

VILLAGE OF BIG SPRINGS, NEBRASKA

Board of Trustees Meeting  
Tuesday, April 1, 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 village website. The agenda was kept current and available for public inspection at the Village Office and on the website. Advance notice with the agenda was sent to Board of Trustees members, with their acknowledgment attached to these minutes. The meeting was recorded while open to the public.

MINUTES

Roll Call: Present Trustees: Thompson, Everitt, Payne, and Huff. 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 Deputy Deuel County Sheriff, Sean Holloway.

Chairman Huff called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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.

Huff moved to approve the consent agenda, which included the March 4, 2025, meeting minutes, the March 3, 2025, Library Board minutes, the Treasurer's report, and the Payment of Claims. Everitt seconded the motion. Yea: Payne, Everitt, Huff, and Thompson. Motion carried.

CLAIMS \$88,077.21

| General                            |          |          | U.S. Bank                         |      |           | PSTG |  |  |
|------------------------------------|----------|----------|-----------------------------------|------|-----------|------|--|--|
| PAYROLL                            | EXP      | 1,683.26 | US POSTAL SERVICE                 | PSTG | 36.40     |      |  |  |
| BIG SPRINGS CEMETERY ASSOC         | EXP      | 6,154.17 | VERIZON                           | PH   | 143.18    |      |  |  |
| BLACK HILLS ENERGY                 | Gas      | 158.70   | Sewer                             |      |           |      |  |  |
| CENTURY LINK                       | PH       | 51.73    | PAYROLL                           | EXP  | 2,314.58  |      |  |  |
| CHAPPELL REGISTER                  | PUB      | 649.68   | BLACK HILLS ENERGY                | Gas  | 470.74    |      |  |  |
| CNA SURETY                         | INS      | 40.00    | CENTURY LINK                      | PH   | 219.64    |      |  |  |
| CORNHUSKER PRESS                   | Tags     | 80.64    | E-logic                           | R&M  | 216.34    |      |  |  |
| DEUEL COUNTY TREASURER             | LE       | 8,166.66 | Henderson State Bank              | Xfer | 6,982.50  |      |  |  |
| EdwardJones                        | RET      | 175.00   | IRS                               | TX   | 717.87    |      |  |  |
| HSB-FBO Curtis Brown               | RET      | 225.00   | JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL              | SU   | 19.99     |      |  |  |
| IRS                                | TX       | 319.30   | KENFIELD ELECTRIC                 | R&M  | 300.00    |      |  |  |
| KEITH COUNTY NEWS                  | PUB      | 1,537.50 | MYERS CONSTRUCTION                | R&M  | 9,153.87  |      |  |  |
| McQUILLAN & WENDELL PC, LLO        | LEG      | 592.00   | MYERS CONSTRUCTION                | CAPX | 19,005.00 |      |  |  |
| NPPD                               | ELEC     | 233.32   | NE DEPT OF REVENUE                | TX   | 784.18    |      |  |  |
| TextMyGov                          | Internet | 1,500.00 | NPPD                              | ELEC | 440.03    |      |  |  |
| U.S. Bank                          | PSTG     | 12.24    | Superior Sanitation Services Inc. | R&M  | 400.00    |      |  |  |
| U.S. Bank                          | SU       | 57.29    | UNITECH                           | R&M  | 590.00    |      |  |  |
| Street                             |          |          | US POSTAL SERVICE                 | PSTG | 36.40     |      |  |  |
| PAYROLL                            | EXP      | 1,348.08 | VERIZON                           | PH   | 143.16    |      |  |  |
| BIG SPRINGS TRUCK AND TRAVEL       | SU       | 361.38   | Trash                             |      |           |      |  |  |
| CENTURY LINK                       | PH       | 224.52   | E-logic                           | R&M  | 216.34    |      |  |  |
| IRS                                | TX       | 497.17   | US POSTAL SERVICE                 | PSTG | 36.40     |      |  |  |
| JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL               | R&M      | 123.86   | WASTE CONNECTIONS                 | TRSH | 5,242.00  |      |  |  |
| JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL               | SU       | 915.44   | Parks                             |      |           |      |  |  |
| NPPD                               | ELEC     | 993.96   | PAYROLL                           | EXP  | 122.57    |      |  |  |
| Water                              |          |          | BLACK HILLS ENERGY                | Gas  | 45.43     |      |  |  |
| PAYROLL                            | EXP      | 2,314.58 | IRS                               | TX   | 45.17     |      |  |  |
| CENTURY LINK                       | PH       | 224.78   | NPPD                              | ELEC | 145.26    |      |  |  |
| E-logic                            | R&M      | 216.34   | Pool                              |      |           |      |  |  |
| Henderson State Bank               | Xfer     | 7,149.50 | Century Link                      | PH   | 240.83    |      |  |  |
| IRS                                | TX       | 717.87   | Library                           |      |           |      |  |  |
| NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB | TSTG     | 541.00   | PAYROLL                           | EXP  | 1,252.29  |      |  |  |
| NE DEPT OF REVENUE                 | TX       | 151.48   | TX                                | FICA | 170.96    |      |  |  |
| NPPD                               | ELEC     | 720.72   | Depot Museum                      |      |           |      |  |  |
| Thomas Kuffel                      | RFD      | 104.69   | NPPD                              | ELEC | 312.47    |      |  |  |

