

Village of Lodgepole
Special Board Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2025 – 5:00 PM
Lodgepole Community Hall – 732 Bates Blvd, Lodgepole, NE 69149

Notice of the meeting was given by posting at the Village Office, Lodgepole Post Office, Nancy Fawcett Memorial Library, and on the Village website. Notices were posted according to law. Chairman Susan Mitchell called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Roll Call: Present were Chairman Susan Mitchell, Trustees Rod Wilkins, Ken Kepler, Jaime Dykman, and Al Runge, and Clerk/Treasurer Julie Hays.

The Chair informed the public of the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act poster. The Board reserves the right to enter closed session under §84-1410 if necessary.

Community Comments:

There were no community comments.

Approval of Agenda:

Wilkins motioned to approve the agenda. During discussion, Dykman stated that adding an item regarding the status of Clerk and Treasurer training and the Village's financial obligations was necessary due to several concerns. She noted that the prior decision by Mitchell to extend the training period had been made without Board approval, and with the Village currently facing financial uncertainty, particularly as the Board was preparing to consider additional training costs and the potential hiring of an accounting firm, it was important for the matter to be discussed publicly before further funds were committed. Dykman stated that these circumstances constituted an emergency for purposes of adding the item to the agenda. She then motioned to amend the agenda to include "Discussion and Action on Training Status and Financial Obligations" as an emergency item. Runge seconded. Voting Yes: Wilkins, Dykman, Runge. Voting No: Kepler, Mitchell. Motion passed. Mitchell stated that she disagrees that this constitutes an emergency.

Discussion and Action on Training Status and Financial Obligations:

Under the added agenda item, the Board reviewed the status of the four-week approved training period for the new Clerk and Treasurer and the training support provided by Interim Clerk Cynthia Bell at twenty five dollars per hour. Bell reported that due to illness and schedule limitations, the Clerk and Treasurer had

authorize contracting with them for the audit or audit waiver and corrective work. Kepler seconded. Voting Yes: Wilkins, Kepler, Dykman, Mitchell, Runge. Motion passed.

Chairman Comments:

There were no Chairman comments.

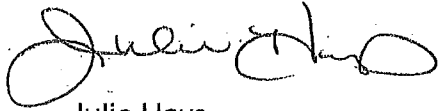
Board Member Comments:

There were no Board comments.

Adjournment:

The next regular meeting was scheduled for December 3, 2025 at 5:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.



Julie Hays
Clerk/Treasurer