

FALL RIVER COUNTY UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2022

The Fall River Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on February 17, 2022. Present: Joe Allen, Les Cope, Joe Falkenburg, Deb Russell and Sue Ganje, Auditor. Heath Greenough was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given, and the meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

The agenda was reviewed for conflicts; none were noted. ALL MOTIONS RECORDED IN THESE MINUTES WERE PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED. The full context of the meeting can be found on the county website under Commissioners at <http://fallriver.sdcountries.org>, or, under Fall River County Commission, SD at <http://www.YouTube.com>.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Russell, to approve the agenda as written.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve the following proclamation:

Fall River County Proclamation A proclamation designating March 29, 2022 as “Welcome Home Veteran’s Day”

Whereas, the Vietnam War was fought in Vietnam from 1961 to 1975, and involved North Vietnam and the Viet Cong in conflict with the United States Armed Forces and South Vietnam; and

Whereas, the United States became involved in Vietnam because policymakers in the United States believed that if South Vietnam fell to a Communist government then Communism would spread throughout the rest of Southeast Asia; and

Whereas, members of the United States Armed Forces began serving in an advisory role in the South Vietnamese in 1961; and

Whereas, as a result of the Gulf of Tonkin incidents on August 2, 1964, and August 4, 1964, Congress overwhelmingly passed the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, on August 7, 1964, which effectively handed over war-making powers to President Johnson until such time as “peace and security” had returned to Vietnam; and

Whereas, in 1965, United States Armed Forces ground combat units arrived in Vietnam; and

Whereas, by the end of 1965, there were 80,000 United States troops in Vietnam, and by 1969 a peak of approximately 543,000 troops was reached; and

Whereas, on January 27, 1973, the Treaty of Paris was signed, which required the release of all United States prisoners-of-war held in North Vietnam and the withdrawal of all United States Armed Forces from South Vietnam; and

Whereas, on March 29, 1973, the United States Armed Forces completed the withdrawal of combat troops from Vietnam; and

Whereas, more than 58,000 members of the United States Armed Forces lost their lives in Vietnam and more than 300,000 members of the Armed Forces were wounded; and

Whereas, members of the United States Armed Forces, who served bravely and faithfully for the United States during the Vietnam War, were caught upon their return home in the crossfire of public debate about the involvement of the United States in the Vietnam War; and

Whereas, it was also the first time in history America failed to welcome its veterans back as heroes; and

Whereas, the establishment of a “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day” would be an appropriate way to honor those members of the United States Armed Forces who served in Vietnam during the Vietnam War; and

Whereas, Hot Springs, SD, in Fall River County is known as the Veterans Town; and

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Fall River County Commissioners do hereby recognize March 29, 2022 as “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day”. The Fall River County Commissioners further honors and recognizes the contributions of veterans of the Armed Forces who served in Vietnam.

Dated this 17th day of February, 2022.

/s/Joe Falkenburg, Chairman
Fall River County Commission

Attest:

/s/Sue Ganje, County Auditor

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to request letters of interest for appointment to Fall River Redevelopment and Housing Board.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve the minutes of February 3, 2022.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Cope, to approve the Amendment II to the FY22 sub-recipient agreement #22SC091092 between Fall River County and the SD Dept. of Health.

Motion made by Cope, seconded by Allen, to approve the 2022 Memorandum of Understanding between SDSU Extension and Fall River County.

There were no applicants for county assistance.

Bob Evans, Sheriff, reported to the Board that there are 12 males and 6 females in the Fall River County Jail and 2 males in the Pennington County Jail, for a total of 20 inmates.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Russell, to allow Sheriff Evans, to search for applicants to fill 2 deputies, 1 jailer, or any dispatch positions that may be available.

Discussion was held on the possibility of sign on bonuses for future employees, requiring employees to sign contracts of intentions to stay for a specified amount of time. And, how to enforce

cannabis measures. Sheriff Evans will be talking with the auditor and the state's attorney before they proceed in certain areas.

Frank Maynard, Emergency Management, reported to the Board that the portable generators have been taken to Bauerkempers for annual maintenance. He also reported that volunteer numbers are decreasing in emergency services and fire departments, but call volume is increasing. Maynard reported on the drought cycle the county is facing, fires and incidents.

Lily Heidebrink, Director of Equalization, met with the Board for continued discussion on 2022 tax valuations. A recap of valuation changes residents will see are as follows: Edgemont Residential Homes, on average will see a 19% - 30% increase, with Hot Springs Residential Homes, on average will see a 10% - 38% increase. The Hot Springs Hills area will have a median increase of 33%, Cascade, Hot Brook and NW has a median increase of 22%, and Fall River Road, with a median increase of 10%. Areas west and south of Angostura will see increases of 11%, while areas North and East of Angostura will see a possible 21% increase. Agriculture Areas Residential Home on average will see less than 10%, with Oelrichs staying about the same and small communities such as Oral, Smithwick, etc. saw a 3% - 6% increase. Vacant land is increasing significantly. It will not be uncommon for value to double. The overall increase in the county is \$167.4 million. \$28.4 million of that is due to growth, which are subject to change due to board changes. Further discussion was held on how to make citizens more aware of these changes.

Discussion was held on the possibility of additional security and a metal detector in the Director of Equalization building. The Board recommended using what was available to them already for security measures without additional resources.

The 2nd reading of Ordinance 2022 – 02, an ordinance for renaming roads, was held as advertised. Motion made by Allen, seconded by Russell, to approve the following ordinance:

COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2022- 02

FOR AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED RENAMING ROADS

BE IT ORDAINED that the Fall River County Commission hereafter referred to as “Commission” continues to believe a process for changing the road names needs to exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, It is ordained by the Fall River County Commission:

THAT a process be established to provide guidelines for the changing of road names within Fall River County when requested by a private landowner.

SECTION ONE

1. Proper names of residents will not be used.
2. Names will not contain racial slurs or offensive language.
3. Names will contain less than 24 characters (this must include spaces and the designator).
4. Names must not duplicate or be easily confused with other road names in Fall River County or Custer County within the same zip code.

SECTION TWO

1. All residents addressed from the road will be contacted and sign a written agreement so authorizing the names change.
2. Upon complete agreement, the letter of petition and a statement from the GIS Coordinator asserting that the road name meets requirements will be presented to the Commission for final approval. If necessary, a public hearing with the Commission will be set forth and all affected parties will be notified of the time and place.

SECTION THREE

1. The requesting resident/party will be responsible for contacting all affected residents.
2. The requesting resident/party will verify that the proposed road name is not in use and is acceptable to all affected.
3. The requesting resident/party will be responsible for all cost incurred for signs, labor to replace existing signs, and administrative costs associated with the road name change. (These charges will be contingent upon approval.)
4. The County Auditor's Office will be contacted for scheduling a time during one of the commissioner meetings for the letter of petition and the GIS Coordinator's approval to be presented.

