

VILLAGE OF HAIGLER MINUTES FOR REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING - JULY 09, 2025

The regular meeting of the Village of Haigler Board was held on July 09, 2025 at 7:30p.m. at the Village office meeting 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 emailed 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 7:31p.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 is displayed on the west wall of the Village meeting room as required by state law.

Present by roll call vote were Board Members Gregory, Haskell, Irwin and Noffsinger. Tafoya arrived at 7:38p.m. Also present were Superintendent James Thorn, Clerk/Treasurer Daniela Thorn and Dundy County Commissioner Sye Tecker. No one was present for public comments.

In Reports – Dundy County Commissioner: Sye Tecker was present to give a report from written notes with mention that the Commissioners had a couple of meetings on Monday, July 7th; the first included discussion regarding Emergency Management in the Haigler area. Anytime something emergency-wise comes into Haigler, the Haigler Volunteer Fire Department will now have information from dispatch including the address, what the impact is, etc. The second meeting was a Public Hearing regarding a permit for a 195ft Viaero tower to be located in the middle of Parks, NE; approval from the Zoning board exists. Date of construction is unknown at this time due to it being dependent on the timing of the application submittal and acquiring building materials. July 15th will be the next Public Hearing regarding the expansion of Blackshirt Feeders, LP to include 200,000 head of cattle; 150,000 existing with the addition of 50,000. Tecker stated that he has the water records from the NRD and the two private companies that have done surveys if anyone would like to see them. The need for another Public Hearing arose from additions to the conditional use permit for Blackshirt Feeders, LP to include assisting with any road repair damage to Harford, Haigler, and Green Road since their trucks are rough on them. With extra funds, the hope is to acquire extra equipment, help, and possibly mag every year to rebuild those roads to keep them updated; the additional taxes coming in with the 50,000 head expansion will be approximately \$1,000,000+ on top of what the County usually has, which can go a long way especially when it comes to the roads. In regard to roads, the Commissioners are currently looking into getting road drags for some of the roads in these areas being faster and cheaper than road graders. Of special note, Tecker, along with Dundy County Road Superintendent Kurt Sellers, will be at the Cornerstone Community Center in Haigler on Monday, July 28th from 6:30p.m. – 8:30p.m. This is an opportunity for anyone who has any county related concerns or questions they'd like to ask to come and address them in person.

Sheriff's Department - The June Sheriff's Dept. report was submitted in advance via email by Chief Deputy Lucci and presented by the Clerk. A copy of the Sheriff's Report is kept on file at the Village office.

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 6 Disconnect Notice letters for the month of June were mailed out on June 7th, 2025. All payments were received before the official water shut-off date of June 18th, 2025. A total of 17 Past Due Notice letters for bills that were due by June 15th, 2025 were mailed out on June 23rd, 2025. 14 Disconnect Notice letters were mailed out July 7th, 2025 after checking in with Darien from SWPPD (who does our billing) for an update on payments that morning. The official water shut-off date is July 16th, 2025. The Village received a refund of \$140.22 from the IRS for overpayment on tax period March 31, 2025 Form 941. Conversation was had again for the third time with a manager from QuickBooks and the IT department on June 9th regarding the PayrollCore setting for Colorado withholding tax. A refund of \$12.00 was issued to the Village due to being charged a Multistate filing fee again for the month of June 2025; all multistate settings are showing disabled so they are not sure why this keeps happening. The Village was billed by SWPPD for Ball field usage for the past month. An amount of \$7.48 was subtracted from the credit remaining on the Haigler Gun Club's balance; they currently have credit totaling \$211.71. The Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOT) is planning to install new crosswalk markings across Highway 34 on Porter Ave. at the end of next week. Per state statute, Public Notice of Salaries has to be published annually in the newspaper sometime between July 15th and August 15th. Also, per state statute of the Liquor Control Act, a Notice of Renewal for Retail Liquor License has to be published annually in the newspaper for C class licenses sometime between July 10th and 30th. Both required Notices for publication will be submitted this month. For planning and budgeting purposes, as of January 1st, 2026, SWPPD will be

increasing their monthly rate charged to the Village for handling billing services for water, sewer and trash for the Village of Haigler. This increase will help aid in the cost of doing business with gWorks billing software.

