

VILLAGE OF HAIGLER MINUTES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD
MEETING – AUGUST 06, 2025

The Village of Haigler Board met for a Public Hearing regarding an application for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program on August 06, 2025 at 7:00p.m. at The Golden Inn located at 203 S Porter Ave., Haigler, NE. Notice of Public Hearing was posted in advance by publication in Scoop Media News, at the Haigler US Post Office, Family Market and Haigler Country Café. The Agenda for the Public Hearing was posted and available at the Village office and The Golden Inn. Notice of this Public Hearing, 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 Hearing to order at 7:00p.m. and stated that the Hearing 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 North wall of The Golden Inn as required by state law.

Present by roll call vote were Board Members Gregory, Haskell, Irwin and Tafoya. Noffsinger was absent. Also present were Superintendent James Thorn, Superintendent in training Casey Richard, Clerk/Treasurer Daniela Thorn, Taylor Provost from West Central Development District (WCNDD), Commissioner Sye Tecker, Sheriff Bang, Deputy/K9 Handler Preston, community members LaNeta Carlock, Jerry Olsen and Linda Olsen.

Discussion was had with WCNDD representative, Taylor Provost, regarding the application for the CDBG program. Community member LaNeta Carlock, representing the Haigler Community Foundation, 251 East Norman Street, expressed concern about who would be leading the plan in terms of the Community Strategic Plan with property clean-up after the current Superintendent and Clerk/Treasurer are fully resigned. Carlock shared the efforts of the Haigler Community Foundation in trying to clean up burnt-out structures in the recent past; inquiry was also had in regard to the Board of Trustees budgeting for future grant match funds and what the costs would entail in relationship with WCNDD. Community member Jerry Olsen, 259 South Porter Avenue, expressed caution in once the Community Strategic Plan is written, that the Board should be mindful of spending funds on excessive engineering studies; concern was also expressed in how the abandoned vehicles would be handled with WCNDD as the third party handling the process. The application for the CDBG program is to have the funds to be able to formulate a Community Strategic Plan that includes short and long-term planning including nuisance properties and municipal code updates. If grant monies are awarded, the Board, along with community input, will discuss the details associated with property clean-up; focus will be placed on public safety first to include fire hazards, etc.

There being no further business, Chairperson Irwin closed the Hearing at 7:38p.m.

The regular meeting of the Village of Haigler Board was held on August 06, 2025 immediately following the adjournment of the Public Hearing regarding an application for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program at The Golden Inn. 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 Janelle Irwin called the meeting to order at 7:41p.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 North wall of The Golden Inn as required by state law.

Present by roll call vote were Board Members Irwin, Haskell, Gregory and Tafoya. Noffsinger was absent. Also present were Superintendent James Thorn, Superintendent in training Casey Richard, Clerk/Treasurer Daniela Thorn, Dundy County Commissioner Sye Tecker, Sheriff Bang, Deputy/K9 Handler Preston and community member LaNeta Carlock. There were no public comments.

In Reports – Sheriff's Department - The July Sheriff's Dept. report was submitted in advance via email by Chief Deputy Lucci and handed out by the Clerk. Sheriff Bang shared that a point of focus has been in regard to the speed zones and also the jake brakes through the Village; he is excited to have such a good current staff. A copy of the Sheriff's Report is kept on file at the Village office.

Dundy County Commissioner: Sye Tecker was present to give a report from written notes with mention that the annual budget workshop has been rescheduled until the Commissioners next meeting. Tecker stated that the recent event at the Cornerstone Community Center on July 28th went well. Five members from the community attended with focus on the condition of the county roads. Commissioners are currently seeking a truck driver and road grader driver as well.

