

Chester, Nebraska
August 12, 2026

The Board of Trustees, of the Village of Chester, Thayer County, Nebraska, met at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall on August 12, 2026, for their regular monthly meeting. Board members present were: Chairman Crouse and Trustees: B. Wit and Miller.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting, on July 25, 2026, the designated method of giving notice in at least three places. Notice of the meeting was given to the Chairman and all members of the Board of Trustees and a copy of their acknowledgment and agenda are filed. All proceedings hereinafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Chairman publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

Chairman Crouse called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Miller moved and B. Wit seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the July meeting. Roll call votes: Ayes: B. Wit, Miller, and Crouse. Nays: None. Absent: Pachta and A. Wit. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was then given. Miller moved and B. Wit seconded a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Roll call votes: Ayes: B. Wit, Miller, and Crouse. Nays: None. Absent: Pachta and A. Wit. Motion carried.

There were no delinquent utility accounts to discuss.

Dawn Wit of the Chester Community Club was present to discuss proposed improvements to the Village Auditorium. Wit explained that the Community Club would like to pursue a long-term improvement project for the facility. It was noted that several windows are leaking and in need of replacement. Other potential improvements discussed included upgrading the HVAC system to improve efficiency and making interior updates to make the facility more attractive and functional for events. The Community Club plans to raise funds for the project by reaching out to community members and others with connections to Chester and may also pursue available grant opportunities. Wit stated that, at this time, the Community Club was not requesting financial assistance from the Village but was seeking the Board's support to move forward with fundraising and planning for the project. The Board of Trustees expressed no objection to the Community Club proceeding with these efforts.

Chairman Crouse introduced and read aloud Resolution No. 2026-6, a resolution adopting a Water Conservation Plan for the Village of Chester to be implemented when water conservation measures are necessary. B. Wit made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-6. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Ayes: B. Wit, Miller, and Crouse. Nays: None. Absent: Pachta and A. Wit. Motion carried.

Chairman Crouse then introduced Resolution 2026-7, a resolution pertaining to the Nebraska Department of Transportation Annual Certification of Program Compliance. Miller moved and B. Wit seconded a motion to approve Resolution 2026-7. Roll call votes: Ayes: B. Wit, Miller, and Crouse. Nays: None. Absent: Pachta and A. Wit. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding a request from Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging for \$550.00 in financial match support from the Village of Chester for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. B. Wit made a

motion to approve the request and provide \$550.00 in financial support to Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Ayes: B. Wit, Miller, and Crouse. Nays: None. Absent: Pachta and A. Wit. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the proposed electric system lease agreement with Norris Public Power District. The Village Attorney provided advice and guidance regarding several provisions of the proposed agreement. Following discussion, the Board of Trustees agreed to table further consideration of the lease agreement until the two absent trustees were present and additional questions could be addressed by Norris Public Power District.

The Clerk presented a proposal from TextMyGov, a software service that allows municipalities to send text message alerts to residents and others who choose to subscribe. Potential uses discussed included notifications regarding mosquito fogging, water main breaks, community events, utility billing reminders, and other Village announcements. The proposal included a \$500.00 initial setup fee and an annual cost of \$2,000.00 for a three-year term. Following discussion, the Board of Trustees agreed to table the matter for further consideration, citing uncertainty regarding the level of participation and use by Village residents.

Nuisance properties within the Village were discussed. Chairman Crouse stated that he would work to schedule a time for the Village Board of Health Committee to review the condition of a property within the Village limits. The Board also discussed follow-up regarding other previously identified nuisance properties. The Clerk reported that the Village had received complaints from residents regarding some properties with overgrown grass and weeds.

The Utility Superintendent reported that previously planned street improvement projects are still expected to be completed later this fall, pending the contractor's availability. He will also obtain pricing for a new culvert to potentially replace the existing culvert at the intersection of Howard Street and Crawford Street. The Utility Superintendent also reported that replacement parts were needed for the Village's Grasshopper mower, which has been in service for approximately four years. The Village dump truck was also discussed due to its age and some mechanical issues. It is mainly used for snow removal. The Board discussed potentially replacing the truck or exploring other snow removal options before winter. The Utility Superintendent will research available options and pricing.

The Clerk reported that he attended the 2026 Kansas Water and Wastewater Operator School in Topeka, Kansas, and has since obtained his Class I Wastewater Operator certification in the State of Kansas. The Clerk also reported that the gWorks finance system continues to experience issues that are affecting its functionality.

Miller moved and B. Wit seconded a motion to approve the August 2026 claims. Roll call votes: Ayes: B. Wit, Miller, and Crouse. Nays: None. Absent: Pachta and A. Wit. Motion carried.

The following is a list of the August 2026 claims:

Black Hills Energy	natural gas	\$146.31
C&M Supply Inc.	fuel	\$82.04
A1 MIST SPRAYERS	supplies	\$5,126.00
Hebron Central Market	supplies	\$44.32
C&M Supply Inc.	fuel	\$141.04
Village of Chester	village used electricity	\$1,877.62

Norris Public Power District	electricity	\$1,016.89
Aday Away Inspections, LLC	asbestos inspection	\$730.00
League of Nebraska Municipalities	membership dues	\$670.00
Hebron True Value	supplies	\$5.73
A Street Auto Parts Southwest	supplies	\$166.04
Sunbelt Solomon Services, LLC	supplies	\$5,591.25
Nebraska Public Power District	electricity	\$14,930.47
One Call Concepts Inc.	locate fees	\$72.90
The Hebron Journal-Register	legal notices	\$87.59
Bel-Con Refuse LLC	garbage disposal	\$1,695.00
Fortify Group	insurance	\$17,290.00
Dutton-Lainson Company	supplies	\$1,441.21
Presto-X	pest control maintenance	\$133.08
Utilities Section	membership dues	\$435.00
Raymond Wit	salary	\$2,273.37
Scott Finke	water sample delivery	\$40.00
Nutrien Ag Solutions	supplies	\$303.32
Dakota Cherney	KDHE wastewater school reimb.	\$639.44
	salaries	\$7,980.53
Hometown Leasing	printer lease	\$97.79
CGI 61	insurance	\$37.83
Great Plains Communications	phone/internet	\$267.82
NE Public Health Environmental Lab	water testing	\$236.00

There being no further business to come before the Board, B. Wit moved and Miller seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Roll call votes: Ayes: B. Wit, Miller, and Crouse. Nays: None. Absent: Pachta and A. Wit. Motion carried.

Roger Crouse
Chairman of the Board

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ATTEST

Dakota G. Cherney
Village Clerk

I, the undersigned, Village Clerk, for the Village of Chester, Nebraska, hereby certify that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the Village Clerk; that the

minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body.

Dakota G. Cherney
Village Clerk