

Village of Lodgepole  
Long-Range Planning Meeting  
January 16, 2024 @ Panther Activity Center (PAC)  
630 Orchard Street Lodgepole, NE 69149

Notice of this meeting was given in advance by posting at the Village Office (PAC), Lodgepole Post Office, the Nancy Fawcett Memorial Library, the Village website, and published in the Sidney Sun-Telegraph.

Called to order by Chair Savely 7PM.

Present: Chair RJ Savely, Mark Bartling, Gwen Devie, Brenda Parsons, Attorney Jerry Ostdeik.

Absent: Samuel Cheramie.

Board chair informed the public of the location of the Open Meetings Act poster and the Board's right to enter into closed session if deemed necessary per Section 84-1410 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes.

Bartling moved the agenda be approved. Parsons seconded. Vote: Yes: Savely, Bartling, Devie, Parsons. No: none. Absent: Cheramie. Motion carried.

Chair opened the floor for community comments and informed the public that the Board could not discuss or act at this time on any matter presented. Cindy Bondegard asked if minutes were published in the Sidney Sun-Telegraph, were agendas posted online, if there was a need for a second maintenance person. She also stated she would prefer if the Village office had open hours every day.

Devie moved to have Ethan Kraus, utilities maintenance supervisor, attend the water conference January 24-25, in Kearney. Bartling seconded. Vote: Yes: Savely, Bartling, Devie, Parsons. No: none. Absent: Cheramie. Motion carried.

Devie moved to change the agenda and have the discussion and action on changes in the clerk/treasurer's office moved to the executive session. Parsons seconded. Vote: Yes: Savely, Bartling, Devie, Parsons. No: none. Absent: Cheramie. Motion carried.

Devie moved to remove Linda Hardeman's access to all Adams Bank & Trust accounts effective January 21, 2024. Bartling seconded. Vote: Yes: Savely, Bartling, Devie, Parsons. No: none. Absent: Cheramie. Motion carried.

Devie moved to remove Linda Hardeman's access to all NPAIT accounts effective January 21, 2024. Parsons seconded. Vote: Yes: Savely, Bartling, Devie, Parsons. No: none. Absent: Cheramie. Motion carried.

Devie and Parsons volunteered to help Clerk prepare claims for February board meeting and the financials to close out FY21-22 and FY22-23.

Savely moved to enter executive session for personnel matters. Devie seconded. Vote: Yes: Savely, Bartling, Devie, Parsons. No: none. Absent: Cheramie. Motion carried. Executive session entered 6:06 pm.

Executive session ended 6:37 p.m.

Devie moved to make Tanya Engel full-time with benefits effective January 2, 2024. Parsons seconded. Vote: Yes: Savely, Bartling, Devie, Parsons. No: none. Absent: Cheramie. Motion carried.

The board held a brainstorming discussion on long-range plans. The discussion included restarting the Village Improvement Commission. Devie asked the Clerk to find the Union Pacific lease.

Devie moved to move ahead with the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy Section 128 environment study on the Panther Activity Center. Parsons seconded. Vote: Yes: Savely, Bartling, Devie, Parsons. No: none. Absent: Cheramie. Motion carried.

Savely said information on the Rural Revitalization grant and the Lodgepole motel was sent to Village Attorney Jerry Ostdiek for his review.

Savely adjourned meeting 7:41 p.m.

Next regular board meeting, Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 7 PM at PAC.

Submitted February 15, 2024, Tanya Engel, Village Clerk/Treasurer.