

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 15, 2025

Custer opened with prayer.

Peterson called the Regular meeting to order at 6:00 pm in the Ceresco Community Room. Board Members had been given the agenda and supporting documents. Notice was given in advance thereof by posting at the Ceresco Post Office, CerescoBank and in the Village Office. Peterson pointed out the open meetings act posted on the wall of the Community Room. Answering roll call: Peterson, Burklund, Custer and Johnson. Ruble entered the meeting at 6:11 pm. Others in attendance were Joanie Peterson, Yana Johnson, Dale Bohac, Kelsey White, Tyson McFarlan, Kurt Larkin, Tony Hernandez, Brian Roland, Dustin Gushard, Jody Anderson, and Joan Lindgren.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Peterson made a motion to approve the Minutes of the June 17th meeting. Custer seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Custer, Johnson, and Burklund. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Peterson reviewed old business. 1) Custer will get with Anderson and Lindgren for grant writing fees and payment. 2) Posting the agenda on the website will be reviewed at the December meeting.

Dale Bohac from JEO was present to review the 2023 Well Improvements. 1) The well has been put into service. 2) Final Change Order #5. 3) Certificate of Substantial Completion. 4) Final Pay Application #5. 5) The valves that Vrba will install are remaining and separate from the project.

Peterson made a motion to approve change order #5 for the 2023 Well Improvements. Johnson seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Johnson, Burklund and Custer. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Peterson made a motion to approve the Certificate of Completion for 2023 Well Improvements. Burklund seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Burklund, Custer, and Johnson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Peterson made a motion to approve the final Pay Application #5 for the 2023 Well Improvements in the amount of \$99,903.80. Custer seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Custer, Johnson, and Burklund. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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Bohac reviewed the 2024 Water Main Improvements. 1) Project is complete. 2) Change order #3, which was to adjust quantities, extra fittings, and deduction for amount of paving that was in the original project. 3) Certificate of Completion. 4) Final Pay Application.

Burklund questioned the services that are not installed yet. Roland said there are 2 services: 1) 3rd Street for the Windstream building, 2) 1st & Elm for Frontier. During the project, Jesse said they didn't ever use it, and didn't need it, but they did. Vrba will do the work outside the project when they are going through town.

Peterson made a motion to approve Change Order #3 for the 2024 Water Main Improvement Project. Custer Seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Custer, Burklund, Ruble and Johnson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Peterson made a motion to approve the Certificate of Completion for the 2024 Water Main Project. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, Custer, Johnson, and Burklund. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Peterson made a motion to approve the Final Pay Application #1 for the 2024 Water Main Improvements in the amount of \$269,495.00. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, Johnson, Custer, and Burkland. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Bohac reviewed the Splash Pad Project. **1) Project is complete. 2) Certificate of Completion. 3) Final Pay Application.** Custer reviewed the questions from the June 17th meeting: **1) The cage has been installed, 2) Dustin will do the landscaping, 3) The piece of sidewalk is Village expense.**

Custer made a motion to approve the Final Pay Application in the amount of \$41,100.00 and the Certificate of Completion. Peterson seconded. Voting Yeas: Custer, Peterson, Burkland, Ruble, and Johnson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Setting a budget meeting with the accountant was discussed. Lindgren will contact the accountant for Tuesday, September 2nd at 6 PM.

The debt service schedule for the Elm Street water main bond was reviewed.

Hernandez gave the police report. **1) Radios should be in by the end of the month, then they will need to be installed. 2) The Ceresco Days Committee did an outstanding job, and they had very few issues. He noted next year Frontier needs to be contacted to put up signs for no alcohol in parking lot. 3) Peterson questioned the number of violations. Hernandez noted those violations were warnings. He said he would like to keep up that pace, especially with the intel from law enforcement sites with human and drug trafficking on Highway 77.**

Roland reviewed **1) Projects are rapping up. 2) Water usage is up with residents watering too much. 3) Well levels will be tested. 3) An abandoned cast iron water main was hit during construction for the subdivision. 4) New water lines will have tracer wires. 5) Lead and copper requirements need to get started again. 5) Reusing the Splash Pad water. 6) Camera sewer line.**

Obtaining an easement for drainage at Laura Lane Circle was discussed. Laura Langfeld will be contacted regarding payment for an easement, and the attorney to draft the paperwork.

Work done to the hot water heater in the CYRA concession stand was discussed. Tom Donahue will be asked to call Burkland regarding work done.

Johnson doesn't think we need to do anything to reclaim the water at this time because we have had enough rain, but will look for ways to reclaim it in the future, if needed.

Johnson Services was here to camera the sewer main. The cost to install sewer slip lining on Elm Street between 2nd & 3rd was reviewed and is less than originally estimated.

