Board of Public Works
Regular Meeting
June 10, 2025

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A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was convened in open and public session at 5:00pm on June 10, 2025, at the City Council Chambers, 223 S Chestnut St. Board members Jack Shaw, Jim Cederburg, Tammy Land, and Tim Carlson were in attendance. Also attending were Water Superintendent Craig Aragon, City Administrator Annette Brower, Electric Supervisor Bill Hinton, WWTP Supervisor Blake Wagner, Landfill Supervisor Jim Schulte, and City Treasurer Jean Klassen. Members of the public were also present.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Western Nebraska Observer. Notice of the meeting was given to the members and a copy of their acknowledgement of receipt of notice and the agenda is on record at the city office of the City Clerk. Availability of the agenda was communicated in advance notice and in the notice to the members. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Cederburg called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. On the roll call the following members were present: Carlson, Cederburg, Shaw, and Land.

Cederburg acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act.

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Shaw to excuse the absence of board member Deb Evertson, who notified Cederburg of the absence due to prior commitments. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Carlson, Cederburg, Land, and Shaw. Nay: None. Absent: Evertson. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Land to approve the consent agenda items as one which includes the minutes, bills, Treasurer's reports, and financial reports from the Board of Public Works meeting held on May 13, 2025. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Carlson, Land, and Shaw. Nay: None. Absent: Evertson. Motion carried.

Cederburg opened a discussion on a Bulk Water Station – Per Craig Aragon, Water Department Supervisor, installing this feature will have multiple benefits, less wear and tear on our existing hydrants and system, easy access for contractors and farmers to bulk water, and other. This system comes with its own valves and backflows; it also offers a prepaid card payment method for convenience and easy access. Per Eric Nagy with Aqua flow, they currently serve over 100 cities, it is easy to install and has module-based maintenance. Per board member Carlson, we

need to look at our costs closely but also understand the benefits. Cederburg requested additional information on shared revenue.

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Land to table the topic of the Bull Water Station until additional information is received on pricing, timeline, shared revenue, and overall picture on what this is. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Carlson, Land, and Shaw. Nay: None. Absent: Evertson. Motion carried.

Cederburg opened a discussion on recommending approval to Council to pay app/invoice for Hackle Construction – Doug Louden with Olsson Engineering, the latest update on the WWTP, the giant hole is starting to comeback up to normal, things are moving along on time. They are currently working on the concrete basement. The concrete block will be poured in the next few days; the rebar is almost finished then they will move on to the concrete walls. Anyone that would like to stop by is encouraged to do so. Per Louden, their other agenda item in discussion is the WWTP Change Order Form. Per Louden, there was a leak that needed to be investigated, we were under the impression that it was a pipe, but it turned out to be the surface, this change form entails the engineers being directed to dig, diagnose, and fix.

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Shaw to recommend approval to The Council Board to pay app/invoice for Hackel Construction. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Carlson, Shaw, and Land. Nay: None. Absent: Evertson. Motion carried.

Motion by Land, seconded by Carlson to recommend approval to The Council Board WWTP Change Order #1 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant construction. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Carlson, Shaw, and Land. Nay: None. Absent: Evertson. Motion carried.

Cederburg opened a discussion on considering new tipping fees at the landfill for weight vs cubic yard. Per Landfill Supervisor Jim Schulte, we have been working with the NDEE regarding rates. Compared to the neighboring cities and towns we might not be charging enough. Discussion only, no action taken.

City Administrator Annette Brower opened a discussion on the landfill study proposal from JK Energy Consulting LLC. We want to ensure that we are charging appropriately in comparison with other municipalities. The scale is not installed at the Landfill quite yet, but we need to be proactive. IT would roughly be $4,000 (four thousand) for the rate study.

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Shaw to approve the landfill rate study proposal from JK Energy Consulting, LLC. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Shaw, Land, and Carlson. Nay: None. Absent: Evertson. Motion carried.

Cederburg opened a discussion on the recommendation to The Council of the approval for ordering a new freightliner trash truck from Floyd's for the upcoming FY 25-26. The board members, Supervisor and City Administrator discussed price, timelines, budget, and others. Per Brower, there are funds in the reserves specifically for this. The BPW board will continue this conversation as needed.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Land to table the topic of the purchase of a freightliner trash truck for the 25-26 FY. The following Votes were recorded: Aye: Carlson, Shaw, and Land. Nay: None. Absent: Evertson. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Land to approve the recommendation to the Council for the Mayor's signature on the Letter Agreement with WAPA for suspension of Mt Elbert Pump-Storage for pilot period, per City Administrator Annette Brower, this document has been reviewed by legal counsel. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Carlson, Cederburg, Land, and Shaw. Nay: None. Absent: Evertson. Motion carried.

Motion by Calrson, seconded by Shaw to recommendation to the Council for the Mayor's signature on the WAPA Metering Agreement between the City of Kimball and WAPA for the new generation plant, per City Administrator Annette Brower, this has been reviewed by legal counsel. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Carlson, Land, and Shaw. Nay: None. Absent: Evertson. Motion carried.

Cederburg opened a discussion on required Wastewater rates per USDA loan for 2026, current rates Resolution #2023-05 - Per City Administrator Annette Brower, this is a follow up from the discussion last month about the misinformation about water rates versus Wastewater rates. Brower presented the board and public the correct rates from NERWA. The resolution and rate schedule can be found at the Clerk's office at 223 South Chestnut Street, Kimball, NE 69145. Discussion only, no action taken.

Cederburg opened a discussion on updated capacity payments from MEAN/NMPP for power generation standby. Per City Administrator Annette Brower, we are speaking with MEAN about getting our power generation back on line, once we tap into our system and start metering through MEAN, they will run testing so we are looking at going live early July of 2025, we will be looking at $20,000 a month in revenue which will help with the debt ratio for the project. Discussion only, no action taken.

Cederburg opened a discussion on electric rates in response to MEAN's increase in wholesale prices and updated resolution; current rates Resolution #2024-06. Per City Administrator Annette Brower, there is no Resolution yet. We will wait until we know the exact capacity payments will be prior to putting something in place but we still wanted to put the documentation in front of the board for review prior to implementing the Resolution. Discussion only no action taken.

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Shaw to recommend to the Council the approval of payment to NMC for invoice # ONI001120 for mechanical and electrical portion of Power Generation project. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Carlson, Shaw, and Land. Nay: None. Absent: Evertson. Motion carried.

Reports –

William Hinton – Electric Department Supervisor – We assisted The Manor with the installation of new service and spent most of the day there. Our crew pulled in the last 3 lines; they are adding terminations now. We currently have a truck sitting out but will be fixing that within the next couple of weeks. We have one more broken pole to fix on the North side of town. Additional updates given.

Craig Aragon – Water Department Supervisor - We just got our sewer jet back today. It hadn't been in service in a few years. Currently working on Vision metering – we received the sidewalk modules but there is a defect with them, we will be sending them back. Additional updates given.

Blake Wagner - Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor – Construction and upgrade of the plant is underway, and we are excited. Received a notice from NDEE about the discharge permit, if there are no problems, it will be published by the 24 for public comment/feedback.

Jim Schulte - Landfill Supervisor - Scale installation has been delayed, expected to be installed in the next week or two. Track loader down due to electrical problems, it has been diagnosed and is currently waiting for parts.

Annette Brower – City Administrator – It is summer and everyone is busy. spoke with Charter Communications regarding cables that are down throughout our city, we've had numerous complaints from the public and they must be addressed immediately by Charter Communications. These cables are dangerous, in the way, and unsafe, per manager they will make this a priority. The Wastewater Treatment Plant project is moving along greatly, and I have visited the site and things are running smoothly. We might see preliminary plants for the Lighthouse Subdivision will keep the council posted on that. The Chief, Mayor, and I attended a meeting in Cheyenne regarding the Sentinel project, and its security measures. There will be continuous meetings about this with a townhall meeting will happen soon. Additional updates given.

