CLARK COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

The Clark County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 6, 2025 in the Commissioner Room of the Clark County Courthouse. Vice Chairman Gjerde called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with the following Commissioners present at the Courthouse. Chris Sass, Francis Hass, Sara Gjerde and Terry Schlagel. Commissioner Wallace Knock absent. Auditor Tarbox also present.

**COMMUNITY COMMENTS**: None.

**AGENDA:** Motion by Schlagel, second by Hass to approve the May 6, 2025 agenda. All voting aye. Motion carried.

**MINUTES**: Motion by Sass, second by Schlagel to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2025 meeting. All voting aye. Motion carried.

**HIGHWAY:** HS Eggleston presented crossing permits for Riverview Dairy for installation of underground manure transfer line. Motion by Sass, second by Hass to approve one permit at 417th Ave- from S1 to S2 in Fordham Township. All voting aye. Motion carried.

**HIGHWAY**: Motion by Schlagel, second by Sass to approve two crossing permits for Riverview Dairy for installation of underground manure transfer line. The first location is 435th Ave – from S14 to S13, second location is 195th St -S28 to S33 in Washington Township. All voting aye. Motion carried.

**HIGHWAY**: Motion by Schlagel, second by to Hass approve new hire, Joshua Mix, as truck driver for the Highway Department. Starting pay will be $21.88 with increase of $.50 after successfully completing the six month probation period. All voting aye. Motion carried.

**FUEL QUOTES**: The following fuel quotes were received May 2025. **Diesel #2**: Agwrx, No bid. Clark Community Oil- No bid, Vollan Oil – 2.4182, Farstad Oil – 2.4309, Stern Oil -2.4475, Sioux Valley Coop -No bid. The County accepted the low bid and all bids are on file in the Auditor’s office.

**HIGHWAY**: HS Eggleston informed the board that load limits have been lifted and that several roads are posted closed, local traffic only. He also discussed road haul agreement between Clark County and Clark Colony.

**FRANCHISE:** At 8:30 a.m. Public hearing was held for East River Electric Cooperative. Motion by Schlagel, second by Hass to approve Resolution 12-25 to allow East River Electric Cooperative to continue the Franchise within Clark County. Vice Chairman Gjerde opened the public hearing. Jerae Wire with East River Electric Cooperative spoke regarding the project. He informed the board that this agreement will be effective for twenty years from the date of signature. No one else appeared to address the board the public hearing was closed. Board questions were addressed. Voting aye: Sass, Hass, Gjerde and Schlagel. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 12-25

AUTHORIZATION TO CONSTRUCT ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION

AND DISTRIBUTION LINES ON THE PUBLIC HIGHWAYS OF CLARK COUNTY

WHEREAS, East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., of Madison, South Dakota, on the 1st day of April, 2025 filed with the County Auditor of Clark County, South Dakota, its duly verified Petition for the purpose of obtaining and acquiring one franchise for both its existing transmission lines and system and the planned extension and future expansion thereof, from Clark County, South Dakota, by and through its County Commissioners, for the right to maintain its existing and future system and to erect and maintain poles and wires for the purpose of transmitting and distributing electricity for lighting, heating and power purposes, in, along, and over the public highways of Clark County, South Dakota, for rural electrification throughout said County and State for a period of twenty years;

WHEREAS, said application was heard and considered by the members of the Board of County Commissioners of said County of Clark, in South Dakota, on the

6th day of May, 2025, at the hour of 8:30 clock a.m., in the Commissioners' Room, in the Courthouse, in the City of Clark, Clark County, South Dakota, due notice of said hearing having been given by mail as provided by law to all persons, firms or corporations owning or operating transmission, telegraph or telephone lines on or along any part of the highways of said County;

WHEREAS, no person, firm or corporation having appeared in opposition to the granting of such application, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Board of County Commissioners of said County that the request contained in said Petition should be granted;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Clark County Board of Commissioners that the right to construct, maintain and operate poles and wires, both for its existing transmission lines and system, and also for its future extension and expansion, for the purpose of transmitting and distributing electricity for lighting, heating and power purposes, over, upon, along and across the public highways within Clark County, South Dakota, for rural electrification, on a county-wide basis, for a period of twenty (20) years from and after the date and passage hereof, be, and it hereby is, granted to said East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., of Madison, South Dakota, subject to the terms and conditions of Chapter 31-26 of the South Dakota Codified Laws (1984 Revisions).

Dated this 6th day of May, 2025.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

/s/ Sara Gjerde

Sara Gjerde, Vice Chairman

/s/ Chris Sass

Chris Sass

/s/ Francis Hass\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Francis Hass

/s/ Terry Schlagel

Terry Schlagel

ATTEST:

Christine Tarbox, Auditor

By: /s/ Christine Tarbox,

Clark County Auditor

**HORSEMAN’S CLUB:** Terry Severson, representing the Horseman’s Club, met with the board to request that the County be the Fiscal agent for grant dollars that the Horseman’s Club is applying for. If grant approved it will be used to update the speaker system and install new lights at the Fairgrounds. Motion by Sass, second by Schlagel to approve the request. All voting aye. Motion carried.

