

**CITY OF LEAD RESOLUTION # 2026-03**

**A RESOLUTION STATING THE CITY'S INTENT TO ACCEPT OWNERSHIP  
AND MANAGEMENT OF THE HANDLEY RECREATION CENTER**

The City Commission of the City of Lead, a municipal corporation, meeting in regular session on \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, pursuant to SDCL 9-19, motion was made by \_\_\_\_ seconded by \_\_\_\_ that the following resolution be adopted:

**WHEREAS**, the Handley Recreation Center has long served as an important community asset providing indoor recreational opportunities and programming for residents of the City of Lead; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lead has been a long-standing financial supporter of the Handley Recreation Center, having a vested interest in providing recreational opportunities and programming for its' residents; and

**WHEREAS**, access to safe, accessible, and well-managed indoor recreation supports the health, wellness, and quality of life of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lead desires to ensure the continued availability of indoor recreational opportunities and programming for its residents of all ages; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission finds that municipal ownership and management of the Handley Recreation Center will improve operational oversight, increase transparency, and promote efficient use of public resources; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the City that the operation and maintenance of the Handley Recreation Center be incorporated as a dedicated line item within the City's annual budget under the Recreation Department; and

**WHEREAS**, any transfer of the Handley Recreation Center to the City shall include a deed restriction for a period of two (2) years requiring that the property be used solely for recreational purposes and the City shall maintain community and recreation programming within the building currently known as the Handley Center unless and until an equal and equivalent location for such services has been identified and established; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission acknowledges that this resolution expresses the City's intent and commitment to continue the recreational use of the facility for the benefit of the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Commission of Lead, that:

1. The City hereby declares its intent to accept ownership and assume management of the Handley Recreation Center, subject to the terms of transfer and applicable legal requirements.
2. Any transfer of the property to the City shall include a deed restriction for a period of two (2) years limiting the use of the facility to recreational purposes.  
The City commits to operating the facility for the purpose of providing indoor recreational opportunities and programming for the residents of Lead.
3. The operation, maintenance, and programming of the Handley Recreation Center shall be included as a designated line item within the City's budget under Recreation.
4. The City finds that municipal ownership and management will promote transparency, accountability, and operational efficiency.
5. Any transfer of the property to the City shall include a deed restriction for a period of two (2) years limiting the use of the facility to recreational purposes.
6. In order to ensure continuity of services upon the City assuming management of the Handley Recreation Center, the Board will transfer ownership of all personal property now located in the Center including, but not limited, to exercise equipment, computers, operational manuals, and the membership system.

7. The City of Lead will not assume any outstanding debt from the Handley Board of Directors.
8. City staff are authorized to work with the appropriate parties to complete the necessary steps to facilitate the transfer and implementation consistent with this resolution.
9. The City shall provide the personnel necessary to administer, operate, and support community and recreation programming.
10. This Resolution shall be null and void if a transfer of the Center is not completed on or before June 15, 2026.

Those voting aye:

Those voting nay:

Motion carried.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

CITY OF LEAD:

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dustin Heupel, Mayor

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Billie Jo Ryan, Finance Officer

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