Peterson made a motion to go with Johnson Services in the amount of \$17,750.00. Custer seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Custer, Burkland, Johnson, and Ruble. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Waiting for a bid from Sargent Drilling for wells and pump testing.

A claim for 224 Elm Street has been filed and was reviewed. Roland stated the problem wasn't caused by the work Vrba did. He talked to Right Way Plumbing, and they have been there 6 times in 22 years. The line has always been an issue. Roland noted they had 4 different plumbers out before they were able to fix the problem. Peterson pointed out that even in the comments from Star City, it says they ran into mud and gravel before they reached the spot that was broken. Peterson asked Roland to contact Right Way Plumbing to see if he would put something in writing saying that the problem was not caused by the Village.

Ruble pointed out that if we hit the pipe in the street, common sense would say that it would create an opening not a backup. If there was anything in that pipe beforehand, what we did would have released it, not back it up more. Roland will contact Vrba to see what day the line was hit.

It was noted that NDEE and NDNR have merged and is now DWEE.

Burklund asked Roland if the letter to NDEE had been submitted. The letter has been submitted, and the manuals will be received when the project is complete. Lindgren noted that we have already received 4 manuals and are waiting for additional ones.

Gushard noted that he missed the set up for Ceresco Days, but Pete and Gavin did a good job of getting everything done. Custer stated she thought the boys did a good job. Burklund said the bathrooms needed to be cleaned better. Peterson asked Roland and Gushard for a wish list for budget meeting.

Kurt Larkin was present to review his request for a Conditional Use Permit to have pre-built portable sheds and buildings east of the Ernie's sign along Highway 77. The request is for 50 feet east and west, and from the tree line to the property line. He noted they are portable and nothing is permanent. The sales will be made in Ceresco, with sales tax determined by delivery address. The sheds are built in York. Larkin requested increasing the limit to 15 instead of 10.

Resolution 2025-7 was introduced by Board Member Burklund and is set forth in full as follows, to wit:

/WHEREAS, Kurt Larkin, herein referred to as "APPLICANT" has filed an application for a Conditional Use Permit, seeking a permit to display pre-built portable sheds and buildings on the east side of Highway 77 on the property which is legally described as follows:

PT NW NW 33-13-7 or 1789 County Rd A, Ceresco, NE 68017

WHEREAS, the property described above is presently included in Zoning District C-3 Highway Commercial District; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska has conducted a general public hearing on June 12, 2025 receiving input and data from the APPLICANT and the general public concerning the Conditional Use Permit;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing recitals, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, hereby adopts the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska that Kurt Larkin, is hereby granted a Conditional Use Permit to display pre-built portable sheds and buildings as permitted conditional use in the existing-3 Highway Commercial District subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. 1 year review.
2. Maintain the lot and access road and keep it mowed.
3. Provide a site plan with placement of buildings.
4. No more than 10 pre-built portable sheds and buildings allowed on the site at a time.
5. All procedures and standards outlined in Sections 5.11 of the Village of Ceresco Zoning Ordinances pertaining to Conditional Use Permits shall be observed and the Conditional Use Permit granted herein shall be subject to the provisions of the Village of Ceresco Code that provide for an appeal to be taken within 15 days of the decision of the Board of Trustees, and;
6. There shall be compliance with any other applicable Village, County, State or Federal regulations that may apply.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Scott Peterson, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Joan Lindgren, Village Clerk

WHEREUPON, Board Member Burklund moved that said Resolution No. 2025-7 be approved with an increase from 10 buildings to 15.

Board Member Johnson seconded this motion. No further discussion was required.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call the roll for the vote thereon. The Clerk called the roll and the following was the vote on this motion. Yeas: Burklund, Johnson, Ruble, Custer and Peterson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

WHEREUPON, the Chair declared that the Motion having been approved by a majority of the votes cast, said Resolution 2025-7 is approved and adopted.

Anderson reviewed the Zoning Report. 1) Saunders County has been given two Floodplain Permits to replace bridges in the Floodplain. One on Ashland Road and one on County Road B. State Statute says anybody, the state, county, the Village who puts a shovel in the ground in a floodplain must apply for a permit. 2) Rob Dittrich has decided to build a house instead of applying for a variance. We are just waiting for his plans. 3) Johnson requested a building permit process be posted on the website. Anderson will create a permitting process webpage. 4) Do not need to have an ordinance to allow HDPE pipe. Village subdivision regulations follow state standards, which allows HDPE, so the Village can allow HDPE. 5) REGA received final State approval today for the water main. 6) Chuck Seufferer is no longer with JEO. Tim Faisel and Mike Muller will be overseeing the Hunter Subdivision for JEO.

