

VILLAGE OF HAIGLER MINUTES FOR REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING –
MARCH 4, 2026

The regular meeting of the Village of Haigler Board was held on March 04, 2026 at 7:00p.m. at the Village Board room. Notice of Meeting was posted in advance at the Haigler US Post Office, Family Market and Haigler Country Café. The Agenda for the Meeting was posted and available at the Village office. Notice of this meeting, along with the Agenda, were delivered to the Board of Trustees in advance and a copy of their acknowledgement of receipt of said things is kept on file at the Village office.

Chairperson Irwin called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. and stated that the meeting was an open meeting of the Village of Haigler, which abides by the Open Meetings Act in conducting business. A copy of the Open Meetings Act was displayed on the West wall of the Village Board room as required by state law.

Present by roll call vote were Board Members Haskell, Irwin, Gregory and Noffsinger. Tafoya arrived at 7:03p.m. Others present were Superintendent Casey Richard, Clerk/Treasurer Karen Testa, Deputy Jason Swartz and Chief Deputy Lucci. There were no public comments.

In Reports – Sheriff’s Department – The February 2026 Sheriff’s Dept. report was submitted in advance via email by Chief Deputy Lucci and handed out by the Clerk. A copy of the Sheriff’s Report is kept on file at the Village office.

Dundy County Commissioner: No one was present to give a report.

Clerk: Karen gave her clerk report from prepared notes, a copy of which is kept on file at the Village office. In regard to status of water/sewer/trash bill payments: A total of 9 Disconnect Notice letters for the month of February were mailed out on February 09, 2026. All payments were received by the official water shut-off date of February 18, 2026. A total of 13 Past Due Notice letters for bills that were due by February 15th, 2026 were mailed out February 23, 2026. Disconnect Notice letters will be mailed March 09, 2026 after checking in with SWPPD (who does our billing) for an update on payments that morning. The official water shutoff date is March 18, 2026. The Village was billed by SWPPD for the Ball field usage for the past month. An amount of \$12.56 was subtracted from the credit remaining on the Haigler Gun Club’s balance; they currently have credit totaling \$183.54. Twin Forks will be contacted this month to see if that are willing to work with the Village for Dog Voucher that have been historically offered to the residents. The U.S. Census Bureau 2025 Boundary and Annexation Survey was submitted on line on February 5th, 2026, noting zero changes for the Village’s information listed. A Tobacco license application was filled out by Archer Arms & Ammo LLC on March 3rd, 2026, along with payment of \$10.00 license fee. An official license will be issued this week.

Superintendent/Maintenance: Casey gave his Superintendent/Maintenance report from prepared notes, a copy of which is kept on file at the Village office. RO filter replacement is still ongoing for the 1st quarter. 1st quarter arsenic test is finished. Nitrate testing is being done at the wells. Coliform testing was sent with the results coming back clear. RO system maintenance was done at the café this past month. There were RO repairs done on 3 residences, one tank and 2 faucets. Community Service was done by a local resident to help clean up the shop and Village yard. Deep cleaning of Village office windows was completed. Maintenance was performed on the Village push mower along with the Chevy dump truck. The well houses are being prepped for spring painting. The distribution pit at the sewer lagoons has been cleaned out. Shop clean-up and inventory is ongoing. Prohibited items have been removed at the tree dump. Replacements of 2 water meters was completed. Mapping is being performed in preparation for spring valve exercising.

Haskell made a motion, seconded by Tafoya, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 04, 2026. Yes votes: Tafoya, Gregory, Noffsinger, Irwin and Haskell. Motion carried. A copy of the Minutes is kept on file at the Village office and also posted on the website.

Noffsinger made a motion, seconded by Gregory, to approve to pay the March 2026 Claims. Yes votes: Irwin, Haskell, Noffsinger, Gregory and Tafoya. Motion carried. A copy of the Claims is kept on file at the Village office.

Salaries (DD, DD)	General (Superintendent & Clerk/Treasurer)	\$ 5,025.44
IRS/941 payroll taxes (ACH)	General (941 payroll taxes)	\$ 1,854.72
Nebraska Department of Revenue (ACH)	General (NE Monthly Income/Payroll Taxes)	\$ 248.09
Nebraska Department of Revenue (ACH)	General (Form 10, Monthly Sales & Use Tax)	\$ 154.05
Dundy County Treasurer	General (Dundy County Sheriff Contract)	\$ 840.00
BWTelecom	General/FD (Telephone)	\$ 363.11
SWPPD	Utilities/Billing	\$ 1,246.41
St Francis Equity	Street/Water/Sewer/Park/Fire (Gas/Oil)	\$ 126.19
American Ag Lab	Water (Testing)	\$ 27.56
Frenchman Valley Coop	General (Utilities)	\$ 1,085.28
Waste Connections of NE, Inc.	Solid Waste (Contract)	\$ 2,568.46
Scoop Media	General (Publications)	\$ 69.54
Quality Farm & Ranch Center	Water/General (R/M)	\$ 65.54
Pinnacle Bank - Insurance Account (Bank transfer)	General (Insurance) to build acct for Annual LARM pymt	\$ 1,250.00
Pinnacle Bank - Water Improvement Account (Bank Transfer)	Water (to build acct for Annual USDA loan pymt)	\$ 1,100.00
Pinnacle Bank - Street Account (Bank Transfer)	Street (25% Hwy Allocation of February pymt received)	\$ 744.68
Pinnacle Bank - Credit Card (ACH)	General (Dues/Subscriptions) Water (Postage/Operating Supply)	\$ 699.29
	TOTAL	\$ 17,468.36