**TIF**: Tobin Morris with Collier’s Financial met with the board via zoom and proposed a plan to invest funds to generate interest that will be used to pay off the Riverview TIF debt. This proposal has been presented to the Department of Revenue and approved. Motion by Sass, second by Hass to allow Collier’s Financial to purchase Treasurer bonds for investment. All voting aye. Motion carried.

**AMBULANCE**: AA Hoefert met with the board to discuss attending a NAEMSE Instructor Course, which would allow him to be an EMT instructor. No action taken.

**CLARK COUNTY RIDERS**: Motion by Sass, second by Hass to set hearing for Clark County Riders for temporary on sale malt and temporary on sale liquor license for Rodeo event to be held on June 27, 2025. Hearing set for May 20, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. All voting aye. Motion carried.

**TREASURER:** Treasurer Reis met with the board to update on taxes collected for 2025 and notices sent out. No action needed.

**RESOLUTION 11-25**: Motion by Sass, second by Gjerde to approve Resolution 11-25 which approves Lehna Plat. All voting aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 11-25**

“BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, South Dakota, that the plat entitled**: “Lehna Addition, in the Northeast Quarter and the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 25, Township 119 North, Range 58 West of the 5th P.M., Clark County, South Dakota**”, which has been submitted for examination pursuant to law, and it appearing that all taxes and special assessments have been paid and that such plat and the survey thereof have been made and executed according to law, the plat is hereby approved, and the County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to endorse on such plat a copy of this Resolution and certify the same.

Dated this 6th day of May, 2025.

/s/ Sara Gjerde\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Vice Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

Clark County, South Dakota

ATTEST:

/s Christine Tarbox\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
County Auditor

Clark County, South Dakota

**TOWNSHIP BONDS**: Motion by Schlagel, second by Hass to approve 2025 Township Bonds. All townships have provided bonds to the Auditor office for 2025. All voting aye. Motion carried.

**MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE:** Motion by Hass, second by Schlagel to approve retail (on-off sale) malt beverage and SD Farm wine license for Carpenter Country Store, Fawn Lamb owner. This license is available from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. All voting aye. Motion carried.

**MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE**: Motion by Sass, second by Gjerde to approve retail (on-off sale) malt beverage and SD Farm wine license for Crocker Hills Bar and Grill, Melissa Lehna owner. This license is available from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. All voting aye. Motion carried.

**MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE:** Motion by Schlagel, second by Sass to approve retail (on-off sale) malt beverage and SD Farm wine license for Keller Kountry Korner, Neil and Deb Keller owners. This license is available from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. All voting aye. Motion carried.

**ABATEMENT 2-25**: Motion by Sass, second by Schlagel to approve abatement 2-25. Parcel

#337. Taxes abated: $58,730.95. All voting aye. Motion carried.

**COURTHOUSE**: Custodian Marx met with the board to report issues with the curb replacement. There will be an additional cost of approximately $750.00 to dig out the current curb on the south side of the Courthouse.

