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MEMORANDUM

Date: June 12, 2025
To: Deadwood City Commission
From: Kevin Kuchenbecker, Historic Preservation Officer
Re: 2025 City of Deadwood Oral History Project

The City Archives is requesting permission to hire Vicki Dar to collect and transcribe ten (10) oral histories as part of the 2025 City Archives budget. The Deadwood Oral History Project is in its twenty-second year and has recorded and collected 206 individual histories (attachment A). Topics include longtime residents, Deadwood High School Alumni, the advent of legalized gaming, former City and Historic Preservation commissioners, former Homestake Slime Plant employees and the development of the Mickelson Trail.

The Historic Preservation Commission reviewed this request at their June 11, 2025 meeting and recommend contracting with Vicki Dar to collect and transcribe ten oral histories in the amount not to exceed \$6,750.00, to be paid out of the Archives budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Move to enter into a contract with Vicki Dar, independent contractor, to collect and transcribe ten (10) oral histories as part of the 2025 oral history project. The cost for this project will not exceed the amount of \$6,750.00 and will come out of the 2025 Archives budget.