SECTION THREE

This ordinance shall replace ordinance 2006-01. This ordinance shall be in effect until rescinded by the Commission.

Adopted on this 17th day of February.

/s/Joe Falkenburg, Chairperson
Fall River Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

/s/Sue Ganje, Auditor
Fall River County

First Reading: February 3, 2022

Second Reading: February 17, 2022

Publication Date:

Randy Seiler, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve the January 1 to January 31, 2022 transfers to reimburse the highway department for fuel used or work performed as follows: Sheriff's Department for \$2,593.54; Weed and Pest Office for \$103.42; Emergency Management for \$74.39; Director of Equalization \$126.83; and snow and ice removal in the amount of \$65.70. With Cope voting no, all other voting yes, by roll call vote, motion carried.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve the following resolution:

**BRIDGE REINSPECTION
PROGRAM RESOLUTION
FOR USE WITH SDDOT RETAINER CONTRACTS**

WHEREAS, 23 CFR 650 Subpart C, requires initial inspection of all bridges and reinspection at intervals not to exceed two years with the exception of reinforced concrete box culverts that meet specific criteria. These culverts are reinspected at intervals not to exceed four years.

THEREFORE, Fall River County is desirous of participating in the Bridge Inspection Program.

The county requests SDDOT to hire Brosz Engineering (Consulting Engineers) for the inspection work. SDDOT will secure federal approvals, make payments to the Consulting Engineer for inspection services rendered, and bill the County for 20% of the cost. The County will be responsible for the required 20% matching funds.

Dated this 17th day of February, 2022, at Hot Springs, South Dakota.

Board of County Commissioners
Of Fall River County

ATTEST:

/s/Sue Ganje
Fall River County Auditor

/s/Joe Falkenburg
Chairman of the Board

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to purchase culverts off the 2022 Beadle County Culvert Bids.

Seiler notified the Board that the tree has been removed at the Edgemont Shop and noted that he will bring the Game, Fish and Parks Agreement for blacktop on Shep's Canyon Road to the next meeting. Seiler is hopeful that Game, Fish and Parks will pay 50% of the costs. A prior estimate was \$477,000.00; Seiler believes the estimate is now \$419,000.00. Seiler will ask for bids at the next meeting. The Argentine Bridge is nearing the end of the project.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Russell, to approve the bills as follows:

GENERAL FUND

AUDRA HILL CONSULTING, INC	MI QMHP EVALUATION	\$581.06
CURA HOSPITALITY	INMATE MEALS	\$13,478.22
A-Z SHREDDING INC	SHREDDING	\$221.50
BLACK HILLS CHEMICAL	SUPPLY	\$704.71
BRUNSON, STERLING	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$2,000.00
CENTURY BUSINESS LEASING	COPIER LEASE/USAGE/METER	\$1,443.26
CHADRON MOTOR CO. INC,	REPAIR	\$1,437.66
CHEYENNE SANITATION	SANITATION COLLECTION	\$371.73
COLBATH & SPERLICH, PC	CAAF	\$7,361.89
CORRECT RX PHARMACY SERV.	INMATE PHARMACY	\$230.63
CULLIGAN SOFT WATER	RENTAL/SUPPLY	\$223.50

FALKENBURG, JOE	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$231.15
FARRELL, FARRELL & GINSBACH	CAAF/MI	\$3,871.28
FALL RIVER COUNTY HERALD	PUBLICATION	\$45.00
GALLS	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	\$97.61
GOFF, GARLAND LEE	MI	\$1,352.70
GOLDEN WEST TECHNOLOGIES	IT SUPPORT/CONTRACT	\$5,305.24
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE BILL/LONG DIST	\$2,123.62
HAMMEL, TERRAL	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$367.50
HOPE COUNSELING CENTER	QMHP	\$300.00
HOT SPRINGS ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLY	\$233.88
CITY OF HOT SPRINGS	CITY WATER BILL	\$652.54
LYNN'S DAKOTAMART	SUPPLY	\$35.55
QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC	POSTAGE MACHINE LEASE	\$760.80
MARTY'S TIRE & AUTO BODY	REPAIR/SERVICE	\$860.00
MASTEL, BRUCE	DATABASE SETUP & MONITORING	\$35.00
MCNEMAR, KIM	QMHP	\$600.00
MEDICAL WASTE TRANSPORT	MEDICAL WASTE	\$181.41
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS	SCANNING EQUIP LEASE	\$202.50
NELSON'S OIL & GAS INC.	UTILITY	\$377.87
QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC	POSTAGE	\$1,301.63
NICHOLAS TOWING	TOWING	\$219.80
O'NEILL, JUSTIN	CAAF	\$4,812.99
PENN CO STS ATTNY OFFICE	MI	\$215.00
PENNINGTON COUNTY JAIL	INMATE HOUSING/TRANSPORT	\$7,046.12
HI-D-WAY OIL & GAS	UTILITY	\$13,608.00
QUILL CORPORATION	SUPPLIES	\$533.83
CITY OF RAPID CITY	BLOOD ANALYSIS	\$200.00
RUSSELL, LANCE	MILEAGE	\$25.30
SCHELTENS, JOHN	PILOT	\$60.00
SDACC	CATASTROPHIC LEGAL	\$390.00
SDACC	CATASTROPHIC COUNTY	\$726.00
SD DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	BLOOD DRAWS	\$40.00
SD DEPT OF REVENUE	AUTO/MI STATE REMITT	\$60.00
SDAAO	2022 MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$150.00
SERVALL	RUGS AND MATS SERVIC	\$429.15
SOFTWARE SERVICES INC	SOFTWARE SERVICES	\$3,674.00
STEPHEN'S LAW OFFICE	CAAF	\$700.00
THE LODGE AT DEADWOOD	HOTEL	\$104.00
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING	ANNUAL INSPECTION	\$1,190.00
VANGUARD APPRAISALS INC	ANNUAL SOFTWARE LICE	\$12,550.00
WESTERN SD JUV SERV CTR	JUVENILE SERVICES	\$1,450.00
YANKTON CO. SHERIFF	SERVICE	\$50.00
YANKTON CO TREASURER	QMHP	\$144.80
BOWKER RANCH	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$68.00
LANDERS, JAY	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$2,000.00

