Piedmont Board of Commissioners
Piedmont City Hall
102 Walnut St.

July 7, 2026
Unapproved Regular Meeting Minutes

1) Call to Order; Pledge of Allegiance; Roll Call
The Meeting of the Piedmont Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance. In Attendance: Jack Parks, Ben Neill, Dale McMillin & Shannon Blotske. Absent: Bruce Lutz.

2) Approval of Agenda
McMillin made a **Motion** to approve the Agenda as written, **Seconded** by Neill.
Motion carried 4-0.

3)Wes Roth from Hills View E Free Church was present to ask the Board for the use of the Park on August 9th at 6:00 p.m. for a one-night event of an Evangelist speaking, music, free food and water. McMillin made a **Motion, Seconded** by Blotske to approve the request. All voted "Aye".
Motion carried. 4-0

4)Approval of Minutes
Minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 16, 2026: **Motion** to approve Minutes by McMillin, **Second** by Neill. **Motion carried 4-0.**

5) Planning & Zoning:
A) Report: Nothing to Report.
B) Discussed replacement for seat on P&Z. Diana will reach out to someone who might be good.
C) Platting & Building Permits outside the City Limits. State law gives us the right to do building permits for 1 mile outside our limits but need a map to coincide with those lines. Will check with County to see if they have a map. Discussed that if part of a lot is outside our boundaries it should all be considered out of the limits. Black Hills Council can work on map, zoning, comprehensive plan and building jurisdiction.
*William Waggoner stood up and began reading his Formal Notice (copies were given out). After a short time he was told this was not the time to do this and he could continue later in the meeting.

6) Library:
A) Report: Written report is in the packet.
B) Kiwanis request for painting obstacle course on the sidewalk around the musical equipment in the Park. Discussed that taking away from the Memorial Bricks and maybe they should come up with a different plan. Blotske made a **Motion** to defer to the next meeting, **Seconded** by Neill. **Motion carried 4-0.**

7) Park :
A) Report: Park looked great for the 4th. Is being well used most everyday. Discussed the woodchips and that they are currently hard to find. Board gave a couple of places to check.
*Jack left meeting 7:00 p.m. and returned 7:03p.m.

8) A) Report: Work has begun on the Street project. Right now they have put in electrical and working on drainage.
B)Mag water was discussed. It was mentioned that it is costly and will discuss at another time.
C) 1st Reading of Ordinance 2026-02 An Ordinance Regulating the Routing and Operation of Heavy Commercial Vehicles and Hazardous Materials within the City of Piedmont. Parks read the beginning of the Ordinance and then the headings of the rest. McMillin made a **Motion** to add a part about the use of Jake Breaks, died for a lack of a **Second.** Neill made a **Motion** to accept this as 1st Reading, **Seconded** by Blotske. **Motion carried 3-1** McMillin opposed.

9) Water System

A) Report: Written Report in the packets. There was a water leak over on the Trail west side, now fixed.

10) Finance:

A) Approval to Pay Bills: Parks explained the printout of the register**.** Neill made a **Motion** to approve payment of bills, **Second** by McMillin. **Motion carried 4-0.** Bills paid: Merchant Bank fees: $1.33, $.08, $.16, $.72, $.01. USDA Rural Development (Phase 1 water) $2,407.00, A&B Solutions $539.03, Core & Main $1,54.32, HD Supply $131.52, Longbranch Civil Engineering $2,993.75, Mastercard $2,332.72, Meade County Auditor-election $2,500.00, Menards $410.69, NWPE $640.02, Rushmore Office Supply $309.78, SDARWS $525.00, Silver Star Septic $270.00, Trail West $5,801.76. Mileage: Shanonn Blotske $21.00, Dale McMillin $21.00, Bruce Lutz $21.00, Ben Neill $21.00, Diana Evans $368.20, Mary Jean Voigt $336.00, Jack Parks $42.00, Megan Stietz $50.04. Payroll: Board of Trustees/Commissioners $1,509.92, Office $5,197.83, Water $1,047.26, Maintenance $1,807.62, Planning & Zoning $558.73, Library $6,123.48.

B) Ordinance 2026-01 Revised 2026 Budget: McMillin made a **Motion, Seconded** by Neill to defer to the next meeting. **Motion carried. 4-0**

C) Discussed a 2nd signer for the checking account. Parks discussed and appointed McMillin to be he 2nd signer. Blotske made a **Motion** to approve, **Seconded** by Neill. **Motion carried. 4-0**

11) Old Business: Nothing

12) New Business:

A) Open Meeting Lasw brochure was discussed and attorney went over a few points.

B) Designation of Commissioner duties:
*Public Safety-adding Code Enforcement – Shannon Blotske
*Public Works-adding Streets and Planning & Zoning – Ben Neill
*Utilities-adding Water, Library and Park – Bruce Lutz
*Finance & Revenue-adding Bank accounts and Investments – Dale McMillin & Jack Parks
Blotske made a **Motion, Seconded** by McMillin to approve, after a discussion Blotske amended for just McMillin to be on Finance & Revenue, **Seconded** by Neill. **Motion carried. 4-0**

C) Blotske brought up that she would like to add an invocation to the beginning of each meeting and that having Public Comment earlier in the agenda and hearing the publics comment on subjects being discussed might be helpful. Discussed. William Waggoner apologized for his interruption earlier in the meeting. McMillin made a **Motion** to allow the public to weigh in before a vote is made, **Seconded** by Neill. **Motion carried. 4-0** We will come up with some slips that can be filled out.

13) Public Comment: There were approximately 12 people attending the meeting. Items commented on were the selling water for the Exit project, the rest of Formal Notice was read, dust control, zoning change for DSR property, code of conduct for meetings.

14) Executive Session: Neill made **Motion, Seconded** by McMillin to go into Executive Session in 5 minutes pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 subsection 3. All voted "Aye". **Motion carried 4-0.** 8:10 p.m. /McMillin made **Motion, Seconded** by Neill to come out of Executive Session. All voted "Aye". **Motion carried 4-0.**

15) Adjourn: Having concluded all business, McMillin made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting, **Second** by Neill. **Motion carried 4-0.** 9:10p.m.

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John L. Parks
Mayor, Piedmont SD

Diana L. Evans
Finance Officer

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