

VILLAGE OF BIG SPRINGS, NEBRASKA

Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

Notice of the meeting was published in the Chappell Register and posted at the Big Springs Post Office, Community First Bank, Village Office, and on the village website. The agenda for the meeting was kept current and readily available for public inspection at the Village Office during normal business hours and on the village website. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance notice and delivered to members of the Board of Trustees, with a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt and the agenda attached to these minutes. The meeting was recorded while it was open to the public.

MINUTES

**Roll Call:** Present Trustees: Payne, Huff, Everitt, and Thompson. Absent Trustees: Dinkel. Others present: Village Clerk/Treasurer Tamera Loomis, Village Maintenance Supt. Curtis Brown, Librarians Connie Shaw and Janie Jimenez, Village Attorney Josh Wendell, and Deuel County Sheriff Scott DeCoste.

**Call To Order:** Chairman Huff called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

**Public Advisory:** Chairman Huff announced that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meeting Law Poster is posted on the north wall of the meeting room, accessible to the public.

**Correspondence:** January 27, 2025, Minutes of Nebraska Cooperative Government Commission *Grant Committee Meeting* and Minutes of NCGC *Regular Meeting* and January 23, 2025, Western Library System, Cindy Osborn, Director, Recognition Letter for Connie Shaw and Janie Jimenez and Western Library System Brochure

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Huff moved to approve the consent agenda, including January 7, 2025, minutes, treasurer's report, and payment of claims, seconded by Everitt. Yea: Thompson, Payne, Everitt, and Huff. Motion passed.

CLAIMS \$58,603.84

| General                            |           |          | NPPD                 |           |          | Elec         |  |  |
|------------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------------------|-----------|----------|--------------|--|--|
| PAYROLL                            | SLRY      | 1,683.26 | U.S. Bank            | PSTG      | 131.44   |              |  |  |
| BIG SPRINGS CEMETERY ASSOC         | EXP       | 6,154.17 | VERIZON              | PH        | 62.02    |              |  |  |
| BLACK HILLS ENERGY                 | Gas       | 143.46   |                      |           |          | Sewer        |  |  |
| CENTURY LINK                       | PH        | 51.67    | PAYROLL              | SLRY      | 2,314.58 |              |  |  |
| CHAPPELL REGISTER                  | Pub       | 182.82   | BLACK HILLS ENERGY   | Gas       | 444.90   |              |  |  |
| CNA SURETY                         | Bonds     | 1,515.00 | CENTURY LINK         | PH        | 217.36   |              |  |  |
| DEUEL COUNTY TREASURER             | LE        | 8,166.66 | Henderson State Bank | Transfers | 6,982.50 |              |  |  |
| EdwardJones                        | RET       | 175.00   | IRS                  | TX        | 717.87   |              |  |  |
| HSB-FBO Curtis Brown               | RET       | 225.00   | NE DEPT OF REVENUE   | TX        | 1,104.75 |              |  |  |
| IRS                                | TX        | 319.30   | NPPD                 | Elec      | 166.56   |              |  |  |
| McQUILLAN & WENDELL PC, LLO        | LEG       | 959.00   | NPPD                 | Elec      | 140.31   |              |  |  |
| NE DEPT OF REVENUE                 | TX        | 53.55    | NPPD                 | Elec      | 71.25    |              |  |  |
| NPPD                               | Elec      | 214.81   | NPPD                 | Elec      | 135.85   |              |  |  |
| Olson's Pest Technicians           | R&M       | 85.00    | U.S. Bank            | PSTG      | 44.62    |              |  |  |
| U.S. Bank                          | SU        | 292.42   | U.S. Bank            | PSTG      | 7.23     |              |  |  |
| U.S. Bank                          | PSTG      | 10.62    | VERIZON              | PH        | 62.02    |              |  |  |
| Street                             |           |          | Trash                |           |          |              |  |  |
| PAYROLL                            | SLRY      | 1,348.08 | U.S. Bank            | PSTG      | 51.83    |              |  |  |
| BIG SPRINGS TRUCK AND TRAVEL       | Fuel      | 295.32   | WASTE CONNECTIONS    | TRSH      | 5,242.00 |              |  |  |
| IRS                                | TX        | 497.17   |                      |           |          | Parks        |  |  |
| JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL               | SU        | 793.00   | PAYROLL              | SLRY      | 122.57   |              |  |  |
| NE DEPT OF REVENUE                 | TX        | 253.77   | BLACK HILLS ENERGY   | Gas       | 41.29    |              |  |  |
| NPPD                               | Elec      | 1,037.98 | IRS                  | TX        | 45.17    |              |  |  |
| Water                              |           |          | NE DEPT OF REVENUE   | TX        | 150.78   |              |  |  |
| PAYROLL                            | SLRY      | 2,314.58 | NPPD                 | Elec      | 142.11   |              |  |  |
| BLOCHOWITZ DITCHING INC            | R&M       | 1,875.50 |                      |           |          | Library      |  |  |
| CENTURY LINK                       | PH        | 222.34   | PAYROLL              | SLRY      | 1,268.01 |              |  |  |
| Henderson State Bank               | Transfers | 7,149.50 | IRS                  | TX        | 187.00   |              |  |  |
| IRS                                | TX        | 717.87   | NE DEPT OF REVENUE   | TX        | 8.55     |              |  |  |
| JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL               | SU        | 495.13   |                      |           |          | Depot Museum |  |  |
| NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB | TSTG      | 83.00    | KENFIELD ELECTRIC    | R&M       | 150.00   |              |  |  |
| NE DEPT OF REVENUE                 | TX        | 503.75   | NPPD                 | Elec      | 159.32   |              |  |  |

Department Reports:

**Library:** The Librarians will be starting a summer reading program. The librarians plan to attend a workshop on February 20th and are curious if they will be paid for attending, consulting the Trustees since there is no active Library Board. It is customary that employees be paid while attending training beneficial to their employer. Hours extending beyond regular library hours should be documented and justified.

