

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL ELECTION  
OF THE TOWN OF HOCHATOWN  
December 20, 2022  
Chapel of the Pines, 9276 U.S. Highway 259 N  
Hochatown, Oklahoma**

Manner and Time of Notice of Election: A statutorily-required Notice of Election was published in the McCurtain Gazette, a newspaper of record of McCurtain County, on December 8, 2022. The Notice of Election was also posted at the following locations on December 9, 2022:

Grand Land Title (Sovereign Title)  
8815 N. US Hwy 259  
Hochatown, OK

Abendigo's  
10050 N. US Hwy 259  
Hochatown, OK

Hochatime  
9231 N. US Hwy 259  
Hochatown, OK

First State Bank  
129 N. Lukfata Tr.  
Hochatown, OK

First Bank  
10013 N. US Hwy 259  
Hochatown, OK

Pursuant to the Petition for the Incorporation of the Town of Hochatown, Chad Wesley Sargent was the Presiding Officer and Dian Jordan-Werhane performed the duties of the Municipal Clerk at the Special Election, which was conducted in accordance with the Oklahoma Town Meeting Act, Okla. Stat. tit. 11 § 16-301, *et seq.*

Officials Present: Presiding Officer Sargent and Municipal Clerk Jordan-Werhane.

Others Present: Homer Brown, Melinda Hunt, Lysbeth George.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Presiding Officer Sargent called the Special Election to order at 6:30 p.m.<sup>1</sup>

**NOMINATIONS**

Presiding Officer Sargent stated that the purpose of the election was to elect officers to fill five seats on the Board of Trustees, one Town Treasurer, and one Town Clerk, to serve unexpired terms through the next regular election to be held on April 4, 2023.

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<sup>1</sup> The call to order was delayed to allow voters waiting in line to sign the pollbook and receive ballots.

Presiding Officer Sargent opened the floor for nominations. The following individuals were nominated:

<b>BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOMINATIONS</b>		
<i>Nominee Name</i>	<i>Nominated By</i>	<i>Accept/Decline</i>
Howard Haggard	Self	Accept
Randy Coleman	Self	Accept
Susanne Myers	Self	Accept
Rustin Wheeler	Self	Accept
Chad Sargent	Self	Accept
Candice Farley	Self	Accept
Janet Cress	Self	Accept
Brenda Walters	Self	Accept
Dian Jordan	Self	Accept
Todd Michael McDaniel	Chad Sargent	Accept
Lindsay Gaston	Masheli Sargent	Accept
Gregory Strange	Betty Peery	Accept
Wenda Blankenship	Self	Accept

<b>TOWN TREASURER NOMINATIONS</b>		
<i>Nominee Name</i>	<i>Nominated By</i>	<i>Accept/Decline</i>
Charles (Chad) Ward	Self	Accept

<b>TOWN CLERK NOMINATIONS</b>		
<i>Nominee Name</i>	<i>Nominated By</i>	<i>Accept/Decline</i>
Helen Harden	Self	Accept

Presiding Officer Sargent closed the floor for nominations at 6:51 p.m.

Municipal Clerk Jordan-Werhane moved to elect Charles (Chad) Ward as Town Treasurer by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Presiding Officer Sargent.

Municipal Clerk Jordan-Werhane moved to elect Helen Harden as Town Clerk by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Presiding Officer Sargent.

### **VOTING**

Presiding Officer Sargent instructed the voters to cast their votes using the ballots provided to them and to place their ballots in the ballot box. Voting began at 6:55 p.m. and ended at 7:15 p.m.

Votes were counted by Lysbeth George and audited by Homer Brown and Melinda Hunt. The votes were tallied as follows:

<b>BOARD OF TRUSTEES VOTES</b>	
<i>Candidate Name</i>	<i>Number of Votes</i>
Howard Haggard	40
Randall Coleman	16
Susanne Myers	27
Rustin Wheeler	30
Chad Sargent	53
Candice Farley	8
Janet Cress	35
Brenda Walters	30
Dian Jordan	47
Todd McDaniel	43
Lindsay Gaston	14
Gregory Strange	15
Wenda Blankenship	12
<b><i>Total Votes Cast for Board of Trustees</i></b>	<b>370</b>

<b>TOWN TREASURER VOTES</b>	
<i>Candidate Name</i>	<i>Number of Votes</i>
Charles (Chad) Ward	N/A
<b><i>Total Votes Cast for Town Treasurer</i></b>	<b>Acclamation</b>

<b>TOWN CLERK VOTES</b>	
<i>Candidate Name</i>	<i>Number of Votes</i>
Helen Harden	N/A
<b><i>Total Votes Cast for Town Clerk</i></b>	<b>Acclamation</b>

Presiding Officer Sargent announced the winners at 7:57 p.m. to be:

- Howard Haggard, Board of Trustees
- Chad Sargent, Board of Trustees
- Janet Cress, Board of Trustees
- Dian Jordan, Board of Trustees
- Todd Michael McDaniel, Board of Trustees

- Charles (Chad) Ward, Town Treasurer
- Helen Harden, Town Clerk

**ADJOURNMENT**

Municipal Clerk Jordan-Werhane moved to adjourn the Special Election. The motion was seconded by Presiding Officer Sargent. All present voted in favor of adjournment.

The Special Election adjourned at 7:59 p.m. on December 20, 2022.

*Minutes Approved:*

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Chad Wesley Sargent

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Dian Jordan-Werhane