

Big Springs Village Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 5, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

Notice of the meeting was posted at the Big Springs Post Office, Community First Bank, Village Office. 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, DeCoste, Thompson, Everitt, and Huff. 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 consent agenda including July 24, 2025, special meeting minutes, Treasurer report, and Payment of Claims. Second by Eveitt. Yea: Thompson, Payne, Huff, DeCoste, and Everitt. Motion passed.

General			
PAYROLL	EXP	1,672.01	
BIG SPRINGS CEMETERY ASSOC	EXP	6,154.17	
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Gas	46.82	
CENTURY LINK	PH	51.77	
CHAPPELL REGISTER	PUB	811.85	
DEUEL COUNTY TREASURER	LE	8,166.66	
EdwardJones	RET	175.00	
HSB-FBO Curtis Brown	RET	225.00	
IRS	TX	595.30	
McQUILLAN & WENDELL PC, LLO	LEG	92.50	
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	TX	137.42	
NPPD	ELEC	52.85	
NPPD	ELEC	58.85	
OFFICE SERVICE	SU	52.04	
ONE CALL CONCEPTS INC	FE	14.25	
Olson's Pest Technicians	R&M	170.00	
Olson's Pest Technicians	FE	10.00	
PADD	DU	346.72	
Spectrum Business	PH	50.00	
Spectrum Business	INT	50.00	
U.S. Bank	R&M	115.88	
U.S. Bank	FE	417.42	
U.S. Bank	PSTG	32.49	
U.S. Bank	SU	57.29	
Street			
PAYROLL	EXP	1,348.08	
BIG SPRINGS TRUCK AND TRAVEL	SU	341.35	
CENTURY LINK	PH	78.22	
IRS	TX	994.34	
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	R&M	83.96	
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	TX	231.39	
NPPD	ELEC	1,071.48	
Water			
PAYROLL	EXP	2,297.69	
CENTURY LINK	PH	224.93	
Henderson State Bank	XFER	7,149.50	
IRS	TX	1,462.62	
NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB	TSTG	15.00	
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	TX	515.38	
NPPD	ELEC	1,200.36	
NWRA	DU	105.00	
U.S. Bank	PSTG	31.75	
VERIZON	PH	71.51	
Sewer			
PAYROLL	EXP	2,297.69	
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Gas	95.10	
CENTURY LINK	PH	219.79	
Henderson State Bank	XFER	6,982.50	
IRS	TX	1,462.62	
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	R&M	279.98	
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	TX	1,112.72	
NPPD	ELEC	587.15	
Superior Sanitation Services Inc.	R&M	600.00	
VERIZON	PH	71.52	
Trash			
WASTE CONNECTIONS	TRSH	5,242.00	
WESTERN RESOURCES GROUP	RECY	140.00	

Parks			
PAYROLL	EXP	2,506.40	
ARNOLD POOL COMPANY	R&M	95.00	
BEST PLUMBING	R&M	2,615.23	
BIG SPRINGS TRUCK AND TRAVEL	SU	42.47	
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Gas	1,744.80	
IRS	TX	957.24	
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	R&M	24.99	
LARM	INS	51.25	
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	TX	208.11	
NPPD	ELEC	428.36	
Simplot	R&M	343.00	
Pool			
PAYROLL	EXP	6,675.36	
ARNOLD POOL COMPANY	R&M	445.50	
Century Link (Lumen)	PH	70.42	
Chestman Company	SU	375.12	
IRS	TX	1,125.63	
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	TX	118.88	
U.S. Bank	SU	179.47	
Library			
PAYROLL	EXP	1,315.21	
IRS	TX	416.76	
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	TX	14.85	
Depot Museum			
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	R&M	21.98	
NPPD	ELEC	62.21	
Olson's Pest Technicians	R&M	85.00	
U.S. Bank	SU	39.86	
TOTAL		75,833.02	

Motion by Huff to abate 2025 BIG 5 – 106 E 4th and 2025 BIG 6 – 604 Chestnut. Second by Everitt. Yea: Payne, DeCoste, Everitt, Huff, and Thompson. Motion passed.

Motion by Huff to adopt Resolutions R25-08-01 through R25-08-06, Resolutions to Rescind. Second by Payne. Yea: DeCoste, Huff, Thompson, Everitt, and Payne. Motion passed.

Motion by Payne to accept the insurance changes as recommended including changing the Library Business Personal Property: Content (RC): to \$270,000 and adding swimming pool equipment. Second by Everitt. Yea: Huff, Everitt, Payne, Thompson, and DeCoste. Motion passed.