Custer moved to approve the Treasurer Report as presented. Peterson seconded. Voting Yeas: Custer, Peterson, Burklund, Ruble and Johnson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Ruble moved to approve the claims as presented. Custer seconded. Voting Yeas: Ruble, Custer, Peterson, Burklund, and Johnson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Approved claims: AFLAC \$355.68/ins; Amazon Capital Services \$844.84/prk, wat, sew, gen, pol; Ameritas Life Insurance \$31.44/ins; Aqua-Chem 146.75/wat; BCBS of NE \$3,789.60/ins; Brom, Lindahl, ET AL \$314.25/gen; International Code Council \$170/gen; Baker & Taylor \$474.61/lib; Biblionix \$880/lib; Bomgaars \$136.94/st; Brian Roland \$463.40/wat, sew; Card Services \$160.93/gen; Cash \$42.20/lib, pol; City of Wahoo \$450/gen; Delta Dental \$182.76/ins; Erickson & Brooks \$1,450/gen; FNBO \$201.06/gen, prk, lib; Helena \$718.72/prk; Frontier Coop \$886.28/st, prk; Hergert Oil \$267.18/pol, gen, sew; Jackson Services \$170.54/gen, sew, wat, fire, prk, st; Jeans Fashion \$15.00/pol; JEO \$430.00/st, wat; Joan Lindgren \$150/gen; Johnson Service Co \$3,581.50/sew; Lincoln Winwater \$2,961.72/wat; Menards \$423.40/prk, st, wat; Merritt Concrete \$1,156.50/st; Midwest Labs \$32.80/sew; NE Generator \$942/gen; NE Public Health Env Lab \$537/wat; OPPD \$5,373.73/elec; One Call \$50.13/wat, sew; Platte Valley \$232.97/prk; Prague Ins \$1,644/pol, gen; Sam's \$347.34/pol, gen, lib, comp; Sandy Tvrdy \$325/gen; Sixty Plus \$400/gen; Schutt Electrical \$1,856.88/gen; Simons Home Store \$78/prk; Small Engine \$146.48/prk; Subbert Pumping \$1,340.00/prk; Sunbelt Rentals \$155.15/wat; Thiele Geotech \$646/st; Post Office \$326/wat, sew; Verizon \$178.86/phones; Wahoo Auto Parts \$95.80/st; Waste Connections of NE \$9,793.61/trash; Windstream \$428.77/phones; Payroll Liabilities: Payroll \$25,942.82; United States Treasury \$3,482.28

Custer reviewed: 1) She will still fundraise for new splash pad features. 2) The color run fee will be used for the splash pad. 3) She needs to get a bench and have donor bricks made. Glen Gery will make the bricks. 4) Splash pad maintenance agreement. The attorney will be contacted regarding a new Board for the splash pad 501C3.

Peterson questioned the list to submit to Progressive Electric. Ruble noted the light tower in the rescue truck was taken out and is \$40,000.

Peterson noted he and Burklund haven't heard from Tyler Heyen or Justin Maxson to go look at Fire Stations.

Burklund moved to approve the minutes of the June 16th, June 30th, and July 8th Celebrate Ceresco Meetings. Peterson seconded. Voting Yeas: Burklund, Peterson, Custer, Ruble and Johnson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Lindgren noted the One & Six Year Street Plan has been updated and asked that Burklund and Johnson review before the Public Hearing in August. Burklund reviewed his changes to the One & Six Year Street Plan: 1) 2nd Street, Pine to

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Main, added to the One Year Plan. 2) He doesn't care about curb and gutter. 3) He wants to do 1st to 2nd and isn't as worried about 2nd to 3rd. 4) The Six Year Plan needs to be totally rewritten to do mill and overlay. Only streets, not curb and gutter, or utilities and all that for 2nd Street from Pine to Main.

Johnson asked for clarification on the contract with M.E. Collins, and how long the contract is for. Anderson noted that the contract says it is renewed annually for up to 4 years. Ogden told Lindgren if the Board doesn't want to continue with the contract, we need to cancel it but it would require a document. The Board's consensus is that it was not renewed so it is void.

Lindgren noted concerns with the September 2nd budget date. 1) To get the budget numbers published on time, the accountant needs 5 days, so the meeting should be sooner. 2) If the meeting is on Tuesday, September 2nd, she only has Wednesday and Thursday to get everything together to get it published. 3) This budget meeting will be the final numbers that go in the paper for the Public Hearing.

The budget meeting was set for Monday, August 25th at 6:00 pm, instead of September 2nd.

It was noted that email bills went out for the first time and several people paid as soon as they received their bill.