MCCARTHY, ROBERT	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$35.00
WYATT, JERRY	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$35.00
DECKER, MICHAEL	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$47.00
PULLINS, WILLIAM	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$20.46
RUSSELL, PATRICK	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$92.13
CAMPBELL, JAMES	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$47.00
HUDDLESTON, CHERYL	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$2,000.00
MILLER, BILL	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$153.00
BROWN, BRENDA	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$100.00
REUTTER, BEN	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$421.75
PAPROCKI, TELCA	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$809.00
BROWN, RORY	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$562.00
LEWIS, DAVID	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$409.50
INMAN, TOM	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$167.41
MILES, SASHA	BLOOD DRAW	\$375.00
SMITH, DEAN	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$1,541.08
HANSON, KEN	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$82.00
DUNBAR RANCH	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$410.00
MOLITOR, DALE	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$698.51
KINDRED, PETE	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$158.00
HOWARD, KAREN	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$56.00
MILLER, PENNI	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$60.00
ELLERTON, TERRY	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$500.00
FISH, DON	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$599.75
FROST, JACK	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$100.00
JUNIPER CATTLE COMPANY	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$48.00
KOUPAL, DAVE	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$129.40
LUCEY, STOYAN	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$91.00
MCM, LLP	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$358.38
ROMEY RANCH	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$211.07
CONGER, LESTA	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$1,235.73
BUCHHOLZ, CAROL	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$2,000.00
GOEMAN, JIMMY	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$256.88
GOODMAN RANCH	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$870.25
LOCKHART, KEITH	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$1,042.35
LONG, DIANN	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$280.00
SWIFT, TROY	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$2,000.00
DALTON, NANCY	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$56.00
JAMISON, SANDY	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$299.50
KNODEL, MIKE	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$171.00
MAXON, JOE	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$56.00
ROERICK, DARYL	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$56.00
ROSANE, CHRIS	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$1,343.80
WOOD ARGYLE, LLC	WEED GRANT REIMBURSEMENT	\$70.00
HAUGEN, RON	REPORT	\$400.00

AAKRE, DWIGHT	REPORT	\$400.00
	TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND	\$118,291.38
COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE		
BLACK HILLS POWER EQUIP	PART	\$10.48
BROSZ ENGINEERING, INC.	ENGINEERING	\$83,727.50
CHEYENNE SANITATION	SANITATION COLLECTION	\$74.00
CITY OF EDMONT	CITY OF EDMONT WATER	\$84.10
DALE'S TIRE & RETREADING	SUPPLY	\$152.80
FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER	SUPPLY	\$180.21
FALL RIVER AUTO SUPPLY	SUPPLY	\$17.56
FALL RIVER COUNTY HERALD	PUBLICATION	\$20.98
GOLDEN WEST TECHNOLOGIES	IT SUPPORT/CONTRACT	\$8.50
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE BILL/LONG DISTANCE	\$253.07
HOT SPRINGS ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLY	\$171.46
HOT SPRINGS AUTOMOTIVE	SUPPLIES	\$148.67
CITY OF HOT SPRINGS	CITY WATER BILL	\$34.39
LAWSON PRODUCTS	PARTS	\$194.26
NEWMAN SIGNS INC.	SIGNAGE	\$279.49
OVERHEAD DOOR COMPANY	REPAIR	\$544.61
HI-D-WAY OIL & GAS	UTILITY	\$2,519.16
RAPID DELIVERY	DELIVERY	\$75.60
RDO EQUIPMENT CO	PARTS	\$1,324.94
RUSHMORE OFFICE SUPPLY	SUPPLY	\$1,127.49
SEILER, RANDY	CELL REIMBURSEMENT	\$75.00
SIOUX CITY FOUNDRY	PARTS	\$3,800.00
	TOTAL COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	\$94,824.27
911 SURCHARGE REIMBURSEMENT		
CENTURY BUSINESS LEASING	COPIER LEASE & METER	\$77.64
FALL RIVER HEALTH SERVICE	PRE-EMPLOYMENT PHYSI	\$65.00
GOLDEN WEST TECHNOLOGIES	IT SUPPORT/CONTRACT	\$25.50
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE BILL/LONG DIST	\$775.37
	TOTAL FOR 911 SURCHARGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$943.51
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		
GOLDEN WEST TECHNOLOGIES	IT SUPPORT/CONTRACT	\$8.50
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE BILL/LONG DIST	\$150.16
HOT SPRINGS ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLY	\$25.18
HOT SPRINGS AUTOMOTIVE	SUPPLY	\$34.00
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING	ANNUAL INSPECTION	\$395.00
BASTIAN, TRACY	PILOT	\$100.00
	TOTAL FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$712.84
DOMESTICE ABUSE FUND		
W.E.A.V.E.	2022 BUDGET ALLOTMENT	\$7,000.00
	TOTAL FOR 24/7 SOBRIETY FUND	\$7,000.00
M & P RELIEF		
SOFTWARE SERVICES INC.	SOFTWARE SERVICES	\$44.00

	TOTAL FOR M & P RELIEF	\$44.00
COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND		
HARVEY'S LOCK & SECURITY	SERVICE	\$496.19
HOT SPRINGS ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLY	\$21.59
	TOTAL FOR COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND	\$517.78
	TOTAL PAID BETWEEN 1/21/22 AND 2/3/22	\$222,333.80

Break was taken at 9:55 a.m. and the meeting reconvened at 10:01 a.m.

Public comment was heard from the Board about HB1039, with a meeting in Pierre on February 23, 2022. Some commissioners may attend the meeting to testify in favor of the bill.

Dave Weishaupl, Building Supervisor, met with the Board. Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve the Golden West quote for camera replacements, in the total amount of \$1,866.48.

Commissioner Falkenburg met with the Board. Motion made by Allen, seconded by Cope, to approve sending a letter regarding shooting trespassing cattle in the Gila Wilderness of New Mexico to the United States Forest Service, and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Motion made by Cope, seconded by Russell, to approve sending a letter to Erin McGlumphy, 4H Advisor, to share with the Cheyenne Rangers 4-H Club for the wonderful Mural in the Garden of Hope at Edgemont and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Discussion continued regarding HB 1039 passing the House of Representatives committee with 38 for and 30 against.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve sending a letter to Black Hills Power, regarding support for HB 1039, and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Ken Martin was recognized for his service to the county. Motion made by Allen, seconded by Cope, to approve the following resolution:

Resolution #2022 - 09

Whereas, the Fall River County Board of Commissioners have designated February 17th, 2022 as a day to honor Ken Martin, former Highway Department Office Manager; and

Whereas, Ken Martin began his employment with Fall River County on March 20, 2013, as an administrative assistant, going above and beyond in his position for the County. He took personal initiative when needed, and has been appreciated by FEMA representatives for his abilities to provide cost records for disaster claims; and

Whereas, the Fall River County Board of Commissioners give thanks to the service Martin rendered unto Fall River County; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fall River Board of County Commissioners calls upon all citizens of Fall River County to observe February 17th, 2022, in recognition of the service of Ken Martin, who

by his devotion to duties, has rendered invaluable service to the County, and we further call upon the citizens of Fall River County to pay respect to Ken.

