, the Town needs funding for a comprehensive plan, adding that she would like to add this to the request for funding. Town Administrator noted that comprehensive town planning could take eight to eighteen months to complete. After a brief discussion, it was agreed to re-order the priority of the items to sewer as #1 and the bypass as #2.



*Motion:* To make sewer #1 priority, and bypass road #2 priority.

*By:* Todd McDaniel

*Second:* Chad Sargent

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

The motion carried.

**8. Discussion and possible action (Approval, Rejection, Amendment and/or Postponement) of selecting an engineering or consulting firm to use to represent the Town of Hochatown in a request for funding letter to the Oklahoma Legislature.**

*Discussion:*

Town Administrator Adam Vossen explained that there was nothing legally binding regarding this item. At this time, the Board took some time to re-read the pre-written letter. Afterwards, it was agreed that Mayor Jordan and Town Administrator Vossen would draft the letter that would come from the Board.

*Motion:* To reject selecting an engineering or consulting firm to represent the Town in a request for funding letter.

*By:* Todd McDaniel

*Second:* Chad Sargent

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

The motion carried.

**9. Discussion, consideration and possible action to adjourn.**

*Motion:* To adjourn the meeting.

*By:* Howard Haggard

*Second:* Todd McDaniel

**Roll Call Vote:**

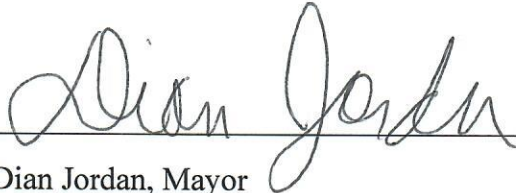
<b>Trustee Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Howard Haggard	Y
Dian Jordan	Y
Todd McDaniel	Y
Chad Sargent	Y

The motion carried and the meeting adjourned.

*Time:* 2:29 p.m.



Howard Haggard, Trustee



Dian Jordan, Mayor



Todd McDaniel, Trustee



Chad Sargent, Trustee



Attest:



Helen Harden, Town Clerk