

Village of Dorchester Board of Trustees Minutes

January 12, 2026

The regular meeting of the Village of Dorchester Board of Trustees was held Monday, January 12, 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; and Chief Pracheil, DVFD. 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 Shaw, seconded by Hitchins, to approve Consent Agenda Items #1-#4. Motion carried. Chief Pracheil gave the fire report. They are working on getting the old pumper on online auction (AuctionTime). The recognition banquet will be February 21st. Miller brought up the idea of a sign for the new building. Chief Pracheil will research and bring info back to the next meeting. Code compliance report in packet.

Unfinished business: Consideration of Future Infrastructure Projects – Water and Streets. Nothing to report. Consideration and discussion of CD options. Motion by Miller, seconded by Lang, to leave the sales tax and shop building CDs cashed out and in the general account; to put the general CD back into a CD; and to put the four highway allocation CDs back into four different CDs in early February. Motion carried. Deputy arrived and gave the sheriff's report. Discussion was held on the generator for Well #5. B. Kasl will do some more research and get additional quotes. Motion by Miller, seconded by Shaw to table until the February meeting. Motion carried.

New business: Consideration and discussion of conferences and training opportunities. Motion by Miller, seconded by Lang to approve registration and rooms for staff wanting to attend the Midwinter Conference, and the Nebraska Municipal Clerks Institute. Motion carried. No info yet for the NeRWA Annual Conference, so it will be added to the February agenda. Motion by Miller, seconded by Shaw to enter closed session at 6:57 p.m. for a period of no more than 15 minutes to discuss the evaluation of the job performance of a person when necessary to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person and if such person has not requested a public meeting to discuss the utility superintendent resignation and vacancy. Motion carried. Motion by Miller, seconded by Shaw to come out of closed session at 7:01 p.m. Motion carried. No formal action was taken during closed session. Motion by Miller to promote B. Kasl to Utility Superintendent and to increase his pay to \$23.60. Motion failed. Motion by Shaw, seconded by Tellez to promote B. Kasl to Utility Superintendent and keep his pay the same for a six-month probationary period. Motion carried. Applications for an assistant will be accepted until February 6. Ads will be placed in the paper, posted in the three locations, put on the marquee, the website, and on Facebook.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Hitchins, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m. Next regular meeting will be **Monday, February 9, 2026 at 6:30 pm at the Farmers Cooperative Meeting Room.**

Signed Chairman: _____

Clerk - Treasurer: _____