Public Comment – No public comments.

Next regular meeting will be July 8, 2025, at 5:00 pm. There being no further business, Shaw motioned and seconded by Carlson to adjourn the meeting at 6:14pm. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Carlson, Land, and Shaw. Nay: None. Absent: Evertson. Motion carried.

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Jim Cederburg, Chairperson City Clerk

Utilities-Board of Public Works-Claims June 10, 2025-Kimball Recycling-Monthly Support-5,596.50; MEAN-Mean Billing-128,830.53; Black Hills Energy, LLC-Gas Service-545.50; CenturyLink-Telephone-109.32; Cornerstone Bank Trust Department-Series-846.25; JRC Construction, LLC-Services-8,850.00; Linda's Monograms & Beyond-Services-630.00;
Kimball Auto Parts-Supplies-436.27; Nebraska Rural Water Association-Conference-200.00; Hackel Construction, Incorporated-Services-134,360.64; Nebraska State Fire Marshal-Services-472.50; Payroll Fund-Payroll Transfer-59,452.17; 5 Star Industries, LLC-Colorado-Equipment-7,550.00; Accent Wire-Tie-Supplies-4,659.91; Atlas
Automation LLC-Services-4,650.00; B & C Steel Corporation-Supplies-337.12; Zeb Brown-Repairs-102.88; Centurylink Communications, Incorporation-Long Distance-86.24; Chevrolet of Kimball LLC-Services-283.26; City of Kimball-Occupation Tax-12,264.43; Combined Utilities-Utilities-212.59; Connecting Point-Copy Usage-314.56; Crescent Electric Supply Company-Supplies-2,021.78; DHHS-Refund-899.23; Dollar General Corporation-Supplies-44.62; Ellison, Kovarik & Turman Law Firm-Professional Services-1,728.00; Enviro Service Incorporated-Water Samples-90.00; Fairfield Inn & Suites-Lodging-139.95; Grainger-Supplies-538.44; GreatAmerica Financial Services Corporation-Lease-473.13; Group Health Utility Contribution-Transfer-28,676.89; Luis Guerrero-Refund-78.05; Ideal Linen Supply, Incorporated-Services-93.73; Intralinks, Incorporated-Services-230.40; Intralinks, Incorporated-Services-252.90; Kimball Ace Hardware LLC-Supplies-178.51; Kimball Ace Hardware LLC-Supplies-825.62; Kimball Auto Parts-Supplies-471.46; Kimball Body Works-Repairs-1,064.86; Kimball County Hospital-Drug Screens-138.93; Kimball Recycling-Monthly Support-5,596.50; Kimball Service Center-Repairs-568.00; LARM-Premium-2,197.96; LARM-Premium-500.00; League of NE Municipalities-Services-375.00; Legacy Cooperative-Fuel-3,413.36; Lincoln Winwater Works-Supplies-527.18; M.C. Schaff & Associates, Incorporated-Services-6,002.00; MEAN-Mean Billing-122,840.42; Ruben Morales-Refund-130.22; NDEE-Services-250.00; Napa Auto Parts-Supplies-1,253.66; Nebraska Rural Water Association-Services-400.00; Olsson, Incorporated-Services-8,584.00; Olsson, Incorporated-Services-6,552.09; Olsson, Incorporated-Services-309.75; One Call Concepts-Locates-58.49; Pine Bluffs Gravel & Excavating, Incorporated-Repairs-2,066.16; Plains Body Shop-Repairs-297.45; Powerplan-Equipment-171.22; Prestige Welding & Repair-Services-10.55; Quadient Leasing USA, Incorporated-Lease-615.00; Verizon-Telephone-89.52; Viaero-Cell Phone-362.84; WPCI-Drug Screens-35.00; WSP USA Incorporated-Services-17,382.84; Wesco Distribution Receivables Corporation-Supplies-34,631.18; Payroll Fund-Payroll Transfer-58,109.38.