

HAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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The Hand County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the commission chambers of the courthouse on **August 1, 2023**. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Luke Wernsmann at 1:00 P.M. with commissioners Jim Jones, Jim Eschenbaum, Daniel Jensen and Greg Palmer also present.

Auditor Doug DeBoer presented the consent agenda to the commission. DeBoer requested the commission make note of the following two claims which were added after the bills / claims had been recorded that morning.

The following items were received and acknowledged by the commission: The revenue report, expenditure report and cash fund balance report ending July 31, the payroll ledger report for July, the Registrar's financial report, and the Library Board's minutes and financial report and the zoning director's list of building permits.

The following items were approved with the consent agenda: The payment of claims and the minutes of the June 6 and July 6 meetings.

The consent agenda was approved upon motion of Eschenbaum & Jensen and passed.

DeBoer said there were **two plats for consideration**. The first was called the Clements Addition and the second was called the Dacotah Diamond Tract 1. It was moved by Jones & Palmer to approve the Clements Addition plat, motioned carried. It was moved by Jones & Palmer to approve the Dacotah Diamond Tract 1 plat, motion carried. A third plat was not in final form so it was not considered.

The text of the Clements plat reads as follows: "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Hand County, South Dakota, that the plat of **LOT 1 OF CLEMENTS ADDITION** IN THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 14, T 115 N, R 70 W OF THE 5TH P.M., HAND COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, which has been submitted for examination pursuant to law, 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 1st day of August, 2023."

The text of the Dacotah Diamond Tract 1 plat reads as follows: "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Hand County, South Dakota, that the plat of **DACOTAH DIAMOND TRACT 1, A SUBDIVISION OF THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 33, T 110 N, R 67 W OF THE 5TH P.M., HAND COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA,** which has been submitted for examination pursuant to law, 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 1st day of August, 2023."

A letter crafted by Commissioners Jones and Eschenbaum was presented to the remainder of the board for consideration. The **letter will be sent to the Public Utilities Commission**, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and each of the county commissions within the state. There was some discussion about whether the letter should also include other private enterprises using eminent domain or leave it with just carbon capture pipelines. It was decided to leave the letter as is and to make it available for each commissioner to sign after the meeting.

It was noted, however, that the commissioners have a common opinion in that they do not support the use of eminent domain for any non-public infrastructure.