Dated this 17th day of February, 2022.

/s/Randy Seiler, Fall River County
Highway Superintendent

/s/Joe Falkenburg, Chairman
Fall River County Commission

ATTEST:
/s/Sue Ganje, Auditor
Fall River County

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve contract with Ken Martin as a consultant on an "as needed" basis, at the rate of \$30.00 per hour.

Discussion was held on courthouse building maintenance projects, with Weishaupl noting that Hagen Glass has inspected the courthouse windows, maintenance is waiting for a response. He also spoke of 1 roofing company that indicated they would come look at the museum project for a possible quote. One handicap door at the South Annex is wired directly into the lights and would be costly to repair, the door into extension works, and the plumbing issue is resolved currently. Further discussion was held on snow removal at the courthouse, and the possibility of having the Highway Department be of more help when needed to move large amounts of snow. The Board recommended holding off on the jail plumbing until a later date and to look more into ventilation for the Courthouse.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to adjourn at 10:29 a.m.

/s/Joe Falkenburg
Joe Falkenburg, Chairman
Board of Fall River County Commissioners

ATTEST:
/s/Sue Ganje, Auditor
Fall River County Auditor

AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT WITH THE COUNTY TREASURER

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF FALL RIVER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

I hereby submit the following report of my examination of the cash and cash items in the hands of the County Treasurer of this County on this 31st day of January 2022.

Total Amount of Deposit in First Interstate Bank, HS:	\$ 1,595,977.01
Total Amount of Deposit in First National Bank, Lead:	\$ 1,000.00
Total Amount of Deposit in First National Bank-ARP Checking, Lead:	\$ 1,000.00
Total Amount of Cash:	\$ 2,411.25
Total Amount of Treasurer's Change Fund:	\$ 900.00
Total Amount of Checks in Treasurer's Possession Not Exceeding Three Days:	\$ 205,479.65

SAVINGS:

First Interstate Bank, HS:	\$ 630,619.85
First National Bank of Lead: ICS Acct	\$ 1,047,421.85
First National Bank of Lead-ARP ICS Acct	\$ 439,123.94
First National Bank of Lead-RAI MM Acct	\$ 40,910.16

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT:

First Interstate, HS:	\$ 788,864.24
Black Hills Federal Credit Union, HS:	\$ 250,000.00
Bank of the West, HS:	\$ 545,832.30
Schwab Treasury:	\$ 275,368.82
First National Bank, Lead:	\$ 312,198.13
Black Hills Community, Rapid City:	\$ 805,786.21
Liberty National, Sioux Falls:	\$ 4,047,710.43


Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts that have been in the Treasurer's possession over three days:

Register of Deeds Change Fund:	\$ 500.00
Highway Petty Cash:	\$ 20.00
Election Petty Cash:	\$ 15.00

RETURNED CHECKS:

TOTAL \$ 10,991,138.84

Dated This 31st Day of January 2022.



Sue Ganje, County Auditor of Fall River County



Teresa Pullen, County Treasurer of Fall River County

County Monies	\$ 10,330,475.22
Held for other Entities	\$ 478,723.70
Held in Trust	\$ 181,939.42
TOTAL	\$ 10,991,138.34

The Above Balance Reflects County Monies, Monies Held in Trust, and Monies Collected for and to be remitted to Other ENTITIES: SCHOOLS, TOWNS, AND STATE.

2022 APPEAL PROCESS TIME FRAME

March 1 - assessment notices must be mailed

March 15 - last day to file for owner-occupied status with Director of Equalization

Local Board of Equalization

March 17 - last day to mail or file¹ written appeal with clerk of local board (10-11-16)

March 21 - local board begins (10-11-13)

March 25 - local board ends (10-11-14)

April 1 - last day to receive written notice of local board's decision (10-11-16.1)

County Board of Equalization

April 5 - last day to mail or file¹ written appeal with county auditor (10-11-23)

April 12 - county board begins (10-11-25)

May 3 - county board ends (10-11-25)

May 6 - last day to receive written notice of county board's decision (10-11-26.1)

Consolidated Board of Equalization

April 5 - last day to mail or file¹ written appeal with county auditor (10-11-67)

April 12 - consolidated board begins (10-11-71)

May 3 - consolidated board ends (10-11-71)

May 6 - last day to receive written notice of consolidated board's decision (10-11-73)

Office of Hearing Examiners

May 20- last day to mail or file¹ a written appeal (10-11-42) with:

Chief Administrative Hearing Officer

523 E. Capitol Ave

Pierre, SD 57501

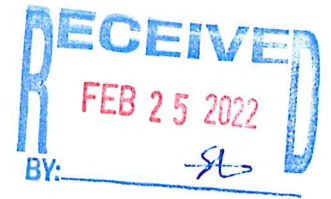
Circuit Court

Appealing from County Board - you must appeal within 30 days after notice has been served of the decision.

Appealing from Office of Hearing Examiners - you must appeal within 30 days after notice of the decision.

¹ Use of the term "file" means in the hands of the official with whom it is to be filed. Postmarked by deadline is considered timely mailing.

February 25, 2022



Fall River County Commissioners
906 N River St
Hot Springs, SD 57747

Honorable Commissioners:

The Hot Springs Rural Fire District has recently had a resignation. SD Statutes (below) provide for the Commissioner to appoint a replacement:

SD 34-31A-15.1. Filling of vacancy on board of directors.

The board of county commissioners shall fill a vacancy on the board of directors of a rural fire protection district by appointing a voter of the district who meets the requirements in § 34-31A-13 to complete the unexpired term.

The District Board of Directors have met and voted to recommend Patty Nikkila for that vacancy.

We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

Mark Siebenthal
President
Hot Springs Rural Fire District

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Siebenthal", written over the printed name.



*Emergency Management
Fall River County*

*Franklin W. Maynard CEM CFM
906 N. River St.
Hot Springs, SD 57747*

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Date: March 3, 2022

Subj: Commission Update

1. Solar Power Systems: I was asked to try and locate information pertaining to emergency response agencies when responding to a possible solar power system fire. There are several research papers written about these types of incidents. I did not print any of the documents due to the length, but I have attached a cover sheet from one of the more detailed research papers. (attachment)
2. Home Land Security Regional Meeting: The meeting for Region 4 will be held in Rapid City on March 8th at the Outdoor West Campus. This meeting is for one law enforcement and one emergency manager representative from each of the Region 4 counties.
3. National Cyber Security Review Assessment: I completed the annual assessment for Fall River County on February 24th, 2022. The assessment is a requirement for entities to receive Homeland Security Grant funds.
4. CoCoRaHS: NWS is requesting more volunteers as a CoCoRaHS observer. (attachment)
5. Golden West Tower: Fall River County has the law enforcement, emergency management and HS Radio Club antennas on the tower and the equipment is located in the building. I have been told the tower and building is being sold, thus we will have to move out antennas and equipment. I am doing more checking on this and will report back to the commission on my findings.
6. Fires & Incidents:
 1. 2/23/2022: Two Vehicle accident: Hwy 18 bypass and 71. Fall River Sheriff, Hot Springs Police, Hot Springs Fire and Hot Springs Ambulance
 2. 2/28/2022: Mutual Aid to Nebraska: Train and semi accident: Ardmore Fire, Edgemont Ambulance.