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) monthly testing for Coliform/Bacteria sampling report came back clear and negative of any E Coli or other harmful organic substances. All twelve Point Of Use (POU) Arsenic samplings came back below minimal acceptable levels (MCL). Second quarter reverse osmosis (RO) filter replacements are 90% completed with full completion to be this coming week. Two faulty water meters and readers were replaced this past month. The windshield for the Village Ranger truck was replaced. James replaced broken tail lamps on the truck, along with the center console arm rest since the original was disintegrating. He also installed new blinds for the front office area since the old ones were falling apart. Mowing at the parks, Village building, Ballfield, area next to the Ballfield of lumber and old equipment, old wells, new wells, fire station, sewer ponds and ditches in addition to weed trimming, is ongoing. Superintendent Thorn has installed the new 36" x 48" sign in the main Park. James shared with the Board the positive report of the recent street repair project; a letter of commendation for outstanding work was approved by the Board to be mailed to Figgins Construction Co., Inc.

Haskell made a motion, seconded by Noffsinger, to approve the Minutes from the June 04, 2025 regular meeting. Yes votes: Gregory, Tafoya, Irwin, Noffsinger and Haskell. Motion unanimously carried. A copy of the Minutes is kept on file at the Village office and also posted on the website.

Irwin made a motion, seconded by Tafoya, to approve the transfer of \$74,291.20 from the Street Fund to General Fund to pay Figgins Construction Co., Inc. Yes votes: Haskell, Gregory, Noffsinger, Tafoya and Irwin. Motion unanimously carried.

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

Salaries	General (Superintendent & Clerk/Treasurer)	\$ 5,016.34
IRS/941 payroll taxes (ACH)	General (941 payroll taxes)	\$ 1,427.75
Nebraska Department of Revenue (ACH)	General (Payroll Taxes)	\$ 151.50
IRS/940 Unemployment taxes (ACH)	General (Unemployment Taxes)	\$ 84.76
IRS/941 payroll taxes (ACH)	General (941 payroll taxes)	\$ 1,394.61
Nebraska Department of Revenue (ACH)	General (2nd Qtr 2025 Payroll Taxes, Form 941N)	\$ 476.83
Nebraska Department of Labor (ACH)	General (2nd Qtr 2025 Unemployment Tax UI-11T)	\$ 7.90
Nebraska Department of Revenue (ACH)	General (Form 10, 2nd Qtr 2025 Sales & Use Tax)	\$ 1,597.68
Dundy Co. Sheriff's Dept.	General (Contract)	\$ 840.00
BWTelcom	General/FD (Telephone)	\$ 344.74
SWPPD	Utilities/Billing	\$ 983.69
St. Francis Equity	Street/Water/Sewer/Park/Fire (Gas/Oil/Diesel)	\$ 415.01
American Ag Lab	Water (Testing)	\$ 55.12
One Call Concepts Inc	General (Telephone)	\$ 2.42
NE Public Health Environmental Lab	Water (Testing)	\$ 551.00
Scoop Media	General (Publications)	\$ 108.54
Waste Connections of NE, Inc.	Solid Waste (Contract)	\$ 2,731.24
Quality Farm & Ranch Center	Park (Capital outlay), General (R/M)	\$ 22.24
Wray Lumber	Park (Capital outlay)	\$ 7.32
The Appearance Edge	Street/Water/Sewer/Park/Fire (Repair/Maintenance)	\$ 388.00
NAPA Auto Parts	Street/Water/Sewer/Park/Fire (Repair/Maintenance)	\$ 17.96
Owens Implement & Supply	General (Repair/Maintenance)	\$ 89.98
Code 3 Fire & Rescue Life Insurance Program	FD (Group Insurance)	\$ 1,188.00
Castillo Lawn & Care	Street/Water/Sewer/Park/Fire (Contracted Services)	\$ 2,350.00
James Thorn	General (Telephone)	\$ 15.00
Figgins Construction Co., Inc.	Street (Repair/Maintenance)	\$ 74,291.20
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 June pymt received)	\$ 805.67
Pinnacle Bank - Credit Card (ACH)	General (Postage/Dues/Subscriptions/R/M) , Water (Postage, R/M), Street/Sewer/Park/Fire (R/M)	\$ 475.19
		TOTAL \$ 98,139.69

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

Discussion was had regarding West Central Nebraska Development District and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) process; Chairperson Irwin introduced and read Resolution #2025-04. Haskell made a motion, seconded by Noffsinger, to approve and adopt Resolution #2025-04 authorizing Chairperson Irwin, as a chief elected official, to sign documentation to apply for CDBG funds. Yes votes: Tafoya, Gregory, Irwin, Noffsinger and Haskell. Motion unanimously carried. The original copy of the Resolution is kept on file at the Village office. The Board of Trustees discussed dates and location for a Public Hearing regarding an application for the CDBG Program. The Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, August 06, 2025 beginning at 7:00p.m. MT until adjournment with the location to be held at The Golden Inn, 203 Porter Ave., Haigler, NE 69030.

