

Village of Wauneta, Nebraska

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wauneta, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session at 6:30 p.m. on **June 10, 2025**, at the Village Office.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Chairman Johnston publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was held.

Present: Crystal Walgren, Kathy Kerchal, Rick Einspahr and Page Johnston. Absent: Beau Kramer.

Guests: Arlan Wine (Village Attorney) and Reese West.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Imperial Republican on June 5, 2025, a copy of the proof of publication being attached to these Minutes. Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to the Chairman and all the Trustees and a copy of their acknowledgement of receipt of such notice is attached to these Minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice to the Chairman and all the Trustees. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Walgren, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, held on May 13, 2025. Voting Aye: Walgren, Kerchal, Einspahr and Johnston. Absent: Kramer. Voting Nay: None. Motion approved.

Motion made by Kerchal, seconded by Walgren, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, held on May 16, 2025. Voting Aye: Walgren, Kerchal, Einspahr and Johnston. Absent: Kramer. Voting Nay: None. Motion approved.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Walgren, to approve Treasurer's Report (May 2025) and approve bills (June 2025) as presented. Voting Aye: Walgren, Kerchal, Einspahr and Johnston. Absent: Kramer. Voting Nay: None. Motion approved.

Water/Sewer:

NE Dept of Revenue	Sales tax – April 2025	324.83
Jeff Moran	Meter deposit refund	50.00
Jim Zarecor	Meter deposit refund	31.91
Donna Nichols	Meter deposit refund	15.00
Aurora Griebel	Meter deposit refund	50.00
American Agri Laboratory	Sewer sample fees	280.08
BW Telcom	Phone & internet – SCADA	144.78
Bomgaars	Supplies	47.65
Eakes Office	Office supplies	12.45
NDEE – Fiscal Services	Sewer SRF loan payment	4780.54
NE Public Health	Water test fees	216.00
Nebraska Rural Water Assn	Membership renewal	250.00
Petty Cash	Supplies	5.79
SWPPD	Utilities – new wells	1001.70
Water Loan Reserve	Transfer	400.00
Water/Sewer Building Fund	Transfer	1339.00
Water/Sewer Insurance Fund	Transfer	1370.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Supplies	22.99

Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	136.22
Electric:		
NE Dept of Revenue	Sales tax – April 2025	2,503.85
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 5/22	9,252.02
Jeff Moran	Meter deposit refund	81.74
Donna Nichols	Meter deposit refund	50.00
Intuit	Quickbooks fees	1,123.58
Merchant Bank	Credit card processing fees	359.69
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – stipend/HSA	1,998.78
Aurora Griebel	Meter deposit refund	82.93
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 6/5	9,029.94
American Heritage Life	Accident insurance	75.00
Bomgaars	Supplies	7.99
Dutton-Lainson	Supplies	276.98
Electric Insurance Fund	Transfer	1,570.00
Frenchman Auto	Tire repair	30.00
Healthiest You	Supplemental insurance – Teladoc	37.80
Ideal Linen	Shop towels	45.21
Lincoln National Life	Life, A&D insurance	124.21
Nebraska Public Power District	Power – May 2025	9,105.70
One Call Concepts, Inc	Diggers hotline locates	6.13
Evelyn Skelton	Energy efficiency incentive	30.00
SWPPD	Subtransmission charge	1,484.48
US Dept of Energy	WAPA Power – May 2025	9,984.16
Utilities Section – League	Safety training	2,070.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel, supplies	480.97
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	200.69
Depository Trust Company	Rev Bond – principal payment	25,000.00
Depository Trust Company	Rev Bond – interest payment	1,918.75
Village Bills:		
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 5/22	3,427.27
Petty Cash	Pool – starting cash	50.00
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – stipend/HSA	666.28
Village of Wauneta	Pool payroll p/e 6/4	1,516.62
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 6/5	2,995.14
Amazon Capital Services	Supplies	129.36
American Heritage Life	Accident insurance	25.00
BW Telcom	Phone	630.97
Tina Barnard	Cleaning – community bldg.	54.00
Bomgaars	Supplies	136.17
Chase County Treasurer	Police service contract	3,040.00
Collaborative Summer Library	Summer reading program	449.37
Hannah Curl	Reimb – pool supplies, certificate	745.46
D & S Hardware	Chainsaw chain	27.99
Dan's R Us	Trash – ambulance barn, pool	105.34

