**MINUTES**

The Board of Trustees, Town of Harrold, met in regular session on July 8, 2024 at City Hall. President Becker called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with Dean Becker and Marty Winckler, Trustees, and Sarah Rheinbolt, Finance Officer in attendance. Mike Bartels joined at 7:15 pm.

 NOTE: All motions are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

 **MOTION** by Becker to approve the Agenda for the July 8th meeting. Second by Winckler. Motion carried.

 Ryan Moran came before the Board as a representative of Prairie Grain Partners to discuss the railroad crossings. Prairie Grain is hesitant to spend additional money replacing the crossing that they just replaced a few years ago. A compromise was presented by Prairie Grain to allow the elevator to block the Wyman Avenue crossing for longer than 15 minutes, between the hours of 9 am and 3 pm, thereby allowing buses and commuters to move freely in the early morning hours and late afternoon hours, and they will replace their crossing again. The Board requested that the elevator honor that timeframe, as well as provide signage which clearly stated when the road would be open again, and to make sure to not be blocking Wyman if the west crossing, on the county road, was blocked, either by the mainline trains or their own. Moran agreed.

 **MOTION** by Winckler to approve the minutes from the June 13 regular meeting and the June 20th special meeting. Second by Bartels. Motion carried.

 **MOTION** by Bartels to renew membership with the Central South Dakota Enhancement District for 2025. Second by Winckler. Motion carried.

 **MOTION** by Becker to renew membership with the South Dakota Association of Rural Water Systems. Second by Bartels. Motion carried.

 Discussion was held on the properties in town that need maintenance and are breaking town ordinances; many are bordering on nuisance properties due to state of the buildings or the grass and weeds that have not been mowed. Board will reach out to a contractor to refill the potholes that are forming again.

 Discussion was held on the lots surrounding Wyman Avenue, specifically the area north of the railroad tracks to the highway that was just replaced a few years ago. The businesses around it are hauling in oversize rock for their lots, and the rock ends up on the asphalt, and ends up tearing up the new road. Businesses should consider putting gravel over the oversize to allow the drainage they need without compromising the new road.

 Discussion was held on updating the rental agreement on the website as well as adding the building permits. Finance officer will update and upload both forms.

 The following bills were approved for payment: Highmore Herald $106.21, publishing; South Dakota Association of Rural Water Systems $385.00, membership; Central South Dakota Enhancement District $530.08, membership; Northwestern Energy $1026.21, power; Mid Dakota Water $118.00, water; Poppe Enterprises, $64.00, pest control; SNO Enviro Inc $325.00, contractor fees; Envirotech $85.61, trash; Cardmember Service, ink and fence supplies; RDO Equipment $1904.47, loader repairs; Sarah Rheinbolt $526.10, wages; Dean Becker $346.31, salary; Marty Winckler $346.31, salary; Mike Bartels $346.31, salary; US Treasury $531.54, taxes; Hoffman Oil $246.00, hydraulic fluid; SD 811 $20.16, one call fees; Caps Trail Service $37.35, gas.

President Becker declared the meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 12th at 7 pm.

Sarah Rheinbolt, Finance Officer