

**VILLAGE OF BEAVER CROSSING
MINUTES OF RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2025**

The Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Beaver Crossing, Nebraska met in open session at 7:00 p.m., at the Village Hall December 10, 2025. The public had received advance notice of the meeting by posting the notice in the following places: Village Hall, Farmers & Merchants Bank and the U.S. Post Office. Upon roll call, the following board members were present: Jerry Zieg, Jere Leif, Kaely Eberspachr, Ray Foreman, and Brandon Mares. Members of the staff present were Clerk/Treasurer Peggy Pankoke, Maintenance Ryan Kratochvil.

Clerk Pankoke brought the reorganizational meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meeting Act Poster. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Ray Foreman opened in prayer.

Clerk Pankoke opened the floor for nominations for board Chairman for 2026. Jere Leif nominated Jerry Zieg for Board Chairman. B. Mares seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Leif, Mares, Eberspacher, and Foreman all aye. Zieg abstain. Motion carried 4-0-1

Clerk Pankoke opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman for 2026. Zieg nominated Jere Leif for Vice Chairman. Foreman seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Zieg, Foreman, Eberspacher, and Mares all aye. Leif abstains. Motion carried 4-0-1.

Village appointments for 2026 were reviewed. Leif made a motion to appoint the 2026 Village appointments as follows: Village Clerk/Treasurer: Peggy Pankoke, Maintenance: Ryan Kratochvil, Planning Commission Chairman: Chris Heater, Village Attorney: Matt Blaser with Solheim Law Firm, Village CPA: Romans Wiemer & Associates, JEO Consulting Group, Inc. as our Village Engineer, Village Street Superintendent: Ryan C. Kavan of JEO Consulting Group, Inc., Law Enforcement: Seward County Sheriff's Department, Legal Newspaper: Seward Co. Independent, Village Depository: Farmers & Merchants Bank, Advisory Accountant: Jami Kozisek. Eberspacher seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Eberspacher to adjourn the reorganizational meeting, motion seconded by Mares. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0. **Adjournment Sine Die**, at 7:03p.m.

Chairman Zieg called the regular meeting to order at 7:04pm. Zieg opened the meeting

Minutes: Eberspacher made a motion to approve the Board meeting minutes for November 12, with correction to claims vote, and minutes for the November 20, Board workshop. Motion seconded by Mares. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

Financial: Eberspacher made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Leif. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

Claims: were reviewed. Eberspacher made a motion to approve the claims. Motion seconded by Foreman. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment: Trey Wayne shared that he is running for Seward Co. Sheriff in 2026. Dave Pankoke stated that the American Legion funds are low. The Legion may not be able to pay for liability insurance for the building. Clerk Pankoke will check with LARM on liability coverage. Dave also stated that the A/C unit needs to be replaced, cost would be about \$13,500.00.

Planning Commission: Heater shared that the Planning Commission plans to review the SENDD surveys.

Maintenance Report: Need to locate 3 more shutoffs and also identify extra curb stops on properties. Mares made a motion to purchase a 2020 Polaris UTV for \$15,000.00 from John Spatz, Brainard. Foreman seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence: none.

Unfinished Business:

- A. A sod cutter was rented and extra grass was removed around both ballfields; the fields are ready for Grounded Turf Solutions. Topline should provide a blueprint for awning so we can place beams.
- B. Ordinance 25-3 to increase Village monthly water rates to \$35.00 and extra curb stops to \$20.00 monthly. Eberspacher made a motion to suspend the readings of Ordinance 25-3. Mares seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0. Eberspacher made a motion to adopt Ordinance 25-3 to increase monthly water rates effective January 1, 2026. Mares seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.
- C. Mares made a motion to declare 808 Main St, 810 Main St and 707 Oak Nuisance and order to abate. Foreman seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0. Clerk will contact Attorney to send letter. Discussion on who would assist with removal of vehicles?
- D. Pool House improvements, Leif and Pankoke requested grant money for the project for the Ihde Fund.
- E. Resolution 25-8, Exhibit A for the Fire Dept addition. Mares made a motion for the following selection of Committee Members: Jerry Zieg, Jere Leif, Mike Pankoke. Village Staff Member: Attorney Matt Blaser and Clerk Pankoke. Specialized Expert: Scott Petersen, Village Architect: Greg Newport and Other Village Resident: Trey Wayne. Eberspacher seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Mares, Eberspacher, and Foreman aye. Zieg and Leif abstain. Motion carried 3-0-2.
- F. Resolution 25-9 for the sale of Parcel #800049845 will take place on February 11, 2026 at 7pm by auction, by Quick Clain Deed, minimum bid of \$250.00. An easement for the Village propane tank will be allowed. Eberspacher made a motion to adopt Resolution 25-9. Mares seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

New Business:

- A. Ordinance Chapter 5, Article 204. Joe Kallhoff currently is living in a camper on the 700 block of Dimery Ave. Joe would like to stay in the camper through March. The Board approved and requested he fill out a special permit.
- B. Consider approval of a Professional Service Agreement for up to \$25,000 with Southeast Nebraska Development District (SENDD) for General Administration services for the Public Works - Facilities CDBG project (NDED Contract No. 25PWF002), and authorization for the Board Chair to execute the agreement. Verification of SENDD's SAM.gov status and exclusions. Following discussion, a motion was made by Eberspacher, seconded by Foreman, to approve the Professional Service Agreement with Southeast Nebraska Development District (SENDD) and to authorize the Board Chair to execute the agreement. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.
- C. Consider approval of a Professional Service Agreement for up to \$5,000 with Southeast Nebraska Development District (SENDD) for Construction Management service for the Public Works-Facilities CDBG project (NDED Contract No. 25PWF002) and authorize the Board Chair to execute the agreement contingent upon issuance of Release of Funds & Environmental Clearance by NDED. Verification of SENDD's SAM.gov status and exclusions. Following discussion, a motion was made by Eberspacher, seconded by Foreman, to approve the Professional Service Agreement with Southeast Nebraska Development District (SENDD) and to authorize the Board Chair to execute the agreement contingent upon issuance of Release of Funds & Environmental Clearance by NDED. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

Board Member Reports: **Mares** reported that the new park/trail area is being surveyed. He also stated that we are able to relocate the street sign on west Dimery Ave. **Foreman** is working on untangling the Windstream contract.

Clerk Report: Reminded the Board that the Village is tax exempt on most items. We can supply a Form-13.

Adjournment: Eberspacher made a motion to adjourn. Foreman seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:37p.m.

Minutes approved by _____ Chairman of the Board

Attest _____ Clerk/ Treasurer