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Fire Fighter Safety and Emergency Response for Solar Power Systems

Final Report

A DHS/Assistance to Firefighter Grants (AFG) Funded Study

Prepared by:
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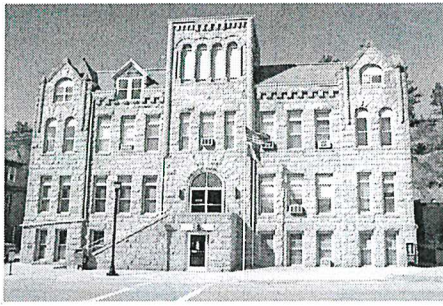


CoCoRaHS March Madness 2022

March 1–31, 2022

How many new volunteers can you recruit in your state?





FALL RIVER & OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY TREASURER

906 North River Street
Hot Springs, SD 57747
Phone: 605-745-5145
Fax: 605-745-3530

February 28, 2022

RE: Quotes for Courthouse window install

Fall River County Commissioners,

I am submitting to you a quote from Hagen Glass to install 11 windows in the courthouse. The windows to be installed have been sitting in the county storage unit since 2014 and need to be installed before they are no longer of good quality.

I sent out 7 quote requests to window companies and construction companies in the Rapid City area along with 5 quote requests to local construction companies here in the Hot Springs area. From those requests; 1 company, Hagen Glass came out measured windows and has provided the attached quote, 2 companies from Rapid City have stated they would not be able to provide a quote and no other quotes or interest have been received by our office.

Dave Weishaupl and I are asking that you consider the quote provided by Hagen Glass.

Thank You,

Teresa Pullen
Fall River/Oglala Lakota County Treasurer



Commercial and Residential

To: Teresa Pullen teresa.pullen@frcounty.org; dave.w@frcounty.org

2-25-2022

Re: Fall River County Court House- Window Install

906 North River Street, Hot Springs, SD

Hagen Glass Co. is pleased to submit the following proposal: Material will be furnished as specified below at the quoted price(s). Materials not indicated are not included. This proposal is for immediate acceptance and is valid for 60 days from date of quote. We are not responsible for delays caused by strikes, fires, lockouts, acts of God or other causes beyond our control.

Hagen Glass to: Provide Labor to install 11 Each Wood Metal Clad Windows.

On the initial visit there were approximately 28 window openings measured and looked at. For the most part there are only 3-4 different sizes. We prefer if the window locations are picked out prior to the start of install and also on site. If that is not an option, I'm sure we can work something out.

We will plan to rent an utilize a 60- 65' aerial lift to gain access to the 3rd floor windows. Both the interior and exterior of the window opening will need to be accessible. For safety of the public, we will use cones.

Hagen will plan to remove the existing wood windows and associated trim in order to install the new windows. Disposal of the old windows has been figured and is included in the price.

Along with providing labor to install windows by others we will plan to provide our standard bronze break metal at the exterior perimeter to close up the void between window and sandstone block opening. We will also plan to provide our standard bronze silicone to seal the windows.

For the amount of \$ 27,500.00

Excluded:

Concrete Work

Taxes

Anything besides our standard Bronze Silicone

Anything other than our Bronze Break Metal or Coil

Trimming out interior of Windows

Drywall /Painting work

Staining of windows

Windows are by others

Rotten Wood and/or Bad Sill Conditions May Incur Additional Cost.

Anything not specifically mentioned above

Respectfully submitted,

Above accepted & agreed to:

Jason Hagen
(605) 391-0251

Signed: _____
(Your Signature makes this a contract)

Dated: _____

“When Quality Matters”

4111 Triple Crown Drive Rapid City, SD 57701 Phone (605)342-5122, Fax (605)342-1077

PETITION TO VACATE STREET

TO THE COUNTY COMMISSION, FALL RIVER COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA:

COMES NOW Petitioner, Lynda Long, a married person, of P.O. Box 1204, Hot Springs, South Dakota 57747, by and through her attorney, Justin O'Neill, and respectfully shows:

1. THAT the following described real estate is located within the unincorporated town of Oral, Fall River County, South Dakota:

Lot One, Block 12 and Lot 12, Block 3, Town of Oral, Fall River County, South Dakota.

2. That a portion of Second Street, town of Oral, Fall River County, South Dakota is adjacent to the properties described in paragraph 1 above;

3. THAT your petitioners seek to have vacated that portion of Second Street lying between and adjacent to Lot One, Block 12 and Lot 12, Block 3, Town of Oral, Fall River County, South Dakota, as shown on Plat marked as Exhibit A, which Exhibit A is hereby made part of this petition and incorporated by this reference;

4. THAT said portion of Second Street has previously been used as a dirt road, but is now abandoned and overgrown and not used as a street or access to any other properties, and is less than 1 mile long in distance (approximately 150 long);

5. THAT petitioner Lynda Long, is the owner or record of said Lot One, Block 12 and Lot 12, Block 3, Town of Oral, Fall River County, South Dakota, and requires said vacation so that she may fully utilize the properties she owns, those properties being Lots 1-6, Block 12, and lots 9-12, Block 3, Original Town of Oral, Fall River County, South Dakota;

6. That accompanying this petition, which is made pursuant to the provisions of SDCL 31-3-23 & 31-3-6, is a copy of the plat of the subject properties.

WHEREFORE, your Petitioner prays that notice of the time and place when and where this Petition will be considered be published once a week for two successive weeks in a legal

newspaper in Fall River County, South Dakota, and hearing take place not more than thirty (30) days from the date of the second publication of said notice and that upon said hearing a Resolution be adopted by the Fall River County Commission vacating said portion of Second Street, town of Oral, Fall River County, South Dakota in the manner required by law, reserving however, any easements and right-of-way presently existing in said Street for any public utility or drainage purposes.

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
) SS.
COUNTY OF FALL RIVER)

Lynda Long, a married person, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that she is the petitioner herein, and has read the above and foregoing and know the contents thereof and that the same are true of her own knowledge, except as to matters alleged therein on information and belief, and as to those matters, she believe them to be true.