Motion by Huff to authorize the Chairman to sign the sworn statement in proof of loss and to approve TriCity Quote #13583 in the amount of \$32,953.00 for the replacement of the electronic billboard. The Village will contribute \$7,590.60 from KENO funds to cover the difference between the accepted bid and the insurance reimbursement of \$25,362.40. Second by Payne. Yea: DeCoste, Thompson, Everitt, Huff, and Payne. Motion passed.

Chairman Huff presented and read by title Amendment Ordinance No. 25-08-01 Amendment Relating to Ordinance No. 23-11-01 Creating Floodplain Districts Defining the Same. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BIG SPRINGS, DEUEL COUNTY, NEBRASKA THAT THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT BE ENACTED: That Ordinance No. 25-11-01, enacted by Village of Big Springs on the 7th day of November 2023, be amended.

Motion by DeCoste to waive the second and third readings of Amendment Ordinance No. 25-08-01. Second by Thompson. Yea: Huff, Everitt, Payne, Thompson, and DeCoste. Motion passed.

Motion by Payne to adopt Amendment Ordinance No. 25-08-01. Second by Everitt. Yea: Payne, DeCoste, Thompson, Huff, and Everitt. Motion passed.

Huff moved to appoint the following Trustees to address concerns and provide information: DeCoste: Animal Control/Law Enforcement, Everitt: Pool/Parks, Thompson: Sewer/Water/Trash, and Payne: Street. Second by Payne. Yea: DeCoste, Everitt, Thompson, Huff, and Payne. Motion passed.

Trustee Payne reported receiving a written complaint concerning weed growth along village curbs and gutters. The complaint is to be submitted to the Village Clerk for filing. A brief discussion followed, and it was agreed that the matter should be addressed with Maintenance Superintendent Curtis Brown.

Motion by Huff to appoint Ashley Gallentine to the Library Board to serve a four-year term beginning August 1, 2025. Second by Everitt. Yea: Everitt, Huff, Payne, Thompson, and DeCoste. Motion passed.

Trustee Everitt moved to approve the payment of \$4,217.50 for the Go Water Bonds Series 2024, to be issued from the Utility Bond Fund checking. Second by Thompson. Yea: Payne, DeCoste, Huff, Thompson, and Everitt. Motion passed.

Motion by DeCoste to authorize the Village Clerk to submit a grant request to the Deuel County Visitor's Committee in the amount of \$593.86 for the purchase of five male and two female full

body mannequins for the Depot Museum. Second by Payne. Yea: Huff, Everitt, Thompson, DeCoste, and Payne. Motion passed.

Motion by Payne that the Clerk and Trustee Everitt are authorized to collaborate in promoting citizen visits to the Depot Museum during Homecoming Week. Second by Huff. Yea: Everitt, DeCoste, Payne, Huff, and Thompson. Motion passed.

Huff moved to approve the Village Clerk's attendance at the 2025 Annual Conference in Lincoln, Sept. 24-26, 2025. Second by Thompson. Yea: Everitt, Huff, Thompson, Payne, and DeCoste. Motion passed.

Motion by Payne to express the Village of Big Springs' interest in pursuing the LB840 economic development program and to initiate the process of gathering the necessary information for its successful implementation. The Village will extend an invitation to LB840 experts from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development to attend an upcoming board meeting and provide guidance. Second by Thompson. Yea: Thompson, DeCoste, Payne, Everitt, and Huff. Motion passed.

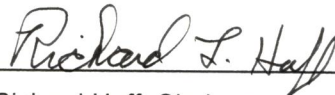
Motion by Huff to advertise for a local Animal Control Officer position, to remain open until filled, with compensation to be negotiated directly with the Village Board. Second by DeCoste. Voting in favor: DeCoste, Payne, Thompson, Huff, and Everitt. Motion passed.

Motion by Payne to table the decision regarding the six proposals submitted by Pro Track and Tennis for converting the existing tennis court into a pickleball court, postponing action until the September board meeting. Second by Thompson. Yea: Everitt, Payne, Huff, DeCoste, and Thompson. Motion passed.

Motion by Payne to accept Quote #182 from Prime Land Service LLC, doing business as A-L Tree Services, in the amount of \$8,000.00 for tree work in the Village Park, and to authorize the chairman to sign the quote. Second by DeCoste. Yea: DeCoste, Huff, Payne, Thompson, and Everitt. Motion passed.

Brief Library report was presented.

Huff moved to adjourn, seconded by Everitt. Yea: Thompson, Everitt, DeCoste, Payne, and Huff. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 10:17 PM.



Richard Huff, Chairman
Village of Big Springs Board of Trustees

ATTEST:



Tamera Loomis, Village Clerk

