

VILLAGE OF BERTRAND
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

March 11, 2025

The Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Bertrand, Nebraska held a Regular Meeting on March 11, 2025, at the Village Hall by posting at the First State Bank, Post Office, and Village Office. The agenda for said meeting was kept continuously at the office of the Village Clerk. Present were Chairman TJ Wilcox, and Trustees Lucas Evans, Jason McNierney, Brian Schroeder, and Fred Spiegel.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6:00 PM and publicly stated to all in attendance that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

On a motion by Schroeder, seconded by McNierney, the consent agenda was accepted. Voting Aye, Schroeder, McNierney, Evans, Spiegel, Wilcox. The items on the consent agenda were as follows: minutes for Regular Meeting on February 11, 2025; the Village financials for the month of February; the Village payables for the month of February in an amount not to exceed \$52,000; the Village employees' salaries for the month of March not to exceed \$26,000. The February payables were as follows:

AC-Armor Coating	AR-Auto Repair	CG-Curb & Gutter	DF-Dues, Fees Subscriptions
EL-Extra Labor	EQ-Equipment	ER-Equipment Repair	FP-Food Pantry
FR-Freight	FU-Fumigation	FUND- Pool Fundraiser	GA-Garbage Collection
GC-Gravel/Cold Mix	GG-g2g Donations	GO-Gas, Oil, Tires	GRA-Grant
GRO-Grave Opening	GS-Garage Sales	IMP-Improvement	INS-Insurance
INT-Internet	LAB-Labor	LAW-Law Enforcement	LEG-Legal
LF-Landfill	LP-Lease Payment	MH-Machine Hire	MI-Miscellaneous
MIL-Mileage/Meals	NH-Nursing Home Loan	OS-Office Supplies	PC-Pool Concessions
PF-Professional Fees	PP-Pool Project	PR-Printing/Publishing	RM-Repair/Maintenance
REN-Rental	SCH-Schooling	SR-Snow Removal	ST-Sales Tax
SS-Shop Supplies	SU-Supplies	TE-Telephone	TL-Tobacco/Liquor License
UT-Utilities	WT-Water Testing		

<u>CEMETERY</u>		<u>SEWER</u>	
Salaries/Taxes/Benefits (Feb.)	2,234.02	Salaries/Taxes/Benefits (Feb.)	2,9033.69
Cross Country Market SU ST	16.14	C Plus GO	32.46
Southern Power UT	32.00	Southern Power UT	292.97
	2,282.16	Verizon TE	11.01
			3,240.13
<u>COMMUNITY BUILDING</u>		<u>STREET</u>	
Black Hills Energy UT	603.47	Salaries/Taxes/Benefits (Feb.)	5,008.46
Cross Country Market SU ST	13.32	Auto Shack AR GO	23.011
Pam Long LAB	45.00	Patrick Berry SR	120.00
Reliable Pest Control FU	40.00	Black Hills Energy UT	377.02
Southern Power UT	126.00	C Plus GO	825.95
Fred Spiegel LAB	60.00	Jerry Johnson SR	100.00
Village Uniform PF	38.85	Southern Power UT	1,440.28
	926.64	Verizon TE	53.95
			7,948.67
<u>GARBAGE COLLECTION</u>		<u>WATER</u>	
Waste Connection of NE. GA	5,655.44	Salaries/Taxes/Benefits (Feb.)	8,943.45
	5,655.44	Black Hills Energy UT	370.32
		C Plus GO	64.92
<u>GENERAL</u>			
Salaries/Taxes/Benefits (Feb.)	4,891.76		
ATC Communications INT	40.65		

<u>GENERAL (cont.)</u>		<u>WATER (cont.)</u>	
Black Hills Energy UT	146.45	Chase Credit Card OS INS	329.94
Chase Credit Card SCH OS ST	2,636.28	Cross Country Market SU ST	9.00
Clearly TE ST	87.05	Eakes OS	64.24
Cross Country Market FP	98.26	Evans Repair WT	449.90
Eakes OS	64.24	NE Department of Revenue ST	658.39
One Call Concepts PF	4.49	NE Health Enviro Lab WT	159.00
Brian Schroeder MIL	217.00	Southern Power UT	1,512.00
Southern Power UT	164.00	Spectrum INT TE DF	158.92
Spectrum IN TE DF	196.46	USPS DF	17500
Fred Spiegel MIL	255.69	Verizon TE	22.01
TJ Wilcox MIL	364.77	Woodward's Disposal	16.25
USPS DF	175.00		12,274.95
Woodward's Disposal MI DF	16.25	<u>YARD WASTE/RECYCLING</u>	
	10,016.74	Salaries/Taxes/Benefits (Feb.)	574.03
<u>LAW ENFORCEMENT</u>		ATC Communications INT	100.00
Salaries/Taxes/Benefits (Feb.)	1,501.73	Reliable Pest Control FU	57.00
Verizon TE	42.94	South Central Sanitation LF	475.20
	1,544.67		1,206.23
<u>PARK</u>		<u>POOL</u>	
Salaries/Taxes/Benefits (Feb.)	3,095.06	Clearly TE ST	43.53
Central Valley Electric RM	325.22	NDEE Swimming Pool SCH	40.00
Southern Power UT	633.20	Southern Power UT	54.00
	4,053.48	Spectrum TE INT	139.99
		Two Rivers DF	200.00
TOTAL	49,626.63		477.52

Amy Grube, Nursing Home and Assisted Living Administrator, gave her report to the Board. The current census for the Nursing Home is 15 residents and 5 residents in Assisted Living. On a motion by Schroeder, seconded by Spiegel, the Nursing Home's financials for the month of January were accepted. Voting Aye, Schroeder, Spiegel, Evans, McNierney, Wilcox. On a motion by Spiegel, seconded by Evans, the Nursing Home's payables for the month of March were accepted in an amount not to exceed \$165,000. Voting Aye, Spiegel, Evans, McNierney, Schroeder, Wilcox. On a motion by Spiegel, seconded by Schroeder, a split in the March payables to AP Roofing in the amount of \$465.00 was accepted. Voting Aye, Spiegel, