

Big Springs Village Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 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.

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

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.

Motion by Huff to approve the minutes of June 3, 2025, regular meeting. Seconded by Thompson. Yea: Payne, Thompson, and Huff. Motion passed.

Chairman Huff moved to appoint Denise DeCoste to fill the Board vacancy created by Trustee Dinkel's removal due to unexcused absences. Denise will serve until December 1, 2026.

Motion by Payne to approve Chairman Huff's nomination of Denise DeCoste. Seconded by Thompson. Vote: Yea – Huff, Thompson, Payne. Motion passed.

Attorney Josh Wendell administered the Oath of Office to Denise DeCoste. She was welcomed to the Board and invited to take her seat at the table.

Trustee Everitt, previously absent, joined the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Motion by Everitt to abate 2025 BIG 1 – 608 Chestnut, 2025 BIG 8 – 103 2nd, 2025 BIG 18 – 407 W 2nd, and 2025 BIG 24 – 506 Pine. Seconded by Payne. Yea: Thompson, Huff, DeCoste, Payne, and Everitt. Motion passed.

Motion by Everitt to adopt Resolutions R25-07-01 through R25-07-07, Declaring Nuisance Properties. Seconded by DeCoste. Yea: Payne, Thompson, DeCoste, Huff, and Everitt. Motion passed.

Brief departmental reports were presented. Trustee Everitt will contact Fire Chief Kelly Kopetsky regarding the purchase of a fire extinguisher for the Depot Museum. Trustee Everitt also expressed interest in pursuing a grant from the Deuel County Visitors Committee to acquire additional mannequins for displaying additional service uniforms within the museum.

Motion by Everitt to close Chestnut Street between 4th and 2nd Streets from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on July 4th for the Independence Day parade. Seconded by Payne. Voting Yea: Huff, DeCoste, Thompson, Payne, and Everitt. Motion passed.

Motion by Payne to close Railroad Street, from Pine Street to Chestnut Street, for the Car Show on August 24, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Seconded by Everitt. Voting Yea: Thompson, Everitt, DeCoste, Payne, and Huff. Motion passed.

Clarification was provided by Village Attorney Josh Wendall regarding residency requirements for Library Board members. Nebraska statutes do not explicitly prohibit non-residents from serving on a municipal library board. While municipal residency is generally preferred under library governance best practices, local governing bodies may exercise discretion to allow exceptions.

Motion by Payne to accept the Engagement Letter from Rauner & Associates, P.C. for preparation of the FY26 Budget and Audit, covering the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Seconded by Everitt. Voting Yea: Huff, DeCoste, Everitt, Thompson, and Payne. Motion passed.

Motion by Everitt to adopt Resolution R25-07-08 Deuel County Local Emergency Operations Plan. Seconded by Thompson. Yea: DeCoste, Huff, Thompson, Payne, and Everitt. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION R25-07-08
DEUEL COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY OPERATION PLAN

RESOLVE: That in order to provide for a coordinated response to a disaster or emergency in Deuel County, the Big Springs Board of Trustees deem it advisable and in the best interest of the community and the County to approve the attached Deuel County Local Emergency Operations Plan. Acceptance of this 2025 Local Emergency Operations Plan supersedes all previous approved Deuel County Local Emergency Operations Plans.

The approved 2025 Local Emergency Operations Plan is available for public review at the Office of the Big Springs Village Clerk, 403 Pine Street, Big Springs, NE 69122, and at Region 21 Emergency Management Office, 1124 Grant Street, Sidney, NE 69162.

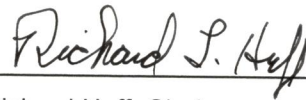
Motion by Huff to table the employment review request by Dave Sauder, Part-Time Seasonal Employee, until additional information is obtained. Seconded by Payne. Voting Yea: DeCoste, Thompson, Everitt, Payne, and Huff. Motion passed.

Motion by Everitt to approve payment of the following claims. Second by Payne. Yea: Thompson, Payne, Everitt, Huff, and DeCoste. Motion passed.

