

Village of Dorchester Board of Trustees Minutes
August 11, 2026

The regular meeting of the Village of Dorchester Board of Trustees was held Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at the Farmers Cooperative Meeting Room, and was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Chairperson Miller advised those present of the Open Meetings Act. Answering Roll Call were board members Matt Shaw, Nancy Tellez, Tammie Lang, Nate Hitchins, and Chairperson Roger Miller. Also in attendance were Jen Kasl, Clerk-Treasurer; Brent Kasl, Utilities Superintendent; AJ Novak, Assistant Utilities Superintendent; Jerod Francis, Code Compliance; Brant Pracheil, DVFD; Kirk Rasmussen, GSS, Inc; and Kelly Hoffschneider, Hoffschneider Law, P.C., LLO. 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*.

Public Hearing for Telecommunications Tower. Motion by Miller, seconded by Hitchins to open the public hearing. Kirk Rasmussen presented information on a proposed telecommunications tower on property within the ETJ. Motion by Miller, seconded by Shaw to close the public hearing. Atty. Hoffschneider stated there was not enough information on the agenda to approve the conditional use permit. Public hearing will be rescheduled for a later date.

Consideration and discussion of Consent Agenda items #1-#4. Motion by Lang, seconded by Tellez, to approve Consent Agenda Items #1-#4. Motion carried. Sheriff not in attendance. Chief Pracheil gave the fire report. Francis gave the code compliance report. There will be further discussion on the nuisance properties later in the meeting.

Unfinished business: Consideration of Future Infrastructure Projects – Water and Streets. Motion by Shaw, seconded by Lang to approve Pay Application #7 for MTZ. Motion carried. Discussion on the semi-truck route. Kasl will order a couple of loads of crushed concrete for 5th & Fulton. Consideration of Proposed Electrical Project for 492 Co Rd 1400. Motion by Miller, seconded by Hitchins to table due to concerns on income generated. Motion carried. Clerk Kasl will gather more information on how it's been handled for other properties on the edge of village limits.

New Business:

Consideration and discussion of LARM 2026-2027 renewal proposal. Motion by Hitchins, seconded by Shaw to approve the 3-year, 5% contract. Motion carried. Resolution 2026-06 was presented:

League Association of Risk Management
2026-27 Renewal Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-06

WHEREAS, Village of Dorchester is a member of the League Association of Risk Management (LARM);

WHEREAS, section 8.10 of the Interlocal Agreement for the Establishment and Operation of the League Association of Risk Management provides that a member may voluntarily terminate its participation in LARM by written notice of termination given to LARM and the Nebraska Director of Insurance at least 90 days prior to the desired termination given to and that members may agree to extend the required termination notice beyond 90 days in order to realize reduced excess coverage costs, stability of contribution rates and efficiency in operation of LARM; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of LARM has adopted a plan to provide contribution credits in consideration of certain agreements by members of LARM as provided in the attached letter.

BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of Dorchester Nebraska, in consideration of the contribution credits provided under the LARM Board's plan, agrees to:

- ☐ Provide written notice of termination at least 180 days prior to the desired termination date, which date shall be no sooner than September 30, 2029. (180 day and 3 year commitment; 5% discount)
- ☐ Provide written notice of termination at least 180 days prior to the desired termination date, which date shall be no sooner than September 30, 2028. (180 day and 2 year commitment; 4% discount)
- ☐ Provide written notice of termination at least 180 days prior to the desired termination date, which date shall be no sooner than September 30, 2027. (180 day notice only; 2% discount)
- ☐ Provide written notice of termination at least 90 days prior to the desired termination date, which date shall be no sooner than September 30, 2029. (90 day notice and 3 year commitment only; 2% discount)
- ☐ Provide written notice of termination at least 90 days prior to the desired termination date, which date shall be no sooner than September 30, 2028. (2 year commitment only; 1%)
- ☐ Provide written notice of termination at least 90 days prior to the desired termination date, which date shall be no sooner than September 30, 2026. (90 day Notice only)

Adopted this 11th day of August, 2026.

