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Hochatown Residents Conduct Town Meeting to Elect Officers

Hochatown, Okla.- On Tuesday, December 20th, local Hochatown residents gathered at Chapel of the Pines Church for a Town Meeting to elect the newly incorporated town's first Trustees and Town Officers. A total of 75 residents cast ballots during the two-hour meeting, which was conducted by attorney Lizbeth George and presiding officer Chad Sargent, utilizing guidelines defined by the Oklahoma Town Meeting Act.

Open nominations yielded 13 eligible candidates for the five trustee seats, as well as one candidate each for the positions of Town Clerk and Town Treasurer. Because the nominees for Clerk and Treasurer were both unopposed, those two seats were filled by default. Helen Harden was confirmed as Town Clerk alongside Charles Ward as Town Treasurer. Following these declarations, the 75 residents in attendance submitted secret ballots with the names of the five candidates that each voter preferred for the Town Trustee positions. After the ballots were counted and audited, it was determined that Chad Sargent, Dian Jordan, Todd McDaniel, Howard Haggard and Janet Cress will serve as the initial Hochatown Town Trustees. All seats filled during the town meeting will serve unexpired terms until the first official municipal election is held on Tuesday, April 4th, 2023.

The first meeting of the newly elected town trust is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10th, 2023. A public notice announcing the location, time and agenda of the first meeting will be distributed as soon as that information is available.

Town Clerk	Helen Harden
Town Treasurer	Charles Ward
Town Trustee # 1	Chad Sargent
Town Trustee # 2	Dian Jordan
Town Trustee # 3	Todd McDaniel
Town Trustee # 4	Howard Haggard
Town Trustee # 5	Janet Cress

Results of the Town Trustee Ballots are as follows:

Chad Sargent	53 Ballots
Dian Jordan	47 Ballots
Todd McDaniel	43 Ballots
Howard Haggard	40 Ballots
Janet Cress	35 Ballots
Brenda Walters	30 Ballots
Rustin Wheeler	30 Ballots
Susanne Myers	27 Ballots
Randall Coleman	16 Ballots
Gregory Strange	15 Ballots
Lindsay Gaston	14 Ballots
Wenda Blankenship	12 Ballots
Candace Farley	08 Ballots