

Village of Dorchester Board of Trustees Minutes
April 13, 2026

The regular meeting of the Village of Dorchester Board of Trustees was held Monday, April 13, 2026, at the Farmers Cooperative Meeting Room, and was called to order at 6:32 p.m. Chairperson Miller advised those present of the Open Meetings Act. Answering Roll Call were board members Matt Shaw, Nancy Tellez, Tammie Lang, and Chairperson Roger Miller. Nate Hitchins was excused. Also in attendance were Jen Kasl, Clerk-Treasurer; Dawn Zoubek, Deputy Clerk; Brent Kasl, Utilities Superintendent; Gavin Hobson, Assistant Utilities Superintendent; Brant Pracheil, DVFD and Festival Committee; Jerod Francis, Code Compliance; Kelly Hoffschneider, Hoffschneider Law, P.C., LLO; Shayne Huxoll, Olsson; Andrea Pracheil and Mike Vodicka, Baseball/Softball Committee; Elizabeth Mumm and DPS students, Youth Action Committee; Travis Kemerling. Advance Notice of the meeting was posted at the Dorchester US Post Office; First State Bank, NE; Village of Dorchester office and in *The Crete News*.

As there were a lot of visitors with agenda items to discuss, the meeting order was adjusted.

New business: Vodicka and A. Pracheil requested an additional \$1000 of funding for baseball/softball field improvements and for purchasing equipment. Motion by Lang, seconded by Tellez to approve the additional funds out of the Keno account. Motion carried (4-0-1). DPS Students from the Youth Action Committee (YAC) submitted a proposal for park improvements and requested permission to seek funds through grants for said improvements with potential for the village to assist with funding. Motion by Miller, seconded by Shaw to approve the request to seek funds. Motion carried (4-0-1). Brant Pracheil spoke on behalf of the Festival Committee and requested \$10,000 again this year for the fireworks. Motion by Miller, seconded by Lang to approve the request. Motion carried (4-0-1). Travis Kemerling would like to bring back the fireworks stand if he can secure a license and a location. Motion by Shaw, seconded by Miller to allow the fireworks stand from June 24-July 5 per village code, as long as all permits are pulled correctly. Motion carried (4-0-1). The sheriff arrived and gave the sheriff's report. Pracheil gave the fire report. The Easter egg hunt and the brisket fundraiser both went well. Francis gave the code compliance report. Motion by Shaw, seconded by Miller to pay half of the cost to replace the electric pole at 8th & Washington, with the homeowner paying the other half. Motion carried (4-0-1). Motion by Shaw, seconded by Tellez to send letters regarding mowing with needing attorney approval first. Motion carried (4-0-1). Shaw reported on the SSCSWMA meeting. The vote to change the number of votes each town is apportioned failed. They will be updating the by-laws and will again have funds available for member communities.

Discussion was held on Consent Agenda Items. Motion by Shaw, seconded by Lang to start with two recycle trailers and approve up to five again. Motion carried (4-0-1). Motion by Lang, seconded by Tellez, to approve Consent Agenda Items #1-#4. Motion carried (4-0-1).

Unfinished business: Consideration of Future Infrastructure Projects – Water and Streets. Motion by Miller, seconded by Lang to approve Olsson Work Order No. 9 for well design. Motion carried (4-0-1). There were some issues with damaged water mains from Gana doing the dirt work. Bills will be submitted to MTZ for reimbursement. Hitchins arrived at 7:27 p.m. Motion by Miller, seconded by Lang to approve Pay App #4 for MTZ for the street improvements. Motion carried. Motion by Miller, seconded by Shaw to submit all other damage bills to Olsson/MTZ to have them paid directly. Motion carried. Discussion was held on the proposed street projects for Wagner from 11th-12th, the west end of 11th, and Lincoln from 6th-7th. Wagner will be dropped for now. Motion by Shaw, seconded by Tellez to table the estimates until street design has been received. Motion carried. Motion to table the

assessments until final numbers are received. Motion carried. Discussion held on the City of Crete electrical agreement. Motion by Miller, seconded by Hitchins to approve the agreement. Discussion was held on the proposed electrical project at the Quonset site. Only one bid has been received back. Motion by Hitchins, seconded by Tellez to table until more bids have been received. Motion carried. Motion by Shaw, seconded by Lang to open the Public Hearing. Motion carried. The village is working to purchase seven lots from Greg Tyser. Having no public comment, motion by Miller, seconded by Shaw to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Resolution 2026-01 for the purchase of Tyser's property was presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01

VILLAGE OF DORCHESTER,
NEBRASKA

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DORCHESTER, NEBRASKA AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY FOR USE BY THE VILLAGE.

Recitals

- A. Gregory K. Tyser and Rebecca Tyser, own certain real property located in Dorchester, Nebraska more particularly described as:
 - Lots 1212-1216 (Parcel ID: 760040745) and Lots 1210, 1211, and 1209, except the south 22 feet of Lot 1209 to be surveyed (Parcel ID: 760040737), Village of Dorchester, Nebraska.
- B. The Village's acquisition of the above-described real property will benefit the Village and its residents.
- C. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 18-1755 and Dorchester Municipal Code § 8-112 authorize the Village to acquire real property upon approval of the acquisition by action taken in a public meeting after notice and public hearing.
- D. The Village has held a public hearing and desires to purchase the real property.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the VILLAGE OF DORCHESTER, Nebraska:

- 1. The Village hereby approves the acquisition of real property from Gregory K. Tyser and Rebecca Tyser, in accordance with the authority under Nebraska law and the Dorchester Municipal Code.
- 2. The Board Chairperson of the Village is hereby authorized to execute a Purchase Agreement and to take all actions necessary to effectuate the acquisition of real property from Gregory K. Tyser and Rebecca Tyser.

This has been approved on April 13, 2026. VILLAGE OF DORCHESTER, NEBRASKA


By: _____
Roger Miller, Village Board Chairperson

(Seal)

ATTEST: _____
Jennifer Kasl, Village Clerk

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Lang to approve Resolution 2026-01. Motion carried. The title company is working on the title agreement and closing is set for May 29, once all additional steps have been followed. Motion by Miller, seconded by Shaw to table the ordinance to vacate the west part of 8th Street. Motion carried. Discussion was held on a quote from Maguire to replace the water tower light. Motion by Shaw, seconded by Miller to purchase a light up to \$1000, and have B. Kasl replace it. Motion carried. Discussion held on the quote for the wall repair. Once Clerk Kasl gets the updated bid, it will be forwarded to the insurance company for repair. Discussion held on the membership renewal and donation for NeRWA. Motion by Shaw, seconded by Miller to renew the membership and approve the dues of \$300. Motion carried. Motion by Miller, seconded by Hitchins to give NeRWA a donation of \$500. Motion carried. Discussion held on budget items. Motion by Lang, seconded by Hitchins to approve the quote of \$13,954.53 from Nick's Farm Store for a new Grasshopper mower. Motion carried. Once a pickup under budget is found, quotes will be presented to the board.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Shaw, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m. Next regular meeting will be **Monday, May 11, 2026 at 6:30 pm at the Farmers Cooperative Meeting Room.**

Signed Chairman: 
Clerk - Treasurer: 