**CLAIMS**: Motion by Sass, second by Hass to approve the following claims and allow Auditor to issue payment. All voting aye. Motion carried. GENERAL FUND: Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield -refund – 1064.70, Rose Wendell – refund – 240.53, COMMISSIONERS: Clark Co Courier – proceedings/malt beverage notice – 687.87, US Bank Voyager – fuel – 250.76, JUDICIAL SYSTEM: Dawn Russell – court reporter -68.00, AUDITOR: Clark Ace Hardware -supplies – 22.99, Office Peeps – -paper-54.80, PMB-0112 – user fees/access fees -108.25, TwoTrees Technologies -offsite bu/trend micro – 179.50, TREASURER: Clark Co Courier – tax due list – 112.00, Office Peeps-paper – 109.60, COURT SYSTEM: Austin, Strait, Benson & Thole-crt appt atty – 2191.40, Green, Roby, Oviatt, Cummings -court appt atty – 285.00, PUBLIC BULDING: City of Clark – water – 107.60, Clark Ace Hardware – supplies – 695.44, Cook’s Wastepaper & Recycling – garbage- 46.00, Culligan – water 114.25, JCL Solutions – Janitor’s Closet -supplies-116.36, Terry Schlagel – battery for lawn mower – 53.09, Star Laundry & Dry Cleaners – rugs – 74.36, Woodring Plumbing, LLC – faucet cartridges -262.00, DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: Office Peeps – Dell computer/setup – 2120.00, REGISTER OF DEEDS: Office Peeps -toner -119.00, PREDATORY ANIMAL: Lincoln Township – pocket gophers -140.00, SD Dept of Game Fish and Parks-animal damage control fees – 1673.68, SHERIFF: AT&T Mobility – service 259.33, Clark Community Oil – gas – 921.34, Coast to Coast – evidence bags – 379.84, MOCIC – membership – 100.00, US Bank Voyager Fleet System – fuel-141.58, PRISONER CARE: Codington Co Auditor – prisoner care – 1690.00, Watertown Fire and Ambulance – fees -250.00, AIRPORT: Clark Rural Water – water -35.00, Helms & Associates – airport fuel system – 3043.71, NURSE: SD Dept of Health – 3rd/4th qtr agreement – 2366.44, AMBULANCE: A-Ox Welding Supply Co-oxygen-258.72, AT&T Mobility – service 171.31, Boss Construction – labor new steel roof – 7500.77, City of Clark – water bill-95.40, Clark Ace Hardware -supplies- 192.03, Clark Community Oil – gas -244.34, PCC- February billing – 1108.31, LouAnn Streff – reimburse cost for DEA # for ambulance – 150.00, Two Way Solutions – antenna, install mounting ring – 148.98, US Bank Voyager Fleet Systems – fuel 89.19, Witmer Public Safety – TES Portable Transport unit – 79.02, SOC SERV FOR AGED: Inter-Lakes Comm Action Inc- comm service/May – 2019.17, EXTENSION: Great America Financial Services-copy machine rent- 155.46, ITC-service – 17.57, Office Peeps – supplies 17.27, Star Laundry -rugs-30.40, WEED: 212 Truck & Trailer Repairs – filter/sensor 1059.07, City of Clark -water-77.10, Clark Ace Hardware – supplies 447.69, Clark Community Oil – fuel- 315.17, Consolidated Ready Mix – cement – 329.00, Cook’s Wastepaper-garbage-61.00, Hansmeier & Son – grasses – 493.75, Ken’s Fairway – weed board annual meeting supplies -53.83, Mac’s Hardware – supplies- 55.78, Nutrien Solutions – herbicides-10,214.00, Sturdevant’s Auto Value Clark – supplies 100.96, PLANNING & ZONING: First District Assn of Local Gov – Jan/Feb/March admin fees – 1699.00, ROAD & BRIDGE: 212 Truck & Trailer Repairs, LLC-repairs – 494.32, AT&T Mobility-service – 54.37, Butler Machinery – parts/supplies 1632.37, City of Clark – water bill-101.50, Clark Ace Hardware-supplies 278.34, Clark Co Courier – help wanted ads-278.25, Clark Community Oil – propane – 18.00, Cook’s Wastepaper – garbage fee – 61.00, Dakota Electronics-radio repair/parts 456.15, Diesel Machinery – parts -586.20, Midway Service/Vollan Oil – fuel-22,000.78, Northwestern Energy – utilities 126.66, Pheasantland Industries – clothing- 115.01, R.D. Offutt Company – parts 1623.68, Safety Service – parts 500.00, Sioux Rural Water System-water – 57.50, Star Laundry – towels -88.13, Sturdevant’s Auto Value Clark-parts/supplies – 1012.77, WW Tire Service-tire repair – 243.00 Westside Implement – parts- 864.45, 911 SERVICE: City of Watertown – 911 surcharge – 4884.21, CIVIL DEFENSE: AT&T Mobility – service 46.19, REGISTER OF DEEDS: Microfilm Imaging Systems-software /scanner rent -March- 628.50, ROAD & BRIDGE: Hague Township – culverts/supplies 24,437.60, Lake Township – excavation 6300.00, M&P Relief Flow Thru-SDACO- $2.00 fee – 208.00. TOTAL: $114,365.69.

**PAYROLL**: COMMISSIONERS: 10,006.54, AUDITOR: 4571.14, TREASURER 5958.10, STATES ATTORNEY: 4376.87, COURTHOUSE: 2296.34, DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: 5398.35, REGISTER OF DEEDS: 3952.82, VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE: 434.02, SHERIFF: 7752.16, CORONER: 188.85 POOR: 540.74, AMBULANCE: 14,606.45, WEED: 3408.85, PLANNING & ZONING: 393.22, ROAD & BRIDGE: 39,678.80, EMERGENCY & DISASTER: 1582.43. TOTAL: 105,145.68.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**: Motion by Schlagel, second by Sass to enter into executive session at 9:51 a.m. as per SDCL1-25-2 (1) for personnel issues. All voting aye. Motion carried. Vice Chairman declared out at 10:06 a.m.

**ADJOURN**:  Motion by Schlagel, second by Sass to adjourn at 10:11 a.m. until next regular meeting Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. All voting aye. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Christine Tarbox Sara Gjerde, Vice-Chairman

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