

**Perkins County Commission  
Regular Meeting**

**Date: May 13, 2025**

**Present: Commissioners Carmichael, Foster, Henderson and Finance Officer Stadler**

**Not Present: Commissioners Campbell & Schweitzer**

**Others Present: Dana Brentlinger, Dalton Kelley, Lynn Frey, Tracy Hafner, Cody Green, Shane Penfield, Carrie Fisher, Kelly Serr, Arlis Seim, press.**

Call to Order

Chairman Carmichael called the Regular Commissioner Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Conflict of Interest

There was no Conflict of Interest to declare.

Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Foster would like to add Donated Sick Leave to the Agenda. Foster moved, Henderson seconded to approve the Agenda with the addition of Donated Sick Leave, motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

- Foster moved, Henderson seconded to approve the Minutes from the April 8<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting Minutes, motion carried.
- Henderson moved, Foster seconded to add dollar signs for values to the Minutes from the April 8<sup>th</sup> Equalization Meeting and approve the Minutes, motion carried.
- Foster moved, Henderson seconded to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting held on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.
- Foster moved, Henderson seconded to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup> and to correct the spelling of Mike Vavra’s name, motion carried.

Monthly Reports

- Finance Officer’s Account with the Deputy Finance Officer - To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners Perkins County: I hereby submit the following report of my examination of the cash and cash items in the hands of the Deputy Finance Officer of this County as of April 30, 2025, Sara Stadler, Finance Officer, Perkins County. Total amount of deposits in banks \$4,337,951.21, Total amount of actual cash \$200.00; Dakota Plains Federal Credit Union: \$25,718.68; Certificates of Deposit \$500,000.00; Total \$4,863,869.89. The total represents state, county, schools, cities and township funds, which will be transferred to each entity of government after being apportioned.
- Sheriff’s fees in the amount of \$1,236.00 were reviewed.
- Motor Vehicle fees for the month of April 2025 were reviewed.
- Register of Deed’s fees in the amount of \$3,857.50 were reviewed.
- Longevity increase of .10/hour will be realized for the following: T. Hafner 5-1, D. Aukland 5-26

Resolution 2025-04 – Grand Electric Day Proclamation – June 6, 2025 Henderson moved, Foster seconded to approve the Resolution 2025-04 Grand Electric Day Proclamation, Roll Call: Foster aye, Henderson aye, Carmichael aye, motion carried.

Resolution 2025-04  
Grand Electric Day Proclamation

County of Perkins, State of South Dakota

**WHEREAS**, electricity has been a vital force in the development and progress of our communities, powering homes, businesses, and industries while improving the quality of life for all citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Grand Electric Cooperative has served the citizens of **Perkins County** with dedication and excellence for **75 years**, ensuring reliable and affordable electricity to rural areas, fostering economic growth, and enhancing everyday life; and

**WHEREAS**, Grand Electric Cooperative has been a pillar of the community, supporting local businesses, advancing energy innovation, and promoting safety and education in the field of electrical service; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing **Friday, June 6, 2025, as Grand Electric Cooperative Day** honors the Cooperative's unwavering commitment to service, innovation, and the well-being of the citizens of **Perkins County**;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County of **Perkins**, in the State of **South Dakota**, does hereby proclaim **June 6, 2025 as Grand Electric Cooperative Day**, in recognition of the **75 years of dedicated service** by Grand Electric Cooperative, and encourages all residents to join in celebrating this milestone by acknowledging the invaluable contributions of Grand Electric Cooperative to our community.

Highway Department – Cody Green

Superintendent Green presented the Commissioners with his Monthly Report for the month of April. The crew has been working on maintenance and repairs and blading and pulling shoulders.

- Motor Grader options – Fix, Buy Used, Lease New – Superintendent Green reported that the 2001 Caterpillar Motor Grader is needing its transmission replaced again. Green collected quotes from CAT Butler and RDO. After much discussion, the Commissioners determined the best choice was to repair the current Motor Grader through CAT Butler with a quote of \$16,580. Commissioner Schweitzer was called during this discussion.
- Classification for County & Secondary Roads – Superintendent Green presented the Commissioners with his update on the County and Secondary Roads schedule. Henderson moved to update the Perkins County Snow Removal, Blading, and Mowing Procedures Handbook with the suggested updates from Superintendent Green, motion carried.
- Donation of Sick Leave – Recent hire Joseph Aukland recently had a child, and has exhausted his sick leave and vacation benefits, so asking Commissioners to allow employees to donate sick leave to him. Foster moved, Henderson seconded to allow any employees interested in donating sick leave to Joseph Aukland, motion carried.

Road & Bridge Levy Implementation – Discussion held.

Wildland Fire Resolution 2025-05

Foster moved, Henderson seconded to approve the Resolution 2025-05 Wildland Fire Resolution, Roll Call: Henderson aye, Foster aye, Carmichael aye, motion carried.

**Wildland Fire Resolution  
Resolution 2025 -05**

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Wildland Fire Coordinator is authorized to assist in fighting range fires through the State, and

WHEREAS, a county must formally request his assistance pursuant to SDCL 41-20-8.1;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Perkins County Commissioners do hereby designate the following persons with the authority to request assistance from the State Wildland Fire Coordinator in fighting range fires:

Douglas Jerde, Wade Henderson, Arlen Hatle, Joshua Beckman, Allen Palmer, and Brent Dirk.