General			
PAYROLL	EXP	1,487.31	
BIG SPRINGS CEMETERY ASSOC	EXP	6,154.17	
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Gas	67.23	
CENTURY LINK	PH	51.77	
DEUEL COUNTY TREASURER	LE	8,166.66	
EdwardJones	RET	175.00	
HSB-FBO Curtis Brown	RET	225.00	
MUNICIPAL CODE SERVICES INC	PUB	125.00	
McQUILLAN & WENDELL PC, LLO	LEG	938.00	
NEBRASKA PRINTWORKS	SU	5.20	
Nemo Locksmith Service	R&M	178.50	
NPPD	ELEC	52.85	
OFFICE SERVICE	SU	133.58	
ONE CALL CONCEPTS INC	FE	4.88	
Olson's Pest Technicians	R&M	85.00	
Richard L. Huff	ZSRV	50.00	
T.C. ENGINEERING INC	ZSRV	600.00	
Tamera Loomis	TRVL	411.74	
U.S. Bank	R&M	130.05	
U.S. Bank	FE	66.45	
U.S. Bank	SU	209.40	
U.S. Bank	PSTG	14.35	
Street			
PAYROLL	EXP	1,348.08	
21st Century Equipment LLC	R&M	69.09	
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS INC	R&M	2,908.40	
BIG SPRINGS TRUCK AND TRAVEL	SU	301.67	
Big Springs Tire & Auto Repair LLC	R&M	788.39	
CENTURY LINK	PH	78.22	
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	R&M	147.90	
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SU	11.99	
NPPD	ELEC	994.17	
Water			
PAYROLL	EXP	2,297.69	
CENTURY LINK	PH	224.93	
Henderson State Bank	XFER	7,149.50	
NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB	TSTG	15.00	
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	TX	181.92	
NPPD	ELEC	994.95	
Nebraska Rural Water Assoc	DU	105.00	
Superior Sanitation Services Inc.	R&M	500.00	
U.S. Bank	PSTG	67.96	
VERIZON	PH	71.53	
Sewer			
PAYROLL	EXP	2,297.69	
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Gas	131.54	
CENTURY LINK	PH	219.79	
Henderson State Bank	XFER	6,982.50	
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	R&M	89.99	
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	TX	791.82	
NPPD	ELEC	373.62	
US POSTAL SERVICE	PSTG	36.22	
VERIZON	PH	71.53	
Trash			
Dave Sauder (Contract Srvc)	CAPO	4,500.00	
US POSTAL SERVICE	PSTG	36.21	
WASTE CONNECTIONS	TRSH	5,781.20	
Parks			
PAYROLL	EXP	2,506.40	
21st Century Equipment LLC	R&M	55.43	
BIG SPRINGS TRUCK AND TRAVEL	SU	28.58	
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Gas	1,039.57	
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	R&M	270.24	
KENFIELD ELECTRIC	R&M	347.35	
NPPD	ELEC	352.42	
Simplot	SU	837.10	

U.S. Bank		SU	146.75
	Pool		
PAYROLL		EXP	4,605.19
Century Link (Lumen)		PH	68.29
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL		R&M	33.46
Tamera Loomis		MLG	31.02
U.S. Bank		R&M	242.10
U.S. Bank		SU	583.82
	Library		
PAYROLL		EXP	1,409.19
	Depot Museum		
Century Link (Lumen)		PH	246.36
Dave Sauder		R&M	43.06
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL		R&M	44.95
NPPD		ELEC	73.05
Olson's Pest Technicians		R&M	85.00
Simon Materials		R&M	480.34
Tamera Loomis		MLG	29.98
U.S. Bank		R&M	53.56
U.S. Bank		SU	41.97
	TOTAL		72,555.82

Huff moved to adjourn, seconded by Thompson. Yea: DeCoste, Payne, Thompson, Everitt, and Huff. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM.



Richard Huff, Chairman
Village of Big Springs Board of Trustees

ATTEST:



Tamera Loomis, Village Clerk