Dated this 26 day of January, 2022.

Lynda Long
Lynda Long

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 26 day of January, 2022.

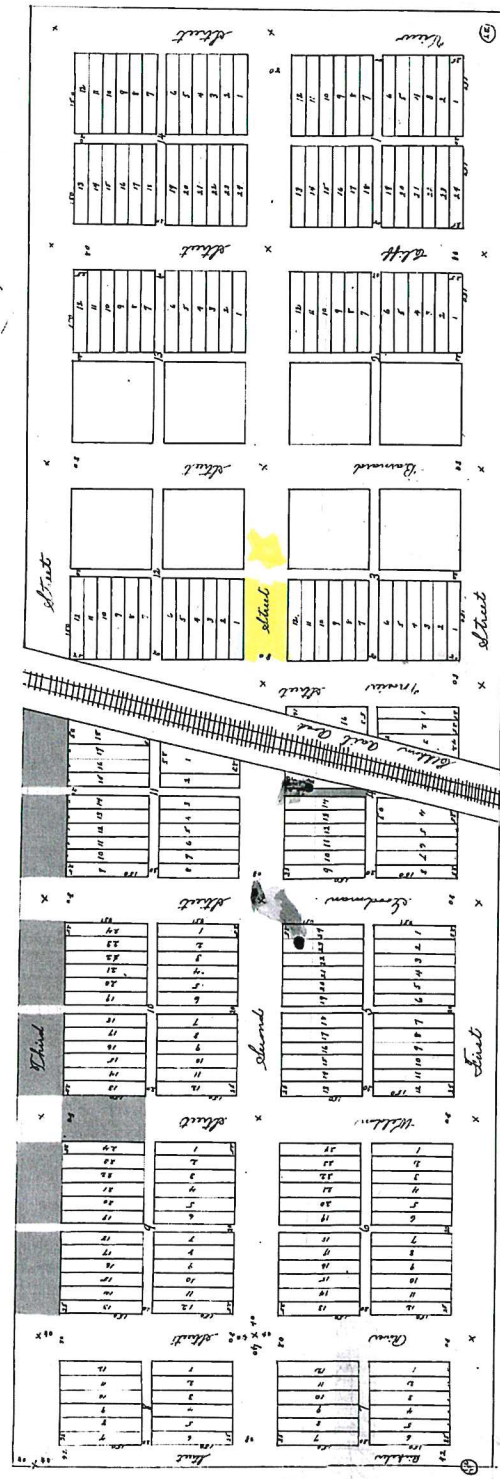
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NOTARY PUBLIC - SOUTH DAKOTA

My commission expires: 8-26-23

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Town of Oak
 Full Creek Co.
 South Dakota



The plat of the Town of Oak, Full Creek County, South Dakota, is hereby approved by the Board of Commissioners of the Territory of South Dakota, and the same is hereby ordered to be recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Full Creek, South Dakota.

Attest: I, the Register of Deeds for the County of Full Creek, South Dakota, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original plat of the Town of Oak, Full Creek County, South Dakota, as the same appears from the records of said County.

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North Angostora RoadLength (Miles)
Ave. Width (Ft)2
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Item	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price	Extended Price
Mobilization	LS	1	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 6,300.00
Type 2A Modified Agg.	Ton	330.5	\$ 46.00	\$ 15,203.00
AE 150S Asphalt Emulsion	Ton	41	\$ 600.00	\$ 24,600.00
Asphalt for Fog Seal	Ton	7.2	\$ 750.00	\$ 5,400.00
Traffic Control	LS	1	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Flagging	Hour	80	\$ 36.00	\$ 2,880.00
Pilot Car	Hour	30	\$ 48.00	\$ 1,440.00
				\$ 58,323.00
Contingency (10%)				\$ 5,832.30
Total				\$ 64,155.30

75% State \$48,000.
25% County \$16,000

Feed Lot RoadLength (Miles)
Ave. Width (Ft)1.4
20

Item	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price	Extended Price
Mobilization	LS	1	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,400.00
Type 2A Modified Agg.	Ton	182.5	\$ 46.00	\$ 8,395.00
AE 150S Asphalt Emulsion	Ton	22.7	\$ 600.00	\$ 13,620.00
Asphalt for Fog Seal	Ton	4	\$ 750.00	\$ 3,000.00
Traffic Control	LS	1	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Flagging	Hour	30	\$ 36.00	\$ 1,080.00
Pilot Car	Hour	12	\$ 48.00	\$ 576.00
				\$ 32,571.00
Contingency (10%)				\$ 3,257.10
Total				\$ 35,828.10

Sheps CanyonLength (Miles)
Ave. Width (Ft)5.6
24

Item	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price	Extended Price
Mobilization	LS	1	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 38,000.00
MC-70 Prime	Ton	68.5	\$ 900.00	\$ 61,650.00
Blotting Sand for Prime	Ton	315.4	\$ 48.00	\$ 15,139.20
Type 2A Modified Agg.	Ton	906.8	\$ 46.00	\$ 41,712.80
Type 3 Agg	Ton	1182.7	\$ 40.00	\$ 47,308.00
AE 150S Asphalt Emulsion	Ton	261.6	\$ 600.00	\$ 156,960.00
Asphalt for Fog Seal	Ton	19.9	\$ 750.00	\$ 14,925.00
Traffic Control	LS	1	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Flagging	Hour	30	\$ 36.00	\$ 1,080.00
Pilot Car	Hour	12	\$ 48.00	\$ 576.00
				\$ 381,351.00
Contingency (10%)				\$ 38,135.10
Total				\$ 419,486.10

1 ash B.F. & Parks
for 50%

2022 Fall River County Asphalt Surface Treatment
Opinion of Probable Construction Cost
2/16/2022

West Oral Road

Length (Miles) 8.6
Ave. Width (Ft) 24

Item	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price	Extended Price
Mobilization	LS	1	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 21,000.00
Type 2A Modified Agg.	Ton	1400	\$ 46.00	\$ 64,400.00
AE 150S Asphalt Emulsion	Ton	173.8	\$ 600.00	\$ 104,280.00
Asphalt for Fog Seal	Ton	30.7	\$ 750.00	\$ 23,025.00
Traffic Control	LS	1	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Flagging	Hour	180	\$ 36.00	\$ 6,480.00
Pilot Car	Hour	60	\$ 48.00	\$ 2,880.00
				<u>\$ 226,065.00</u>
Contingency (10%)				\$ 22,606.50
Total				<u>\$ 248,671.50</u>

Angostora Road

Length (Miles) 3.4
Ave. Width (Ft) 24

Item	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price	Extended Price
Mobilization	LS	1	\$ 8,300.00	\$ 8,300.00
Type 2A Modified Agg.	Ton	552.3	\$ 46.00	\$ 25,405.80
AE 150S Asphalt Emulsion	Ton	68.6	\$ 600.00	\$ 41,160.00
Asphalt for Fog Seal	Ton	12.1	\$ 750.00	\$ 9,075.00
Traffic Control	LS	1	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Flagging	Hour	120	\$ 36.00	\$ 4,320.00
Pilot Car	Hour	40	\$ 48.00	\$ 1,920.00
				<u>\$ 92,680.80</u>
Contingency (10%)				\$ 9,268.08
Total				<u>\$ 101,948.88</u>

50% State \$51,000.