4-H Memo of Understanding – Commissioners discussed a possible temporary hire over the summer months. Contact will be made with Regina Bakley with SDSU Extension. Henderson moved, Foster seconded to authorize Chairman Carmichael as signatory on the 2025 Memo of Understanding Addendum with SDSU, motion carried.

Director of Equalization – Tracy Hafner

- Discretionary – Director of Equalization Tracy Hafner consulted with the Commissioners about their thoughts on how the current discretionary is applied. It was decided to keep doing it as it has been done.
- Wage Increase
  - Tracy Hafner has completed her test to be a Certified Appraiser Assessor (CAA) for the Director of Equalization office. Foster moved, Henderson seconded to set Tracy Hafner's annual base wage at \$52,346.23 effective April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, motion carried.
  - Misty Jorgensen has completed her test to be a Certified Appraiser Assessor (CAA) for the Deputy Director of Equalization position. Foster moved, Henderson seconded to set Misty Jorgensen's base wage at \$20.39/hour effective April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, motion carried.

Increase Internet Speed – DOE Hafner has had issues with the GIS website not uploading in a timely fashion. After testing an internet upgrade through WRCTC, our monthly cost will increase approximately \$40/month.

Sheriff Kelly Serr – Jail Policy Annual Review – Sheriff Serr wanted to let the Commissioners know that he is working on updating the Jail Policy book and also wanted to let the Commissioners know that the SDPAA pool has had training for Jail Staff, motion carried.

#### Finance Officer - Sara Stadler

- Wirehair Inc – Henderson moved, Foster seconded to renew the Retail (on-off sale) Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine for Wirehair Inc, motion carried.
- Black Hills Enterprises – Foster moved, Henderson seconded to renew the Retail (on-off sale) Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine for Black Hills Enterprises, motion carried.
- Possible Commissioner Meeting Date – Carmichael moved, Henderson seconded to move the June 10<sup>th</sup> Regular Commissioner Meeting to the Three Rivers Mental Health Conference Room in Lemmon, motion carried.
- Added Tax Bill for #13779 - Record #13779 was a tax-exempt entity in 2022 and was placed back to being Tax Exempt for this year's current tax bill. After consulting with the Department of Revenue and the taxpayer, it was decided to generate a new tax bill. Foster moved, Henderson seconded to generate an added tax bill for #13779 in the amount of \$1,633.86, motion carried.
- Abatement – Foster moved, Henderson seconded to abate the Predator Tax Bill for Mike and Danni Beer for \$110.00 as they have no livestock in Perkins County, motion carried.

#### Claims:

The following claims were presented and approved for payment, April payroll: 81,460.24; IRS, FICA, 8,026.21; SDRS, retire, 6,508.64; Delta Dental, ins, 1,006.50; Medico, ins, 134.41; Wellmark, ins, 19,986.13; Mutual of Omaha, ins, 252.01; HRA, reimbursements, 4,628.32; A&B, maint, \$62.49; All Nations Interpreters, prof. fees, 24.00; A&B, supplies, 104.97; AT&T, utilities, 271.53; Bison Courier, publishing, 309.15; Bison Food, supplies, 7.09; Bison Grain, repairs, 3,394.64; Bison Imp, repairs, 1,890.60; Chapman's Electronics, maint, 254.45; Current Conn, supplies, 1,530.85; Dakota Herald, publishing, 606.11; Floyd's, repairs, 803.08; G&O, supplies, 635.25; Grand El, utilities, 1,277.21; Harding County, supplies, 1,224.00; John Deere, labor, 449.31; John's Repair, maint, 134.95; KBJM, advert, 120.00; Kinney Law, crt appt. atty, 11,099.01; Lemmon EMT, travel, 1,128.50; Lemmon IGA, supplies, 8.29; The Lodge, travel, 436.00; Meade County, Jail Board, 2,945.00; Mid-State, dues, 100.00; Monument Health, coroner services, 500.00, Newman Signs, supplies, 6,174.50; NW Farm, supplies, 837.82; S. Penfield, rent, 400.00; Pharmchem, testing, 607.62; Print Shop, supplies, 90.00; Runnings, supplies, 533.43; SD Dev. Center, subsidy, 120.00; SDAAAO; dues, 500.00; Servall, supplies, 300.66; James Stadler, prof fees, 300.00; Stelter Repair, repairs, 12,288.16; Stockert Tree Solutions, prof fees, 610.00; Town of Bison, utilities, 337.51; Trinity, repairs, 565.10; J. VanVactor, supplies, 38.69; J. VanVactor, repairs, 275.00; Verizon, utilities, 80.02, Visa, supplies/utilities, \$3,317.22; WRCTC, utilities, \$1,248.70.

#### Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Carmichael declared the meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m. The next Regular meeting of the Perkins County Commission will

be held on Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 10:00 a.m at the Three Rivers Mental Health Conference Room in Lemmon.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Sara Stadler, Finance Officer

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Kyle Carmichael, Chairman