**Maintenance:** It was reported that the invoice from Blochowitz Ditching Inc. for the Maverik water issue was hired by us not knowing until the dig occurred that the water problem was actually on the Maverik side of the meter. The invoice, paid by the Village, should in turn be billed to Maverik Inc. Permission is also requested to purchase a new cell phone, permission granted.

**Business:**

Motion by Huff, we accept the 2025 Nuisance Abatement Agreement with West Central Nebraska Development District, Inc. and authorize the board chairman sign said agreement, seconded by Everitt. Yea: Payne, Thompson, Everitt, and Huff. Motion passed.

Motion by Huff, we adopt the Agreement for the Establishment and Operation of the League Association of Risk Management under the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act and the Interlocal Cooperation Act of the State of Nebraska and authorize the board chairman to sign said interlocal agreement. Seconded by Payne. Yea: Thompson, Everitt, Payne, and Huff. Motion carried.

Motion by Payne, we adopt Resolution R25-02-01 LARM Member Voluntarily Terminate Participation by Written Notice, seconded by Huff. Yea: Everitt, Huff, Thompson, and Payne. Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. R25-02-01**

WHEREAS, The Village of Big Springs is a member of the League Association of Risk Management (LARM);

WHEREAS, section 8.10 of the Interlocal Agreement for the Establishment and Operation of the League Association of Risk Management provides that a member may voluntarily terminate its participation in LARM by written notice of termination given to LARM and the Nebraska Director of Insurance at least 90 days prior to the desired termination given to and that members may agree to extend the required termination notice beyond 90 days in order to realize reduced excess coverage costs, stability of contribution rates and efficiency in operation of LARM; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of LARM has adopted a plan to provide contribution credits in consideration of certain agreements by members of LARM as provided in the attached letter.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the governing body of The Village of Big Springs, Nebraska, in consideration of the contribution credits provided under the LARM Board's plan, agrees to:

Provide written notice of termination at least 180 days prior to the desired termination date, which date shall be no sooner than September 30, 2026. (**180-day notice and 2-year commitment; 4% discount**)

Adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025.

Village Attorney, Josh Wendell, presented and read by title Ordinance No. 25-02-01: AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF BIG SPRINGS, DEUEL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND §2-102 OF THE VILLAGE OF BIG SPRINGS ORDINANCES GOVERNING SELECTION OF LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS; TO REPEAL ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT; AND TO PROVIDE WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

Motion by Everitt, we waive the second and third readings of Ordinance No. 25-02-01, seconded by Payne. Yea: Huff, Everitt, Payne, and Thompson. Motion passed.

Motion by Huff, we adopt Ordinance No. 25-02-01, seconded by Everitt. Yea: Thompson, Everitt, Payne, and Huff. Motion passed.

**Reorganize Library Board:** Huff moved to accept the resignations of Diane Heber and Nancy Kotschwar, seconded by Everitt. Vote: Yea: Everitt, Thompson, Huff, and Payne. Motion passed. Huff also moved to appoint new members: Dixie Huff, term begins 02/04/25 - expires 02/04/29; William Studham to fulfill the unexpired term of Diane Heber, expiring on 07/06/25; and Mike Everitt to fulfill the unexpired term of Nancy Kotschwar, expiring on 07/06/25. The motion was seconded by Thompson. Vote: Yea: Huff, Payne, Thompson, and Everitt. Motion passed.

Everitt moved to approve the Go Water Bonds payment in the amount of \$14,410.00 from the Utility Bond Reserve Fund, seconded by Thompson. Yea: Payne, Thompson, Huff, and Everitt. Motion passed.

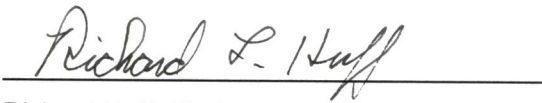
Huff moved to eliminate the sand volleyball court located behind the Depot Museum and transition it into a parking lot, seconded by Everitt. Yea: Thompson, Huff, Everitt, and Payne. Motion carried.

Huff moved that the Parks/Pool Commissioner, Everett, and the Clerk reach out to landscaping companies for proposals to address the Veterans Memorial landscaping. Everitt seconded the motion. Yea: Payne, Huff, Everitt, and Thompson. The motion passed.

Thompson moved, Park/Pool Commissioner, Everitt, solicit proposals for spraying of the village parks, playground and all other village owned areas, seconded by Payne. Yea: Huff, Thompson, Payne, and Everitt. Motion carried.

Everitt moved to advertising for the 2025 summer season swimming pool manager, assistant manager, and lifeguards for hiring consideration in March and April. The clerk is to create posters with QR codes for application submissions and send letters to last year's pool employees, seconded by Huff. Yea: Thompson, Payne, Everitt, and Huff. Motion carried.

Huff moved to adjourn, seconded by Thompson. Yea: Payne, Thompson, Everitt, and Huff. Motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 9:09 PM



Richard Huff, Chairman  
Village of Big Springs Board of Trustees

ATTEST:



Tamera Loomis, Village Clerk