**Correspondence:** Elected and Senior Officials Guide for Emergency Management, Ron Leal, Director, Region 21 Emergency Management

**Department Reports** were presented, and a discussion was held regarding Trustee-Appointed Commissioners. Commissioners were reminded that their appointments serve as points of contact for addressing concerns and providing information. Trustees were also reminded of their collective fiduciary responsibilities, emphasizing that no single trustee or pair holds individual authority.

Motion by Huff, we approve the Easter Egg Hung on Saturday, April 12th at Noon till 3 pm at the swimming pool park sponsored by the Senior Government Class as a part of their Service-Learning Project, let by Jarrett Schwartz, seconded by Everitt. Yea: Payne, Huff, Thompson, and Everitt. Motion passed.

The Lincoln Highway Tour Committee will visit Big Springs on April 8, 2025, from 8:30 to 9:00 AM. Community members interested in meeting with them are encouraged to attend. The official Lincoln Highway Tour runs from June 17 to June 25, 2025, with a registration deadline of April 30, 2025. Departing from Joliet, IL, the tour will head west, arriving in Big Springs on Tuesday, June 24. To welcome visitors, the Depot Museum will be open, offering complimentary cookies.

Additionally, a picnic in the park is being planned for Saturday, May 31, 2025—the last weekend in May. On that day, the outdoor restrooms at the swimming pool will be open for public use. The Swimming Pool is also planned to be open that day too.

Village Clerk Tamera Loomis is overseeing the Village Cement Planters, which will be relocated, repainted, and planted accordingly. She will also manage their ongoing maintenance. Volunteers are always welcome to assist with this effort.

Motion by Everitt to issue Librarian Connie Shaw a corporate credit card with a \$500.00 spending limit, as recommended by the Library Board. Seconded by Payne. Yea: Huff, Everitt, Thompson, and Payne. Motion passed.

Motion by Everitt, we approve tax-exempt accounts be created for the Library with Oriental Trading, Menard's, and Walmart, seconded by Thompson. Yea: Everitt, Payne, Huff, and Thompson. Motion passed.

Motion by Everitt, we approve the Engagement Letter from RJ Meyer & Association for the year ending 09/30/24 and authorize the chairman sign the letter, seconded by Payne. Yea: Huff, Thompson, Payne, and Everitt. Motion passed.

Motion by Everitt, we accept the \$4,500.00 Veterans Memorial Park Landscaping bid from Dave Sauder, as a contractor and allow a budget of \$2,500.00 to be spent on landscaping rock, flowerpots, plants and flowers, seconded by Payne. Yea: Thompson, Huff, Payne, and Everitt. Motion passed.

Motion by Huff, we set Spring Cleanup days May 3rd – 18th and authorize roll-off dumpsters to coincide with nuisance review letters, seconded by Everitt. Yea: Huff, Payne, Everitt, and Thompson. Motion carried.

Motion by Everitt, we adopt the Animal Control Officer Job Description and Responsibilities as presented by the Clerk, seconded by Payne. Yea: Everitt, Thompson, Huff, and Payne. Motion carried.

Chairman Huff will contact Chappell Adopt-A-Dog to discuss a potential contract for housing captured dogs and cats. Pet owners will be responsible for all associated costs, including housing, food, and any required vaccinations.

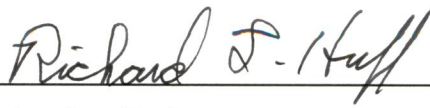
Motion by Everitt to enter closed session at 8:10 PM to evaluate Seasonal Part-time Maintenance Worker applications with the Board, Attorney, and Village Clerk. Seconded by Payne. Yea: Huff, Everitt, Thompson, and Payne. Motion carried.

Motion by Huff, we come out of executive session at 8:36 pm, seconded by Everitt. Yea: Payne, Thompson, Huff, and Everitt. Motion carried.

Motion by Payne to offer Dave Sauder the position of Seasonal Part-time Maintenance Worker at a rate of \$2,675.00 per month, seconded by Huff. Yea: Huff, Thompson, Payne, and Everitt. Motion carried.

Motion by Payne to reject the Spraying Service Proposal from Premier Land Management Services, LLC for weed control at Swimming Pool Park, including the playground and Eiker Park, seconded by Everitt. Yea: Thompson, Payne, Everitt, and Huff. Motion carried.

Everitt moved to adjourn, seconded by Thompson. Yea: Huff, Thompson, Payne, and Everitt and the meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM.



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Richard Huff, Chairman  
Village of Big Springs Board of Trustees

ATTEST:



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Tamera Loomis, Village Clerk

