

Village of Dorchester Board of Trustees Minutes February 9, 2026

The regular meeting of the Village of Dorchester Board of Trustees was held Monday, February 9, 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; Dawn Zoubek, Deputy Clerk; Brent Kasl, Assistant Utilities Superintendent; Jerod Francis, Code Compliance; Shayne Huxoll, Olsson; 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*.

Motion by Hitchins, seconded by Lang, to approve Consent Agenda Items #1-#4. Motion carried. B. Kasl gave the fire report. The recognition banquet will be February 21st. Francis gave the code compliance report. Most properties on the list will not be re-contacted until March. Francis will discuss necessary info with Atty. Hoffschneider for letter to be drafted. Deputy arrived and gave the sheriff's report. The school has been reporting increased speeding in front during school drop off and pick-up. The recent thefts around town are now a federal case, and five warrants have been issued.

Unfinished business: Consideration of Future Infrastructure Projects – Water and Streets. Motion by Miller, seconded by Lang to approve Olsson Work Order No. 8. Motion carried. Discussion was held on the intersection of 10th & Franklin Avenue. Huxoll will take a look at it. Discussion held on MTZ Pay App #3. Motion by Hitchins, seconded by Tellez to approve. Motion carried. Discussion held on quotes for manhole covers. Motion by Miller, seconded by Hitchins to approve the quote by Excel Excavating. Motion carried. Clerk Kasl gave an update on the new bonds for this year. Brad Slaughter is no longer with Northland Securities, so Austin Partridge will be our new contact. Discussion held on CD options. Four new CDs were purchased for Highway Allocation and one was purchased for the General. Highway Allocation CDs need to be spent by November. Motion by Miller, seconded by Lang to table the generator quotes until March. Motion carried.

New business: Discussion was held on a proposed electrical project at the quonset site. More info will be brought to the board next month. Discussion was held on the vacation of 8th Street from West Line to Wagner Avenue. Motion by Lang, seconded by Hitchins to direct Atty. Hoffschneider to create an ordinance to vacate. Motion carried. Discussion held on the quote for additional street lights. Motion by Miller, seconded by Lang to purchase four additional LED lights. Motion carried. Discussion was held on the proposed City of Crete electrical agreement. Atty. Hoffschneider would request additional language to be included on two items. Motion by Hitchins, seconded by Lang, to table until March. Motion carried. Discussion was held on items brought to us by DPS. Motion by Miller, seconded by Hitchins to approve the purchase of six flashing stop signs out of keno funds. Motion carried. Motion by Lang, seconded by Tellez to table the proposed interlocal agreement until a later date. Motion carried. Discussion held on the lot for a proposed bus barn. Once a specific plan has been submitted, a public hearing can be discussed. Discussion was held on the applications for the Assistant Utility Superintendent. Motion by Lang, seconded by Miller to set up a special meeting for February 17 at 5:00 pm at the office to go over interviews and get committee recommendations. Motion carried. Motion carried. Motion by Miller, seconded by Tellez to enter closed session at 7:51 p.m. for a period of no more than 30 minutes to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining, real estate purchases, pending litigation, or litigation which is imminent as evidence by communication of a claim or threat of

litigation to or by the public body. Motion carried. Exited closed session at 8:36 pm. No formal action was taken during closed session.

Motion by Hitchins, seconded by Tellez, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m. Next regular meeting will be **Monday, March 9, 2026 at 6:30 pm at the Farmers Cooperative Meeting Room.**

Signed Chairman: Ray Miller
Clerk - Treasurer: Jennifer M. Kasl