

Village of Dorchester Board of Trustees Minutes September 8, 2025

The regular meeting of the Village of Dorchester Board of Trustees was held Monday, September 8, 2025, at the Farmers Cooperative Meeting Room, immediately following the budget hearing and special hearing, and was called to order at 6:35 p.m. Chairperson Miller advised those present of the Open Meetings Act. Answering Roll Call were board members Matt Shaw, Tammie Lang, Nancy Tellez, Nate Hitchins, and Chairperson Roger Miller. Also in attendance were Jen Kasl, Clerk-Treasurer; Dawn Zoubek, Deputy Clerk; Jerod Francis, Code Compliance; Carsten Mlady, NPPD; Brant Pracheil, DVFD; and Atty. Kelly Hoffschneider, Hoffschneider Law. Advance Notice of the meeting was posted at the Dorchester Post Office; First State Bank, NE; Village of Dorchester office and in *The Crete News*.

Motion by Tellez, seconded by Hitchins, to approve Consent Agenda Items #1-#4. Motion carried. Sheriff's report given. Pracheil gave the fire report. The SCBA that was approved last meeting has been ordered. Francis gave the code compliance report. Motion by Miller, seconded by Hitchins to send out the additional letters per Francis' recommendations. Motion carried.

Miller opened with New Business #1. Carsten Mlady, NPPD, presented info on the NPPD 2026 Wholesale Power Contract. Motion by Shaw, seconded by Miller to approve the contract. Motion carried. **Unfinished Business:** Discussion of Street Improvement Projects. Work is progressing somewhat slowly due to all the rain. Consideration and discussion of livestock and fowl within the village limits. Motion by Miller, seconded by Shaw to direct Atty. Hoffschneider to create an ordinance permitting 10 fowl and no roosters. Motion carried. Discussion held on WWAC Funding Proposals. Clerk Kasl is waiting for more information from the USDA, and will bring back for discussion next month. **New Business:** Motion Lang, seconded by Tellez to approve the 1% increase in restricted funds authority. Motion carried. Motion by Shaw, seconded by Hitchins to approve the 2025-2026 budget. Motion carried. Resolution 2025-06 setting the final tax request was read:

RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST RESOLUTION NO. 2025-06

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of the Village of Dorchester passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the Village of Dorchester resolves that:

1. The 2025-2026 property tax request be set at:

General Fund:	\$	254,586.00
Bond Fund:	\$	-

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 9.18 percent.
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be 0.42592 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. The Village of Dorchester proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.447216 per \$100 of assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of the Village of Dorchester will increase last year's budget by 14.24 percent.

6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2025.

Motion by Hitchins, seconded by Shaw to adopt Resolution 2025-06. Motion carried. Consideration of application for new DVFD member. Motion by Miller, seconded by Lang to approve the new member. Motion carried. Consideration and discussion of Resolution 2025-07 to authorize signing of the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2025 was read:

**RESOLUTION
SIGNING OF THE
MUNICIPAL ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE
2025**

Resolution No. 2025-07

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 _____ is hereby authorized to sign the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance.

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

Motion by Miller, seconded by Shaw to approve the Resolution. Motion carried. Consideration and discussion for Signing Certification of Program Compliance to Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards 2025. Motion by Miller, seconded by Hitchins to approve the certification. Motion carried. Discussion was held on keno CD options. Motion by Miller, seconded by Shaw to renew the CD at the best rate option. Motion carried. Discussion held on setting a date for a special meeting to conduct employee reviews. Meeting will be Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 4 pm at the community hall. Motion by Shaw, seconded by Lang to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m. Next regular meeting will be Monday, October 13, 2025, at 6:30 pm at the Farmers Cooperative Meeting Room.

Signed Chairman:

Clerk - Treasurer:


