

Big Springs Village Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting minutes
Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026

The Village of Big Springs Board of Trustees met on February 3rd, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Village Office meeting room. Notice of the meeting was posted at the Big Springs Post Office, Community First Bank, and Village Office in accordance with procedure. The meeting adhered to the Open Meeting Act, which was displayed in the room. The agenda was kept current and available for public inspection at the Village Office and on the website. Advance notice and the agenda were provided to board members, with acknowledgments attached to these minutes. The meeting was recorded and open to the public.

Roll Call: Present Trustees: Everitt, Huff, Payne, Thompson, and DeCoste
Others present: Village Maintenance Supt. Curtis Brown, Librarians Connie Shaw and Janie Jimenez, and Village Attorney Josh Wendell.

Chairman Huff called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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.

Approval of Minutes: Huff moved and Everitt seconded, to approve the minutes from January 6th, Regular Meeting: Yea: Payne, Thompson, Everitt, Huff, and DeCoste. Motion passed.

Discussion on:

Chairman Huff talked about how the Clerk/Treasurer Position Search was going, and the position is still open.

Utilities Superintendent Position: Clarification was provided regarding the Utilities Superintendent position. Tom Werblow stated that he is willing to assist the Village as needed. Mr. Werblow currently serves as the Village Street Superintendent and meets the applicable state requirements for that position; however, he does not hold the required water certifications or licenses. Mr. Werblow will consult with the state regarding relevant ordinances and report back to the Council.

Curtis Brown expressed concerns about being reappointed on an annual basis and the uncertainty of yearly employment, as well as concerns regarding the associated compensation requirements.

Huff motion to adopt the 3 resolutions, Everett second, with West Central Nebraska Development District.

- Rescind Resolution # (R26-02-03) Abate Resolution # (R25-06-15) 506 Pine
- Rescind Resolution # (R26-02-04) Abate Resolution # (R25-06-04) 604 Chestnut
- Rescind Resolution #(R26-02-05) Abate Resolution # (R25-06-03) 106 E 4th 9.

Yea: Payne, Thompson, Everitt, Huff, and DeCoste. Motion passed.

Huff motion to appoint WCNND as Nuisance Officer, Resolution (R26-02-02) Seconded by Payne, Huff, Payne, Everitt, Thompson, and DeCoste. Motion passed.

West Central Nebraska Development District talked about the sections and costs for the Abatement process for 2026. A new program called the Maintenance Program was offered. This would include 74 properties with a cost of \$6,800.00. Motion by Payne to go with the Maintenance Program for 2026, and second by Huff: Huff, Payne, Everitt, Thompson, and DeCoste. Motion passed.

Department Reports: Brief reports were heard.

New Business

Everitt motion, Thompson second for the donation of a Family Pass to the Swimming Pool 2026 season, to South Platte Schools, for Penny Carnival March 20th. Yea:Payne, Thompson, Everitt, Huff, and DeCoste. Motion passed.

Discuss options for Certificate of Deposit # 17234-1723, that will mature on 02/05/26
Everitt motion and Payne second, to transfer the CD into a Flex CD. Yea:Huff, Payne, Everitt, and DeCoste. Thompson-astained from voting, Motion passed.

Payne motion and DeCoste second to pay Tamera Loomis for Consulting Services. Tamera will be notified to submit a bill for her help through text messages. She will be paid X number of hours at \$24.26 per hour. Yea: Payne, Thompson, Everitt, Huff, and DeCoste. Motion passed.

Huff motion to approval of January Claims for General, Street, Water, Sewer, Trash, Parks, Pool, Library, and Depot Museum of \$58,364.43. Thompspn second, Yea: Huff, Payne, Everitt, Thompson, and DeCoste. Motion passed

Payne motions to approval of January Claims for DeCoste. Everitt second, and DeCoste abstained from voting. Yea: Huff, Payne, Everitt, and Thompson: Motion passed.

Claims for General, Street, Water, Sewer, Trash, Parks, Pool, Library, and Depot Museum.

Date	Description	Amount
1/30/2026	Curtis J. Brown	\$4274.72
1/30/2026	Julia Everitt	\$184.70
1/30/2026	Tylar N. Thompson	\$184.70
1/30/2026	Janie Jimenez	\$464.02
1/30/2026	Connie Shaw	\$630.43
1/30/2026	Richard Huff	\$300.14
1/30/2026	Corey Payne	\$184.70
1/30/2026	Logan Gumaer	\$554.10
1/30/2026	CNA Surety-Premium on Bonds	\$1515.00
1/30/2026	Deuel County Treasurer-Law Enforcement	\$8,166.66
1/30/2026	filament -S-WEB Hosting -Annually	\$2,400.00
1/30/2026	HSB-Curtis Brown	\$225.00
1/30/2026	HSB-Utility Bond Transfer	\$12,250.00
1/30/2026	John Deere Financial	\$301.63
1/30/2026	McQuillain & Wendell, P.C., LLO	\$547.00
1/30/2026	NPPD- Account 221010019634	\$65.74
1/30/2026	Office Service Inc.	\$151.49
1/30/2026	One Call Concepts.	\$9.41
1/30/2026	Poster Compliance Center-Poster	\$89.95
1/30/2026	Richard Huff for Key box and door locks	\$156.27
1/30/2026	S & E Roll Offs	\$2,020.00
1/30/2026	SK: Storey Kenworthy	\$150.18
1/27/2026	USPS, Post-Office	\$154.00
1/30/2026	Valley Tire & Service LLC	\$1,680.00
1/30/2026	WCNND-3rd payment	\$1,190.70
1/30/2026	Western Resources Group	\$140.00
1/30/2026	Big Springs Cemetery Interlocal	\$6,679.16
1/29/2026	Nebraska Income Tax Withholding Return 4Q25-NE941N ----IRS	\$1,112.92
1/29/2026	Black Hills Energy- all accounts	\$685.36
1/29/2026	NPPD- all accounts	\$2,440.03
1/29/2026	Century Link- all accounts	\$569.17
1/29/2026	Verizon	\$143.43

1/29/2026	Waste Connections	\$5,242.00
1/30/2026	Big Springs Truck and Travel	\$170.95
1/30/2026	USPS, February Packets	\$12.00

Library

1/29/2026	Black Hills Energy	\$239.17
1/29/2026	NPPD Billing	\$48.21
1/29/2026	CenturyLink	143.69
1/29/2026	ATCJET.NETLLC Acc#0000011441	\$49.90
1/30/2026	Cengage Group Acc# 100237624	\$62.97
1/30/2026	Connie Shaw-Children toys	\$58.93
1/30/2026	Book Systems, Inc-Subscription Renewal	\$834.00

Accounts Payable	51,586.92
Payroll	6,777.51
Total	\$58,364.43

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1/30/2026	Denise DeCoste	\$184.70
2/03/2026	Denise DeCoste-Clerk/Treasurer	\$1985.81

Total	\$2,170.51
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Huff moved to adjourn. Second Evertt. Yea: Everitt, Huff, Payne, Thompson, and DeCoste.
Motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm

Richard Huff, Chairman
Village of Big Springs Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

Denise DeCoste, Village Clerk