Clerk: Daniela 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 14 Disconnect Notice letters for the month of July were mailed out on July 7th, 2025. One resident account made arrangements to promise to pay on the 18th for both the past and current due amount; payment was received as promised. All other payments were received before the official water shut-off date of July 16th, 2025. A total of 17 Past Due Notice letters for bills that were due by July 15th, 2025 were mailed out on July 23rd, 2025. Of the 17 that received letters, payments had been made on 8 of the accounts on July 11th but had not officially been recorded on the list the Village received from SWPPD; no late penalties will apply to those specific accounts. Disconnect Notice letters will be mailed out August 7th, 2025 after checking in with SWPPD (who does our billing) for an update on payments that morning. The official water shut-off date is August 18th, 2025. Regarding QuickBooks PayrollCore, the automatic withdrawal setting that recently went into effect as of July 1st, has been turned off so funds will not be pulled as items accrue for net pay and tax liabilities. This allows the Clerk/Treasurer to manually click a button within the platform that gives PayrollCore permission to file and pay moving forward with the date of our choosing for items due monthly, quarterly, annually, etc. A payment for 941 payroll taxes does not apply for this month because of it being automatically withdrawn in July as reflected on the claims and expenditures from last month. Because of the automatic withdrawal setting in July, the Village will be receiving an overpayment credit for \$151.50 and \$84.76 that will be adjusted in the next payroll tax withdrawal or refunded. On Monday, July 14th, the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOT) installed new crosswalk markings across Highway 34 on Porter Ave., along with installing a brand-new sign east of the crosswalk on the north side of the road. The annual bill to Rural Fire Department in care of Scott Olson, for the owed share of half of each of the total amounts for the Life Insurance and Telephone will be sent this month. Life Insurance is billed to the Village annually from Code 3 Fire & Rescue Life Insurance and billings for telephone are billed monthly from BW Telcom. The Village received an Annual Backup Power Customer Notice from BW Telcom. On July 14th, Amazon issued a refund of \$397.99 to the Visa credit card for the HP 414X Ink Toner Cartridges 4Pk of Black and Color that was purchased in April 2025. Ink was purchased in advance to have in stock for when ink levels would become low in the printer/scanner/copier machine. Product was inaccurately described and is not compatible with the HP machine.

Superintendent/Maintenance: James gave his Superintendent/Maintenance report from prepared notes, a copy of which is kept on file at the Village office. The Public Water System (PWS) annual testing for heavy metals sampling report came back clear. James is awaiting results for Coliform testing that were mailed August 5th. Five faulty water meter readers were replaced this past month; two water meters were replaced this past month as well. Mowing at the parks, Village building, Ballfield, area next to the Ballfield of lumber and old equipment, old wells, new wells, fire station, The Golden Inn, sewer ponds and ditches in addition to weed trimming, is ongoing. Two sprinkler heads have been replaced at the main park; one sprinkler head has been replaced at the Village building. Five drainage ditches have been cleaned out recently to assist in better drainage. 6,000 gallons of bulk water was sold to a local resident for new well drilling west of town. Casey Richard started training for the Superintendent/Water Operator position on August 1st. Upcoming two-man projects include repairing and replacing a culvert northeast of The Golden Inn, along with cleaning out the sewer disbursement station. The start and end time of the Superintendent's daily hours was mentioned; the Board agreed that the Superintendent should have seasonal hours due to the nature of the work, starting early to get ahead of the heat in the summer as an example. With the future hire of a full-time Clerk/Treasurer, the office will have regular hours consistent throughout the year.

Haskell made a motion, seconded by Tafoya, to approve the Minutes from the July 09, 2025 regular meeting. Yes votes: Gregory, Irwin, Haskell and Tafoya. Absent: Noffsinger. Motion carried. A copy of the Minutes is kept on file at the Village office and also posted on the website.

Discussion was had regarding a computer error on July's Claims and Treasurer's Report due to entering document recovery mode that occurred on the day of printing right before the Board Meeting started on July 9th; the sheet that was printed and given to the Board was not the intended document but wasn't discovered until the next day. Irwin made a motion, seconded by Haskell, to approve the amended Claims and Treasurer's Report for July 2025. Yes votes: Tafoya, Gregory, Haskell and Irwin. Absent: Noffsinger. Motion carried. A copy of the amended Claims and Treasurer's Report, along with screenshot proof of the document recovery is kept on file at the Village office.

Irwin made a motion, seconded by Tafoya, to approve to pay the August 2025 Claims. Yes votes: Haskell, Gregory, Tafoya and Irwin. Absent: Noffsinger. Motion carried. A copy of the Claims is kept on file at the Village office.

