

**REGULAR MEETING FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF FAIRMONT, NEBRASKA
MONDAY, AUGUST 11TH, 2025 AT 7:00 PM**

The Village Board of Fairmont, Nebraska met in regular session on Monday, August 11th, 2025, at 7:00p.m. at the Fairmont Village Hall, 635 6th Ave., Fairmont NE. Notice of the meeting was given in advance according to proper notification by posting of meeting notice at Heartland Bank-Fairmont Branch, U.S. Post Office and Fairmont Village Hall. Chairman Rod Ehmen called the meeting to order. Clerk/Treasurer Karen Margheim recorded the minutes. The board members present upon roll call were: Rod Ehmen, Matt Hafer, Victoria Verhage, Bill Schropfer and Stuart Bridges. Visitors to the meeting were: Steve Parr, Courtney Dentlinger, Tyler Salmon, Sheila Lauby, Mike Scheil, Eric Johnson and Kathy Burbach. Chairman Ehmen noted that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted on the bulletin board in the council meeting room for public inspection and review. Verhage moved and Hafer seconded to approve the minutes from July 14th, 2025, Regular Meeting and July 28th, 2025, Special Meeting. Voting: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed. The Treasurer's Report for July 2025 was placed on file.

Review of the One- & Six- Year Road Plan for 2025-2026 Fiscal Year

Steve Parr gave an explanation and purpose of the One- & Six-year Road Plan and outlined annual items to be completed for the Department of Transportation. The annual highway allocation funds received was also mentioned and a required match by the Village of \$.25 for every dollar of funds received. Specific areas of town were discussed for future paving and guttering projects plus regular maintenance.

Wholesale Contract with Nebraska Public Power District

Courtney Dentlinger gave a presentation for the newly proposed wholesale contract with NPPD. She explained the need for a new contract is due to statewide load growth, changes in Southwest Power Pool's planning reserve margins, and the current contract expires in 2035. An early signing incentive is a potentially discounted exit fee if NPPD does not meet the cost performance metric over the 2026 WPC term. During her presentation it was also mentioned NPPD has been rated 16% for their electric rates and have not increased them over the past eight years.

FY 2025-2026 Budget

There was no discussion.

Final Pool Report

Sheila presented her final pool season report. The free admission draws in kids from all over and even though the admissions are free, concession items are still purchased. There were 1,428 people who attended over the 62-day season with 78 people participating in water aerobics.

Verhage left the meeting at 8:00pm.

Utility Superintendent Report – Mike Scheil

A lengthy discussion occurred regarding this past weekend's storm, tree and debris removal. A company will be hired to come and pick up the large items. A notification will be given to residents to move items by the street for pick up. Tree stump hours were mentioned. Reclassification of the lagoons from discharging to fluid retention was deliberated.

Village Marshal Report – Tyler Salmon

Nothing more was mentioned which hadn't been previously discussed.

Nuisance Properties

Dialog occurred over procedures to handle nuisance properties.

Resolution 2025-04 Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2025

A motion was made by Schropfer, seconded by Bridges to approve Resolution 2025-04 Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2025. Roll call vote-ayes: Schropfer, Bridges, Hafer and Ehmen; absent: Verhage; nays-none. Motion passed.

Sales Tax (Town Hall & Special Election)

A brief conversation occurred over the upcoming Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, August 19th, 2025, at 7:00pm at the Fairmont American Legion and a special election with mail-in ballots for the city sales tax possibly occurring in November.

Pay Application #9-Hackel Construction-\$68,853.15

A motion was made by Hafer, seconded by Schropfer to approve pay application #9 to Hackel Construction in the amount of \$68,853.15. Roll call vote – ayes: Hafer, Schropfer, Bridges and Ehmen; nays-none; absent-Verhage. Motion passed.

Board Member Victoria Verhage Resignation

A motion was made by Hafer, seconded by Bridges to approve Victoria Verhage's resignation as a board member effective August 31st, 2025. Roll call vote-ayes: Hafer, Bridges, Schropfer, Ehmen; nays: none; absent: Verhage. Motion passed.

Claims

A motion was made by Schropfer, seconded by Hafer to approve claims as they were presented. Roll call vote: ayes-Schropfer, Hafer, Bridges and Ehmen; nays-none; absent-Verhage. Motion passed.

Correspondence

Correspondence received over the last month was reviewed. One of the items was a letter from JEO Consulting Group with details from a construction inspection completed on July 23, 2025 for the water treatment plant.

Old Business

None

Clerk/Treasurer Report-Karen Margheim

Dialog ensued over purchasing new picnic tables. Midwest Steel Fabricators are researching a design for lighter tables.