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Lillian Dinnel	Pool operator certificate	40.00
Eakes Office Plus	Office supplies	12.99
Fanning Farm Repair	Repairs unit #11	148.57
Gibbens Tree Service	Tree spraying	2,055.00
Great Plains Communication	Phone	58.40
Harchelroad Motors	Repairs - mower	353.61
Hunter Heating & Cooling	Fire hall - service call	138.00
Imperial NAPA	Supplies - gloves	16.74
League of Nebr Municipalities	Conference - Skelton	505.00
Lincoln National Life	Life, A&D insurance	34.35
MMC Consulting	Clerk reference manual	415.00
NMC LLC	Repairs skid steer	4,283.31
NMVCA	Membership dues	20.00
Owens True Value	Ballfield sprinklers	125.31
Jim Pankonin	Park restrooms - service call	132.00
Petty Cash	Supplies, postage	145.43
Schindler Elevator Corp	Annual mtnc agreement	1,741.47
Scotties Potties	Pot cleaning	80.00
Evelyn Skelton	Pool – supplies, certificate	480.54
Susie's Creative Stiches	Lifeguard t-shirts	436.82
Van Diest Supply	Chemicals, fertilizer	2,712.15
Village Insurance Fund	Transfer	3,340.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel, supplies, repairs	1,028.69
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	1,474.43
Wauneta Volunteer Fire Dept	½ fire school expenses	1,193.76
LaNessa Wickizer	Lifeguard certifications	700.00
Arlan Wine	Retainer	300.00
Highway Fund:		
Kevin Way/Way Trucking	Haul – gravel for chip seal	11,343.60
Park Account:		
Evelyn Skelton	Pickleball net	223.64
Keno Acct:		
Wauneta Crossroads	Propane – pool heater	1,184.30

Reese West came to update the Village Board on the efforts to clean up the property at 122 N Tecumseh (building was burned down in January 2025).

Kerchal and Einspahr reviewed the Nursing Home Financial Reports for April 2025 with the Village Board and gave a report on the Committee meeting held with RaNae Richardson, WCTC Administrator, and Doug Chos, RHD representative.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kerchal, to authorize the purchase of a new food warmer for the nursing home, \$1,559.00 plus cost of wheels and shipping (based on recommendation of Dietary Department). Voting Aye: Walgren, Kerchal, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer. Motion approved.

Motion made by Walgren, seconded by Kerchal, to authorize RaNae Richardson (WCTC Administrator) to invest \$100,000 in a Certificate of Deposit with Sandhills State Bank, under terms that she finds most agreeable. Voting Aye: Walgren, Kerchal, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer. Motion approved.

A special meeting will be held on June 18, 2025 (time to be determined) to review and approve the 2025-2026 Budget for the nursing home.

The Board reviewed the Chase County Sheriff's Report for May 2025.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Walgren, to approve the 2025 Wage Schedule for Pool and Summer employees, as follows:

Manager	\$14.75 – 16.00/hour
Asst Manager/4 th year	\$14.25 – 14.50/hour
3 rd year guard/employee	\$14.00/hour
2 nd year guard/employee	\$13.75/hour
1 st year guard/employee	\$13.50/hour
(additional 0.25 for pool operator certification)	

Voting Aye: Walgren, Kerchal, Einspahr and Johnston. Absent: Kramer. Voting Nay: None. Motion approved.

Motion made by Kerchal, seconded by Einspahr to accept and approve the proposal from B&H Paving to chip seal streets, for a cost of \$20,900.00. Voting Aye: Walgren, Kerchal, Einspahr and Johnston. Absent: Kramer. Voting Nay: None. Motion approved.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kerchal to approve the estimate from Baxter Concrete for \$7,835.00 to repair (upgrade to cement) the walking path east of the tennis courts (220 ft from the covered shelter to the tennis courts entrance). Voting Aye: Walgren, Kerchal, Einspahr and Johnston. Absent: Kramer. Voting Nay: None. Motion approved.

Discussed possible other improvements to the walking path. (Extend path from playground to gazebo)

The Board discussed using West Central Nebraska Development District (WCNDD) as an option for nuisance abatement. WCNDD will be invited to attend a board meeting to give a presentation on this service.

Discussed procedures for the collection of the special assessment for nuisance abatement against the Ourada property. Discussed procedures for assessing fines and penalties to other nuisance properties.

Board members Einspahr and Johnston will serve on a committee with the Chase County Commissioners to explore options for Ambulance Building renovations.

Superintendent's Report given by Lawless.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Walgren, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Voting Aye: Walgren, Kerchal, Einspahr and Johnston. Absent: Kramer. Voting Nay: None. Motion approved.

Meeting Adjourned.

Page Johnston, Chairman

Evelyn Skelton, Clerk