Salaries	General (Superintendent & Clerk/Treasurer)	\$ 5,311.78
Dundy Co. Sheriff's Dept.	General (Contract)	\$ 840.00
BWTelecom	General/FD (Telephone)	\$ 312.98
SWPPD	Utilities/Billing	\$ 1,067.04
St. Francis Equity	Street/Water/Sewer/Park/Fire (Gasoline/Diesel)	\$ 213.29
James Thorn	General (Telephone)	\$ 15.00
Quality Farm & Ranch	General/Water (Repair/Maintenance)	\$ 53.97
NE Public Health Environmental Lab	Water (Lab Fees)	\$ 211.00
West Central Nebraska Development District	General (Dues & Subs)	\$ 685.00
Waste Connections of NE, Inc.	Solid Waste (Trash Removal)	\$ 2,731.24
Scoop Media	General (Publications)	\$ 338.61
John Deere Financial	Street/Water/Sewer/Park/Fire (Repair/Maintenance)	\$ 7.49
Lucero Services, LLC	Street/Water/Sewer/Park/Fire (Contracted Services)	\$ 400.00
Wray Gazette	General (Printing/Reproduction)	\$ 48.00
Miller & Associates	Street (Supt. Fees)	\$ 600.00
Pinnacle Bank - Insurance Account (Bank transfer)	General (Insurance) to build acct for Annual LARM pymt	\$ 1,100.00
Pinnacle Bank - Water Improvement Account (Bank Transfer)	Water (to build acct for Annual USDA loan pymt)	\$ 1,200.00
Pinnacle Bank - Street Account (Bank Transfer)	Street (25% Hwy Allocation of July pymt received)	\$ 876.52
Pinnacle Bank - Credit Card (ACH)	General (Stamps/Office Supply/Dues/Subs/R/M) Water (Postage/R/M)	\$ 1,560.55
		TOTAL \$ 17,572.47

Haskell made a motion, seconded by Gregory, to approve the August 2025 Treasurer's Report. Yes votes: Irwin, Gregory, Haskell and Tafoya. Absent: Noffsinger. Motion carried. A copy of the report is kept on file at the Village office.

Regarding the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) process with WCNDD, Chairperson Irwin, as an authorized signer per Resolution #2025-04, signed required documentation for the grant application.

In regard to the Sub-grant application from the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy, discussion was had to identify possible security and emergency response improvements that could be addressed by the grant for the Village facilities, along with an estimation of cost. Consensus was that a generator would be ideal as a back-up power source for the Village building. Irwin made a motion, seconded by Haskell, to approve to apply for the 2025-2026 Public Water System Security Sub-Grant giving Superintendent Thorn permission to complete and submit the application as the designated Public Water System representative. Yes votes: Gregory, Tafoya, Haskell and Irwin. Absent: Noffsinger. Motion carried.

Irwin made a motion, seconded by Tafoya, to approve to renew the Village propane contract with Frenchman Valley Coop for deliveries between November 01, 2025 and May 01, 2026 for a Fixed Price of \$1.89 with request for 2,000 gallons. Yes votes: Haskell, Gregory, Tafoya and Irwin. Absent: Noffsinger. Motion carried.

Discussion was had regarding the annual certification of program compliance 2025 to Nebraska Board of Public Roads. Chairperson Irwin introduced and read Resolution #2025-05. Haskell made a motion, seconded by Irwin, to approve and adopt Resolution #2025-05 and approve Chairperson Janelle Irwin to sign the yearly Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance for 2025. Yes votes: Gregory, Haskell, Tafoya and Irwin. Absent: Noffsinger. Motion carried. The original copy of the Resolution will be sent to Chris Miller, Street Superintendent from Miller & Associates for signature for Program Compliance; upon return, said Resolution will be mailed to Nebraska Board of Public Roads. A copy of Resolution #2025-05 is kept on file at the Village office.

Discussion and review were had regarding the Interlocal Law Enforcement Agreement with the Dundy County Sheriff's Department. Haskell made a motion, seconded by Irwin to approve the Interlocal Agreement with no changes. Yes votes: Gregory, Tafoya, Haskell and Irwin. Absent: Noffsinger. Motion carried. The Interlocal Law Enforcement Agreement will be sent to the Sheriff's Department for approval on their end.

The Budget Public Hearing will be held September 03, 2025 at 7:00p.m. at The Golden Inn, 203 Porter Ave., Haigler, NE. The Tax Request Public Hearing will be immediately following adjournment of the Budget Hearing with the regular monthly meeting to follow immediately afterwards.

The Public Hearing for the 1 & 6 Year Street Improvement Program will be October 08, 2025 at 7:00p.m. at the Village office meeting room with the regular monthly meeting immediately following.

There being no further business, Chairperson Irwin adjourned the meeting at 8:41p.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, Daniela Thorn, Village Clerk

Chairperson, Janelle Irwin

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