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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

October 1, 2024

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM. Roll call answered by RJ Savely, Mark Bartling, and Eric Dana, no absentees

Chair informed the public of the location of the posted Open Meetings Act by the door. The Board reserves the right to enter into closed session if deemed necessary for any item on the agenda per Section 84-1410 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes.

Citizens wishing to speak on a topic not on the agenda may comment at this time. Board cannot discuss or act upon this matter. There is a 5-minute time limit. Gwen Devie, 631 Latham Lodgepole, spoke on invoice entries.

Motion made by Mark Bartling to approve of the agenda, seconded by Eric Dana Approve: Eric Dana, Mark Bartling, and R J Savely. Disapprove: none. Motion carries

Action was taken upon approving Christina Neit to the board to fill the office until December 31, 2024.

Motion made by R J Savely, Seconded by Mark to accept Christina Neit on the Board of Trustees Voting for acceptance were Eric, Mark, and RJ none opposed. Motion carries.

Jerry Ostdiek, Village lawyer, administered the oath of office to Christina Neit. She will now be a trustee on the Village of Lodgepole Board of Trustees through December 2024.

There were no citizen action requests to act upon.

Rob Kuhns, designated water Supervisor for the Village of Lodgepole. Village of Lodgepole owns the water, Rob owns the license. He is reading our water along with Stephen Bell, utilities Manager, spoke to Board on the terminology used by Nebraska Water Department. Because of terminology used in a newspaper article about low pressure, the State of Nebraska considers that no pressure, no water. different parts of the Village. He is helping Steve with the water department until Steve can enroll in class. The first one he can get into is in 2025, February or March. He is on waiting list should a spot come open in one of the earlier classes. No one expressed a problem with water at this time.

Action cannot be taken at this time on the Resolution 283, Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance-NDOT. County Road Superintendent Skyler Saucedo, spoke to the board on the need to provide information to Roads Department before proceeding with this. Steve will get the information to him. We will have a Special meeting to do Resolution 283. Send to paper after signature.

Contact was made with Ideal Linen. They will no longer be servicing Lodgepole. They will be happy to service us in the future.

Mark Bartling presented 3 bids on repairing boiler in the PAC. It was suggested that we also contact Black Hills Energy to see if they would give us a quote. Mark will do this.

Discussion was held on selling parcel ID 170013685 to Mark Christiansen. This action is tabled until November as the board has questions and are requesting better maps of the area.

Discussion with Kurt Huff renting the pasture cannot be held until we resolve the action with Mark Christiansen.

Discussion was held on using the remaining ARPA funds towards the South Side Sewer project. Steve has received bids that include video, clean, and repair lines on south side. Motion was made by Mark Bartling to designate the remaining ARPA funds for use on the Southside Sewer project, Video and clean and repair to the max amount which is designated monies available from ARPA. Motion was seconded by Eric Dana. Those in favor: R J Savely, Mark Bartling, Eric Dana, and Christina Neit. Those opposing: none, Motion passed

The USDA has extended our deadline to use monies available to cap old water tower. Steve bell is getting bids on that project. USDA funds are available for us to cap old water tower. Sara Pierce extended deadline. Steve will get another bid to do work.

Discussion was held on the need for an assistant maintenance supervisor to assist Steve. Motion was made by Eric Dana to advertise for part time assistant maintenance supervisor. Motion was seconded by Mark Bartling. Those voting yes: R J Savely, Mark Bartling, Eric Dana, and Christina Neit. Motion carries We will advertise for full time/ part-time maintenance position.

Update on clerk and/or treasure. The Board received three applications for the position and has started the interview process. Melissa Gorsuch has started part time to work in evening and on weekends on finances. Jerry Ostdiek has provided a contract for her. She will work up to 20 hours weekly with progress report furnished to Board bi-weekly. Three applications have been received for clerk/treasure position. Board is reviewing them.

Discussion was held on the sanitation utilities. This is being tabled until November meeting.

Simple IRA plan for all full-time workers is available. We have one full time employee, Stephen Bell, and he stated he is not interested.

RJ Meyer accounting was here on October 1, 2024 to work on audit for 22-23 fiscal year. R J Savely made motion to remove Tanya Engel from all financial accounts, including but not limited to: Adams Bank, NPAIT, UBT, LPL Financial, Edward Jones, Points West Bank. Motion seconded by Mark Bartling. Those in favor: Christina Neit, Eric Dana, R J Savely, and Mark Bartling. Oppose: none Motion carries.

Motion to approve the consent agenda Motion made by Mark Bartling, seconded by Eric Dana. Yes: Mark Bartling, R J Savely, Eric Dana, and Christina Neit No: none: motion carries

Discussion on raising Interim Clerks hours to 40 hours a week. Eric Dana made motion to raise Interim Clerks hour to 40 hours a week to be retroactive. Mark Bartling seconded motion. Approve: Christina Neit, Mark Bartling, Eric Dana, and R J Savely. Motion carries.

Discussion was held on Maintenance update. Tires, lights on trailer, cameras at tree dump, etc. Eric Dana will check into using the cameras. Steve Bells diesel tank training is done, just waiting for state to do certification. The blades for mowers and tires will be on the November agenda.

Update on NPPD switch over and billing explained.

Motion made by Mark Bartling for the board to go into executive session with attorney per Section 84-1410 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes. Seconded by Eric Dana. YES: Christina, Eric, R J, Mark. Opposed: none Motion passed.

Upon completion of executive session, we will need to have a special meeting later this month.

Next regular board meeting will be Tuesday, November 5, at 5:30 PM at the PAC.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Diana Bruns

Interim Clerk