50% County 51,000.

APPENDIX B

Bi-Weekly Progress Report

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Bi-Weekly Progress Report No. 8

Project No.	BRO 8024(00)19-1	PCN	075T	Period Ending	February 19th,	20	22
County	Fall River			Contract Time	June 21 st , 2021		
Type of Work	Structure Replacement			Working Days This Period	12		
Prime Contractor	Grangaard Construction Inc.			Working Days to Date	61		
				Percent Complete	75.0%		

WORK IN PROGRESS THIS PERIOD

Grangaard Construction – Worked tying deck steel, adjusting overhang brackets and cleaning bridge deck. The bridge deck paver was set up and adjusted. The sides of the bridge deck was tarped and heated from the underside.
Pouring bridge deck, at the end of the 15 th week.
Shaping south embankments. Moved temporary crossing to south side of existing crossing. Removed the forms on the bent diaphragm and outside of abutment forms and grouted. Worked on building up 1 foot of dirt above the bottom of abutment 3 for the placement of bridge end backfill.
General Comments Mild temperatures in the 15 th week, and colder temperatures the 16 th week. Snow on 2/16/22

Contractor Working (Indicate after each: 1-1st Week; 2-2nd Week; 3-Both Weeks **E** if contractor/sub is Exempt - i.e., 1E,2E)

Grangaard Construction Inc. – 15th Week & 16th Week	Work Started: 11/5/2021
	Work Suspended:
	Work Resumed:
	Field Work Completed:

Day	Date	Working Day No.	Weather and Comments	Temperature	
				High	Low
Sunday	2/6/2022	50	Tying deck steel		
Monday	2/7/2022	51	Tying deck steel	57	34
Tuesday	2/8/2022	52	Setting up Bidwell Deck Paver	50	31
Wednesday	2/9/2022	53	Adjusting overhang brackets, setting paving rail	47	30
Thursday	2/10/2022	54	Adjusting Bidwell Deck Paver, cleaning deck	62	33
Friday	2/11/2022	55	Prepour meeting, heating bottom of deck	35	18
Saturday	2/12/2022	56	Pouring Bridge Deck		
Sunday	2/13/2022				
Monday	2/14/2022	57	Removing runoff rails	54	24
Tuesday	2/15/2022	58	Shaping South Embankments	54	27
Wednesday	2/16/2022	59	Removing Diaphragm forms and grouting	30	2
Thursday	2/17/2022	60	Removed abutment 3 forms, Bridge end backfill	37	26
Friday	2/18/2022	61	Grouting and grinding abutments	44	22
Saturday	2/19/2022				

Daniel Cichosz

Prepared by

County Auditors:

As you know, US Treasury has issued their final rules for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA); providing guidance for expending County allocations of funding. Since the release of the Final Rule, the planning districts have asked questions to Eide Bailly and NACO to help clarify our understanding of the rules. Upon receiving their answers, I have guidance that should help in spending your allocation. I realize what follows is a lot of information and will do my best to answer questions you may have.

I do need to state that I am not the final authority, and I am providing my recommendation based on the information that is provided and available. I have confirmed this information with NACO and with Eide Bailly and both have agreed that what I am proposing is considered eligible, however, US Treasury is the ultimate guide on eligibility. I strongly suggest watching the NACO webinar from January 18 if you haven't already, for a good overview of the "Revenue Loss" category and reviewing the attached Eide Bailly questions. Below I have provided multiple resources including the link to the NACO webinar. These documents can be utilized to review eligibility guidance.

My suggestion for the use of your funding is to utilize it for county salaries. This would be a similar process to what each of you did for the CARES funding. Treasury has stated in the final rules that Counties can claim up to \$10 million under the "Revenue Loss" category without having to calculate your individual loss. For most of you that would exceed the allocation you received and would allow you to utilize the full amount of your allocation under Revenue Loss.

Revenue Loss can be used for any "government service" and common examples can be found on the attached NACO slides page 9. Government Service generally includes any service traditionally provided by a government unless Treasury has stated otherwise. The following activities are **NOT** eligible and are stated in the Treasury ARPA rules (NACO slides page 10).

- Extraordinary contribution to a pension fund (normal County SDRS contributions each payroll period would be eligible)
- Debt service payment, including Tax Anticipation Notes (TANs)
- Rainy day or reserve account
- Settlement agreement, judgment, consent decree or judicially confirmed debt (with limited exceptions)
- (NEW) Activity that conflicts with the purpose of the American Rescue Plan Act statute (e.g. uses of funds that conflict with COVID-19 mitigation practices in line with CDC guidance and recommendations)
- Violations of Award Terms and Conditions or conflict of interest requirements under the Uniform Guidance

Although most activities will qualify if you claim your full allocation under the Revenue Loss category, payroll is likely the simplest path forward. In the last bullet point above it mentions "Uniform Guidance." Uniform Guidance includes the rules that govern federal funding and apply to your ARPA funds regardless of category. These rules are important to understand and to make sure the guidance is followed depending on the activity. Here are two examples: federal procurement standards (different from state bid laws) need to be followed if you are undertaking construction or purchasing equipment. Another example: If you choose to pass some of your allocation to another entity, subrecipient rules must be followed. You will see reference to Uniform Guidance in the attached Eide Bailly questions in Question #1. Compliance with Uniform Guidance is the primary reason for my suggestion of using the funds to cover salaries.

If you choose to use the funds to reimburse salaries, I'd suggest the following:

- Avoid any employees that you receive other funding to pay for their position. Your match may be possible but it is much easier to avoid.
- Set up a payroll and accounting code to track the dollars including salary, benefits and overhead. You cannot just dump the money into a general fund account where you cannot track and separate out the flow of the money.