Johnson made a motion to pay A&H Concrete \$4,150.00. Peterson seconded. Voting Yeas: Johnson, Peterson, Custer, Burklund and Ruble. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2025-3 now comes on for second reading. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2020-2 OF THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO, NEBRASKA, KNOWN AND CITED AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO, NEBRASKA, BY AMENDING SECTION 4.13 ACCESSORY BUILDING AND USES IN PARTICULAR SUBSECTION 4.13.05.

Burklund noted he spoke with Lowell and he thought the Board was going to look at the Ordinance and redo it because he wasn't happy with it. Anderson noted the only thing changed in this Ordinance is number 8, everything else was passed in 2022. Ordinance 2025-3 was tabled.

SEND membership was discussed. Peterson noted he is interested in finding out if anyone in the community would be interested in the program, or even capable of being part of it. Lindgren will contact SEND.

The 2026 Waste, Litter and Scrap Tire Grant was discussed. Anderson noted when we looked into it a couple years ago, we couldn't get enough bids to qualify. Anderson will try to apply for the grant.

TNR was discussed. Walt Norris is having problems with cats. Kelsey White stated she was working on codes with non-profits and working on a proposal for a Venmo account for TNR. Lindgren asked who was responsible for the Venmo. White asked if it could be through the Village, and if so, can the cat fine or tax, go into Venmo where 100% of the money would go to Ceresco cats for TNR. It would be included in the written code, which she would like the Village to review. Lindgren noted the attorney would have to look into it. Burklund asked if the Village could have a Venmo account. Lindgren noted the attorney has said no to a Venmo account in the past. The Village would have to use its credit card processor. White asked if she could have the information on why the Village couldn't have the Venmo account. Anderson noted the attorney said with Venmo, money can go in or be taken out, which cannot be done with a Village account. There are concerns about the account inadvertently being open to the public and limiting access. Lindgren asked if Karen with TNR has Venmo for Ceresco TNR. White said not for just Ceresco, she is trying to do specifically for Ceresco. Johnson asked why the Village had to be involved with the money aspect of it. White said she asked to do it herself, but was told she had to go through the Board. Peterson questioned who told her that. Anderson said the email she received from White asked if it could be done through the Village, and replied back that anything going through the Village has to go through the Board. She can do it on her own but shouldn't market it as the Village doing it.

Peterson asked if anyone had a chance to read through the cat ordinances that were included in the agenda. Burklund stated all the cat ordinances have dog ordinances. White said that is why she is working on them. Peterson answered you can't write an ordinance for us. You can give us something to look at, but there is nothing to write for us because

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everything has to be submitted to the attorney. White questioned Peterson's response. Peterson answered that he has seen her posts online saying that she was writing an ordinance. White answered that she was writing the ordinance to propose to the Board. Peterson said she didn't have to write the ordinance. She could just give them ideas.

Trustee comments: 1) Burklund asked where the crack filling equipment was rented from. Anderson thought maybe Rose Equipment. 2) Burklund noted that junk yards are permitted in the 1 mile jurisdiction. He thinks it should be removed totally. Johnson stated it is a conditional use and it would have to be approved. Burklund said there is nothing in the ordinance that would stop it from being approved. Peterson said he would prefer not to have them either. Burklund asked what needed to be done to get rid of that. Lindgren said it would be a Text Amendment and the Board could initiate it. It will be added to the Planning Commission Meeting agenda, as a Village Board request. 3) Burklund stated he has talked with a couple other Board Members and he'd like to go back to paper packets instead of this machine. Johnson asked if we could have both. Custer asked how much more work it would be to go back to paper packets. Ruble questioned why he wants to go back to the paper packet. Peterson would like hard copies. Custer stated there are a few things like financial reports that would be easier to read. Financial reports will be printed for Burklund, Custer, Peterson, and Johnson and delivered to members on Friday before the meeting. 4) Burklund questioned what has to be done to have Ceresco added to the sign on the interstate. The Department of Transportation or the Department of Roads will need to be contacted. 5) Burklund would like to go back to holding meetings in the meeting room. Custer said she thinks it is way too tight in there. Everyone was sitting on top of each other in that room. Burklund stated that it is too hard to hear in the Community Room. Lindgren stated that people with hearing problems should sit in front. She has a husband that has hearing problems, and he has to sit in the front in order to hear. Johnson and Ruble think it is fine the way it is. Peterson asked if you are fine with the way, it is, when it comes time to spend the money on microphones and stuff that's a no. Ruble answered that he didn't think we need them. Anderson pointed out that the Ceresco Days Committee purchased a sound system, why couldn't that be used. Peterson stated that it is nice to be able to hear in the meeting room. Changing tables and seating in the community room will be attempted.

Peterson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, Burklund, Custer and Johnson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Scott Peterson, Chairman

Joan Lindgren, Clerk