Payment Arrangement(s)

A motion was made by Bridges, seconded by Schropfer to approve payment arrangements 424, 425 and 426. Roll call vote: ayes-Bridges, Schropfer, Hafer and Ehmen; nays-none; absent-Verhage. Motion passed.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Schropfer, seconded by Hafer to adjourn the meeting at 9:49pm. Roll call vote: ayes-Schropfer, Hafer, and Ehmen; nays-Bridges; absent-Verhage. Motion passed.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, September 8th, 2025, at 7:00pm.

ROD EHMEN,
CHAIRMAN

KAREN MARGHEIM,
CLERK/TREASURER

Claims

Akrs Equipment	Su	298.32
Amazon	Su	2,631.96
Ameritas	Re	2,391.83
Aqua Chem, Inc.	Su	1,789.15
Bankcard/CMS	Ex	234.82
Black Hills Energy	Ut	621.97
Black Hills Energy	Ut	89.30
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Ins	5,877.34
OK Financial	Bond	15,500

Bonsall Pools	Su	139.26
Burton Enterprises	Ex	100.00
Cash-Wa Distributing	Su	711.53
Eakes Office Products, Inc.	Su	112.79
Farmers Coop	Fu	309.00
First Concord Benefits	Be	2,307.15
First Concord Benefits	Be	524.34
First Concord Benefits	Be	75.00
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	2,516.15
First National Bank of Omaha	Fu	884.97
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	362.62
First National Bank of Omaha	Su	1,070.88
First National Bank of Omaha	Ex	23.88
Fyr-tek	Su	1,080.26
Grand Central Foods	Su	202.01
Guardian Insurance	Ins	81.60
Hackel Construction	CI	68,853.15
Hawkins Water Treatment	Su	611.25
Heartland Bank	Fee	20.00
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Integrated Security Solutions	Ma	128.00
IEO Consulting Group, Inc.	Ex	2,217.50
John Deere Financial	Su	2.62
Johnson Service Company	Ma	12,270.25
Kopchos	Ex	33.00
League of Nebraska Municipalities	Dues	3,888.00
Madison National Life	Ins	31.95
Maguire Iron, Inc.	Ma	3,000.00
Nationwide Insurance	Ins	100.00
NE Public Power District	Ut	36,147.59
NE Public Health Envir. Lab	Ex	15.00
Neonlink	Ex	89.00
Nick's Farm Store	Su	103.10
One Call Concepts, Inc.	Ex	31.98
Paycom	Fee	784.01
Payroll		35,396.69
Payroll Taxes		11,418.95
Pitney Bowes	Su	114.28
Post Office	Su	402.00
Ron Schropfer	Ex	30.00
Sandra Reinsch	Mi	60.90
State of Nebraska	Tax	2,950.58
State of Nebraska	Ut	212.69
Tacos La Pasadita	Reimb	100.00
Taylor Lawn Sprinklers, LLC	Maint	102.00
The Nebraska Signal	Pu	77.89
TES	CI	1,402.60
Utilities Section-League of NE Municipalities	Dues	535.00
Vestis	Ma	256.13
Viaero	Ut	324.55
Village	Ut	3,909.26
Vindstream	Ut	354.79
Vindstream	Ut	509.94
Vindstream	Ut	170.99
Vindstream	Ut	95.23

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RESOLUTION

SIGNING OF THE MUNICIPAL ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE 2025

Resolution No. 2025-041

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2115, 39-2119, 39-2120, 39-2121, and 39-2520(2), requires an annual certification of program compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and standards; and

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statute, section 39-2120 also requires that the annual certification of program compliance by each municipality shall be signed by the Mayor or Village Board Chairperson and shall include the resolution of the governing body of the municipality authorizing the signing of the certification.

Be it resolved that the Mayor ☐ Village Board Chairperson ☒ of Fairmont
(Check one box) (Print name of municipality)
is hereby authorized to sign the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance.

Adopted this 11th day of August, 2025 at Fairmont Nebraska.
(Month)

City Council/Village Board Members

<u>Red Ehmen</u>	_____
<u>Matt Haler</u>	_____
<u>Nelora Vanhage</u>	_____
<u>Bill Schropfer</u>	_____
<u>Stuart Bridges</u>	_____

City Council/Village Board Member Schropfer
Moved the adoption of said resolution
Member Bridges Seconded the Motion
Roll Call: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 1 Absent
Resolution adopted, signed, and billed as adopted.

Attest:

Karen Margheim
(Signature of Clerk)