Tafoya made a motion, seconded by Noffsinger, to approve the March 2026 Treasurer's Report. Yes votes: Gregory, Haskell, Noffsinger, Irwin and Tafoya. Motion carried. A copy of the report is kept on file at the Village Office.

Discussion was had by the Village Board in regards to West Central Nebraska Development District (Community Development Block Grant, aka CDBG). Chairperson Irwin introduced and read Resolution #2026-01. Haskell made a motion, seconded by Noffsinger, to approve and adopt Resolution #2026-01 for Authorizing Chief Elected Official to sign an application for CDBG funds. Yes votes: Tafoya, Gregory, Irwin, Noffsinger and Haskell. Motion carried. The original copy of the Resolution is kept on file at the Village Office. Chairman Irwin signed documents required for the CDBG process.

Gregory made a motion, seconded by Haskell, to approve to change the date of April's Regular Meeting from April 01 to April 08. Yes votes: Noffsinger, Haskell, Gregory, Tafoya and Irwin. Motion carried.

Board member Noffsinger updated the rest of the Board with an update on the frozen valve of the fire truck. The valve will be fixed by a metal machinist in Wray, Colorado.

Discussion was had in regard to the payment structure and arrangements with Dundy County for Emergency Director Expenses associated with Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP). The Village was contacted by the County Attorney in regards for a March 16th, 2026 meeting with the County Commissioners to discuss the LEOP.

Discussion was had in regards to the LB 289 legislation for Village Board structure. LB 289 is a legislative bill that was passed in 2025 that provides a procedure for a Village Board to initially comprised of either 3 or 5 members and that an existing Village Board of 5 members may be decreased to 3 members if a petition is filed to do so, signed by at least 5% of the electors registered to vote in the Village at the preceding statewide general election. If the measure is affirmed by a vote of the Village residents, the board will thereafter consist of 3 rather than 5 members. LB 289 sets forth the procedure in detail and if a Village decides to take this action, it is advised to seek legal advice on the process. At this time there is no interest in the reorganization of the Village Board structure.

Discussion was had regarding reimbursing Sherri Gregory for her donation of resources for the Village of Haigler website. Sherri presented an invoice for associated cost for the website. Noffsinger made a motion, seconded by Tafoya, to approve reimbursement to be paid to Sherri Gregory for the Village of Haigler's website

for the amount of \$423.18 which will be paid at the next Village Board meeting. Yes votes: Haskell, Noffsinger, Irwin and Tafoya. Abstain: Gregory.

Review of LARM's property valuation report and summary for the Village of Haigler was had with no changes needed. The Village of Haigler Superintendent signed the required document and it will be submitted to LARM.

Ordinance #2026-01 of the Village of Haigler, Dundy County, Nebraska, relating to Liquor Regulations including Hours Of Sale; to repeal Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide when this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect; and to provide for the publication of this Ordinance in pamphlet form was introduced and read by Chairperson Irwin. Haskell made a motion, seconded by Tafoya, to waive the 3 separate readings for Ordinance #2026-01. Yes votes: Tafoya, Gregory, Haskell, Noffsinger and Irwin. Motion carried. Haskell made a motion, seconded by Noffsinger, for final passage and adoption of Ordinance #2026-01. Yes votes: Gregory, Noffsinger, Haskell, Irwin and Tafoya. Motion carried. Said Ordinance will be posted at the Haigler US Post Office, Family Market, Haigler Country Café and will be available on the website.

The next Regular Meeting will be held April 08, 2026 starting at 7:00p.m.

There being no further business, Chairperson Irwin adjourned the meeting at 8:09p.m. A complete copy of the Minutes is available for viewing at the Village office, or on the website at: www.haiglerne.com/boardoftrustees. Please be advised that the Clerk has within 10 working days after a Board Meeting to prepare the Meeting Minutes for public viewing; Minutes are approved at the next scheduled Board Meeting.

Signed, Karren Testa, Village Clerk

Chairperson, Janelle Irwin

Village Clerk, Karen Testa