Signed: Roger Miller, Board Chairperson
 ATTEST: Jennifer M. Kasl, Clerk-Treasurer

Motion by Lang, seconded by Shaw to approve Resolution 2026-06. Motion carried. Consideration and discussion of Resolution 2026-07 to authorize signing of the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2026:

**RESOLUTION
 SIGNING OF THE
 MUNICIPAL ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE
 2026**

Resolution No. 2026-07

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2115, 39-2119, 30-2120, 39-2121, and 39-2520(2), requires an annual certification of program compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and standards; and

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statute, section 39-2120 also requires that the annual certification of program compliance by each municipality shall be signed by the Mayor or Village Board Chairperson and shall include the resolution of the governing body of the municipality authorizing the signing of the certification.

Be it resolved that the Mayor ☐ Village Board Chairperson ☐ of Dorchester is hereby authorized to sign the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2025 at _____ Nebraska.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Hitchins to approve Resolution 2026-07. Motion carried. Consideration and discussion for Signing Certification of Program Compliance to Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards 2026. Motion by Shaw, seconded by Hitchins to approve the certification. Motion carried. Consideration and discussion of nuisance properties. Resolution 2026-08 was presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE CHAIRPERSON AND VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DORCHESTER, NEBRASKA DECLARING PROPERTIES AS NUISANCE PROPERTIES.

WHEREAS several properties have become nuisance properties in accordance with the Village of Dorchester Municipal Code Section 4-302.

WHEREAS all nuisance properties shall be declared to be nuisances and shall be remedied and abated as provided by this Resolution and the Village of Dorchester Municipal Code Section 4-305.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Village of Dorchester, Nebraska:

1. The Village Board hereby declares the following properties to each be a nuisance property, in accordance with the authority under Nebraska law and the Dorchester Municipal Code:

See attached Exhibit "A".

2. The Village Clerk or her designee shall deliver notices to the property owners declaring each property a nuisance.

3. The notice will indicate the owners must remedy and abate the nuisances on the property within fourteen (14) days of receiving the notice. The notice shall also include the particulars which make the property a nuisance and an order requiring the same to be put in such condition as to comply with the Village of Dorchester Municipal Code Section 4-302. The notice shall also state the violator may request a hearing within five (5) days of receiving this notice.

4. If the property is not remedied and abated within fourteen (14) days of receiving the notice, the property owner shall be fined Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) per day until the nuisance is remedied and abated.

This has been approved this ____ day of August, 2026.

VILLAGE OF DORCHESTER, NEBRASKA

By: Roger Miller, Board Chairperson

ATTEST: Jen Kasl, Village Clerk

(Seal)

EXHIBIT "A"

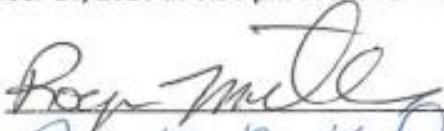
PROPERTIES DECLARED TO BE NUISANCES

1009 Jefferson
1003 Washington
913 Fulton
1009 Stephens
802 Franklin
1003 Stephens
106 East 10th Street

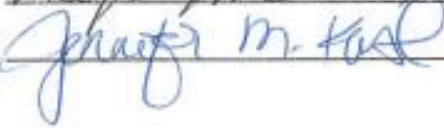
Motion by Shaw, seconded by Lang to approve Resolution 2026-08. Motion carried. Notice will be served in person by the code compliance officer. If resident does not answer the door or accept the notice, it will be posted on the door, and mailed via regular and certified mail. Discussion was held on the highway allocation CDs. Motion by Miller, seconded by Hitchins to cash in all four CDs and transfer the funds to the general account. Motion carried. Discussion held on the SCAT budget request. Motion by Shaw, seconded by Tellez to approve the request. Motion carried. Discussion was held on a potential village ordinance regulating the use of scooters, e-bikes, and golf carts. More research will be done on what other villages and towns are doing.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Shaw, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m. Next regular meeting will be **Monday, September 14, 2026 at 6:30 pm at the Farmers Cooperative Meeting Room.**

Signed Chairman:

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Clerk - Treasurer:

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