

## **VILLAGE OF HAIGLER MINUTES FOR REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING –**

**JANUARY 07, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Village of Haigler Board was held on January 07, 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 and Noffsinger. Tafoya arrived at 7:16 PM. Absent: Gregory. Others present were Superintendent Casey Richard, former Superintendent James Thorn, Clerk/Treasurer Karen Testa, former Clerk/Treasurer Daniela Thorn and Chief Deputy Lucci. There were no public comments.

In Reports – Sheriff’s Department – The December 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 7 Disconnect Notice letters for the month of December were mailed out on December 8, 2025. One resident account made arrangements to promise to pay on January 02, 2026; payment was received as promised. All other payments were received before the official water shut-off date of December 17, 2025. A total of 17 Past Due Notice letters for bills that were due by December 15, 2025 were mailed out on December 22, 2025. 12 Disconnect Notice letters were mailed out January 07, 2026 after checking in with SWPPD (who does our billing) for an update on payments. The official water shut-off date is January 15, 2026. An official tobacco license, valid from January 01 to December 31, 2026, were issued to both Family Market and Bush Tire & Service, LLC. Pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statutes, the license allows each business, along with its employees, to sell cigars, tobacco, cigarette materials, or e-cigarettes to persons over the age of 21 at the business address of the license. W-2’s and W-3N will be finished and filed before month’s end. As a reminder, as of January 01, 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. As a reminder on January 12, 2026, pennies are officially retiring. The Village of Haigler will adhere to upcoming Federal and State guidelines for cash transactions when updated and available.

Superintendent/Maintenance: Casey gave his Superintendent/Maintenance report from prepared notes, a copy of which is kept on file at the Village office. Casey shared that he passed his water operator class and applied for licensure. Repair of a cut wire took place on a resident’s meter reader. RO filter testing was performed for NDWEE. Fourth quarter Reverse Osmosis filter replacements were completed. Monthly Coliform preparation and testing was completed. Casey has started fixing the tree dump road. Clean-up of the park, roads and drainage ditches took place caused by the recent wind storm. The tower was purposely overflowed to be able to refill before power interruption. Preventive maintenance has been done on the Village Ranger, CAT loader and CAT grader. The Ranger’s battery cable was recently corroded and has been repaired. A fire hydrant valve on Porter Ave. has been repaired. Casey met with the Chairman at the Village on December 11, 2025 for a Safety Committee Meeting to discuss safety topics, descriptions and recommended actions. Shop clean-up and inventory are ongoing. Upcoming projects include: utilizing safety grant monies

awarded for the backup generator and contracting for the hook-up to the Village building and shop, replacing the fuel pump on the IH dump truck, ensuring there is RO filters on hand for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter filter replacement, budgeting to order crushed concrete and ensuring 90% response on the residential backflow surveys filed that are required every 5 years for municipalities by NDWEE.

Haskell made a motion, seconded by Noffsinger, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting including Reorganization held on December 03,2025. Yes votes: Noffsinger, Haskell and Irwin. Absent: Tafoya and Gregory. 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 Haskell, to approve to pay the January 2026 Claims. Yes votes: Haskell, Irwin and Noffsinger. Absent: Tafoya and Gregory. Motion carried. A copy of the Claims is kept on file at the Village office.

Salaries	General (Superintendent & Clerk/Treasurer)	\$ 10,518.24
IRS/941 payroll taxes (ACH)	General (941 payroll taxes)	\$ 2,391.18
IRS/940 Unemployment taxes (ACH)	General (Unemployment Taxes)	\$ 155.44
Nebraska Department of Revenue (ACH)	General (4th Qrtr 2025 Payroll Taxes, Form 941N)	\$ 263.00
Nebraska Department of Labor (ACH)	General (4th Qrtr 2025 Unemployment Tax UI-11T)	\$ 20.44
Nebraska Department of Revenue (ACH)	General (Form 10, 4th Qrtr 2025 Sales & Use Tax)	\$ 627.88
Dundy County Treasurer	General (Dundy County Sheriff Contract)	\$ 840.00
BWTelcom	General/FD (Telephone)	\$ 311.32
SWPPD	Utilities/Billing	\$ 1,146.05
St. Francis Equity	Street/Water/Sewer/Park/Fire (Gas/Oil)	\$ 149.82
NE Public Health Environmental Lab	Water (Testing)	\$ 148.00
Frenchman Valley Coop	General (Utilities)	\$ 908.07
Waste Connections of NE, Inc.	Solid Waste (Contract)	\$ 2,568.46
Scoop Media	General (Publications)	\$ 73.78
NAPA Auto Parts Imperial	General/Street/Water/Sewer/Park/Fire (Repair/Maint.)	\$ 255.30
NAPA Auto Parts Wray	Street/Water/Sewer/Park/Fire (Repair/Maint.)	\$ 161.64
Quality Farm & Ranch Center	General (Repair/Maint.) Water (Operating supplies)	\$ 100.97
CNA SURETY	General (Dues/Subs)	\$ 100.00
Dundy County-Stratton School District	General (License Refund)	\$ 320.00
Department of Water, Energy and Environment	Water (Dues/Subs)	\$ 115.00
Daniela Thorn	General (Mileage)	\$ 67.20
Casey Richard	General (Mileage)	\$ 312.20
Daniel D. Miller, CPA	General (Professional Fees)	\$ 500.00
James Thorn	General (Telephone)	\$ 15.00
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 December pymt received)	\$ 841.13
Pinnacle Bank - Credit Card (ACH)	Water (Postage)/Operating Supply, General (Dues/Subs/Office Supply/Meetings/Travel/Postage)	\$ 1,529.95
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 26,790.07</b>

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

Regarding the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) process, on December 22, 2025, Casey, James, Karen and Daniela took a CDBG Planning Overview Webinar that was required before eventually receiving grant funds in the Amplifund account. The Village is waiting on the next steps from Ed Dunn at West Central Nebraska Development District.

The American Legion Hall is in discussion with the District 9 for the purpose of liquor licensure; they will follow up with the Village regarding future SDL’s that will need approval.

Discussion was had about the potential need for trash service bids. Upon review of the current contract with Waste Connections Of NE, Inc., the consensus was to continue with the automatic renewal term as stated in paragraph 12 of the contract expiring March 1, 2026.

The next Regular Meeting will be held February 04, 2026 starting at 7:00p.m.

There being no further business, Chairperson Irwin adjourned the meeting at 7:40p.m. A complete copy of the Minutes is available for viewing at the Village office, or on the website at: [www.haiglerne.com/boardoftrustees](http://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

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Chairperson, Janelle Irwin

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Village Clerk, Karen Testa