Chairperson Irwin moved Agenda item #11 to be the last item of discussion for the meeting.

Haskell made a motion, seconded by Tafoya, to approve and sign the engagement letter allowing Dan Miller, CPA, PC to prepare all budget documents for the Village of Haigler through fiscal year ending September 30, 2026 with said document preparation to include the State Audit Waiver. Yes votes: Irwin, Noffsinger, Gregory, Tafoya and Haskell. Motion unanimously carried.

Discussion was had regarding setting a date for the annual Budget Workshop with Dan Miller, CPA, PC. The Special Budget Workshop Meeting will be on Tuesday, August 12th, 2025 beginning at 6:00p.m. MT to be held at the Village office meeting room located at 147 S Porter Ave., Haigler, NE 69030.

Discussion was had regarding membership renewal with the League Association of Risk Management (LARM); Chairperson Irwin introduced and read Resolution #2025-03. Haskell made a motion, seconded by Irwin, to approve and adopt the 2025-2026 Renewal Resolution #2025-03 agreeing to the 180 day and 3-year commitment with the League Association of Risk Management. Yes votes: Tafoya, Gregory, Noffsinger, Haskell and Irwin. Motion unanimously carried. The original copy of the Resolution is kept on file at the Village office.

Regarding the current volume of the Tree Dump, the Board discussed the weather conditions being too dry and windy to be able to acquire a burn permit at this time. Residents are encouraged to utilize the south side area of the dump as a workable solution for now.

Discussion was had regarding mailing and shipping methods for water samples. The postal service has been experiencing delays in shipping times, therefore posing an issue to the Village's ability to meet deadline requirements for shipping water samples. The Board of Trustees agreed that Superintendent Thorn can follow up with research on the possibility of having a FedEx account and what that would entail for future shipping needs.

Discussion was had regarding mosquito spraying this summer with the recent increase in heat and humidity. Superintendent Thorn will be following up with Lucero Services, LLC to set up an appointment to spray for mosquitos within the Village including alleyways and the main roadways. Public Notices for mosquito spraying will be posted at the Family Market, Haigler Country Café, Haigler US Post Office, the Village office and on the website Calendar in advance.

Discussion was had regarding the possibility of a painted mural on the Village building South of Highway 34. It was decided to not have a mural on the aforementioned building because it is reserved for Christmas decorations during the Holiday season.

The next regular Meeting will be held on August 06, 2025 immediately following the adjournment of the Public Hearing that starts at 7:00p.m. MT. Location for both Public Hearing and Board Meeting will be at The Golden Inn, 203 Porter Ave., Haigler, NE 69030.

Irwin made a motion, seconded by Noffsinger, to enter into closed session at 8:55p.m. to discuss Superintendent/Water Operator and Clerk/Treasurer candidates and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of any person. Yes votes: Gregory, Irwin, Haskell, Tafoya and Noffsinger. Motion unanimously carried. Motion by Haskell, seconded by Tafoya, to come out of closed session at 9:33p.m. Yes votes: Gregory, Irwin, Noffsinger, Tafoya and Haskell. Motion unanimously carried.

Haskell made a motion, seconded by Noffsinger, to approve hiring Casey Richard as the new full-time Superintendent for the Village of Haigler with a start date of August 1st and a starting wage of \$20.00 per hour with an increase to \$21.00 per hour after becoming a licensed Water Operator. Benefits include paid holidays, sick days and paid vacation time as reflected in the employee handbook; a \$500.00 per month health insurance stipend begins after the 90-

day probation period. Yes votes: Tafoya, Irwin, Noffsinger, Haskell and Gregory. Motion unanimously carried. Tafoya made a motion, seconded by Gregory, to readvertise in the Wray Gazette and Scoop Media for the position of Clerk/Treasurer for one month with the option of two months if needed, with emphasis on the qualifications of a robust clerical background. Yes votes: Haskell, Noffsinger, Irwin, Gregory and Tafoya. Motion unanimously carried.

There being no further business, Chairperson Irwin adjourned the meeting at 9:43p.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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