- Be sure to keep auditable documentation of the costs you claim to be able justify the expense. The documents must be retained for a period of 5 years after all funds have been expended.
- Great care should be taken to have in place adequate internal controls that ensure the individual or individuals making the determination also receive a review and approval by another individual or individuals. It is recommended as a best practice to include the County Commissioners in this process.
- You can go back to March 3, 2021 for eligible costs. However, I did receive a recommendation to begin moving forward from today. The recommendation was provided to be safe as you could create more paperwork or audit issues for yourself if not handled correctly. Remember you have until December 31, 2024 to use the funds, which should provide plenty of time to request/utilize this funding.
- When submitting your report, you will claim these costs under "Revenue Loss/Revenue Replacement/Provision of Government Service." See attached NACO slides 13-18 and NACO Webinar and Treasury "Project and Expenditure Report User Guide" for additional guidance. Remember most of you are all Tier 2 recipients with populations below 250,000 and an award less than \$10 million and your report is due April 30, 2022 and annually afterwards (Pennington County is the exception).

Available resources:

Treasury Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Main Page: All Treasury information can be found here including final rule and reporting guidance.

<https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-funds>

Treasury Final Rule: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-01-27/pdf/2022-00292.pdf>

Treasury- Project and Expenditure Report User Guide: <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Project-and-Expenditure-Report-User-Guide.pdf>

Edie Bailly Answers on Final Rule and Revenue Loss – Attached as PDF

NACO 1/18/22 webinar and slides on Revenue Loss <https://www.naco.org/events/us-treasurys-final-rule-arpa-fiscal-recovery-fund-revenue> Slides are also attached as PDF.

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Federal judge has ruled the U.S. Office of Surface Mining failed to adequately analyze the environmental harm



By [The Associated Press](#)

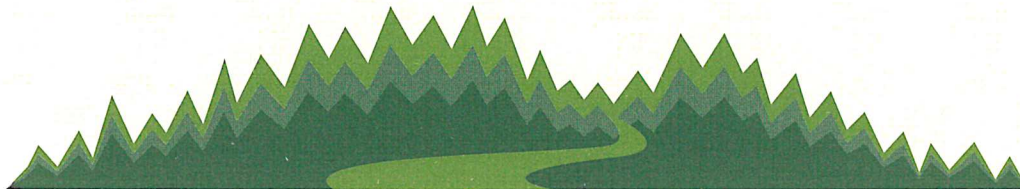
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HELENA, Mont. (AP) -A federal judge has ruled the U.S. Office of Surface Mining failed to adequately analyze the environmental harm that could be caused by increasing the size of a southeastern Montana coal mine that feeds a nearby power plant before approving permit.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Timothy Cavan recommended that the agency correct its analysis or face the revocation of the permit. U.S. District Judge Susan Watters will decide whether to implement Cavan's recommendation.

Environmental groups sued over an expansion of the Rosebud mine saying the agency listed the monetary benefits of the expansion, but offered only general explanations of the potential environmental damage of more mining, and not the effects of burning the coal.

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Black Hills Regional Multiple Use Coalition

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February 17, 2022

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTICE

The next Black Hills Regional Multiple Use Coalition, Board of Directors meeting will be Friday, February 25th, 4:00 pm, at the Spearfish Holiday Inn. Minutes are attached for your review.

The tentative agenda items are:

- Forest Plan Revision
- Black Hills Timber
- Pactola Work Center access
- Speakers / Topics / Field Trips for rest of '22
- Directors Round Robin

Please feel free to call me at 605-341-0875 if you have any questions or comments.

Ben Wudtke
Executive Secretary

Black Hills Regional Multiple Use Coalition- January 28, 2022

The BHRUMC January 2022 meeting was held at the Holiday Inn in Spearfish, SD. Those in attendance were Richard Sleep, Ty Brown, Thomas Hackmann, Don Hausle, Butch Oien, Wes Thompson, Dave Moline, Jean Kennedy, Dave Kennedy, Ben Wudtke, and Matt Lottes.

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm beginning with the pledge of allegiance.

Ralph Adam, a USFS Staff Officer heading the OHV trail program in the Black Hills, was present to give an update of the program along with discussion.

Overview of trail permit stickers – Permits were first required for ohv trail use in the hills in 2011 and ~7,800 permits were sold. ~38,000 permits were sold in 2021 showing the significant increase in trail use. 95% of the permit revenue goes back into the trail system while 5% goes to the “sky.”

548 miles of forest *roads* are open to all vehicles in the Black Hills, with 220 of those miles being seasonally restricted.

The Record of Decision (ROD) describes that the OHV trail system development should focus on areas away from populated areas. The OHV trail system in the BHNF is larger than any other National Forest trail system in the nation.

Ralph stated that hiring and turnover have been the greatest challenges in trail maintenance. In 2021, there was 1 trail coordinator, 3 crew leaders, and 2 trail rangers for the BHNF. In 2021, there were 35 citations issued and 52 verbal and written warnings given, most of which occurred in the Northern Hills.

Recent accomplishments include the 62” width restriction for vehicles using trails, purchasing of 2 new Toolcats (trail maintenance), and the installation of ~100 width restriction signs and ~40 unauthorized route signs at trailheads.

Goals include procuring more trail staff and equipment, as well as hosting workshops to engage public with the trail program. There are currently job offers out to 11 people to potentially start in April 2022. Ralph stated that job fairs have become a priority for recruiting. BHNF is planning for 6 workshops this year (2 will be virtual), consisting of 3 identical workshops held in different areas and 3 follow-up sessions.

Review of prior meeting’s minutes – Don motions to approve, motion carries.

Treasurer’s report – Ben gave a summary – \$4,041 in donations since Nov 19, 2021. Current balance of \$11,966. Don motions to approve, motion carries.

Ben provided update on BHNF timber – 5,000 to 10,000 ccf of “new” timber has been found for commercial harvest. FS says their recent timber sale output analysis for the next 3 years wasn’t a resource analysis, but a staffing one.

Aerial digitizing of densely stocked timber has been slow and LIDAR technology is now being explored as an option to expedite analysis.

The FS has responded to the BHFRA’s challenge to the GTR by saying that they need 60 additional days to respond. This response came from within the Forest Service which is not a true third party to those involved with the GTR’s publication.

Ben talked on how Biden’s 10-yr wildfire strategy recognizes the importance of pre-emptively treating fuels, and how the strategy is calling for 2-4% more acreage treated each year. Wes interpreted the wildfire strategy as discouraging development around hot spots and not so much treating the land.

Forest Plan Revision – Black Hills counties want in on the assessment phase but probably will not get the opportunity to contribute until the scoping phase.

Stockgrowers Association is currently working on a "Bring Your Own Bill" bill for the State Legislature (SD). Keep an eye on House bill 1035 which dictates how the State is able to collect receipts from GNA timber sales.

Round Robin – Jean mentioned the new Forestry class at BHSU and how it is at risk since industry is currently in jeopardy (Neiman Timber Co significantly helps fund the class).

Regarding Ralph's talk, the group agreed that it is very encouraging to hear the FS has a plan in place, have purchased new trail equipment, and are hiring more trail staff.

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm.

Minutes by Matt Lottes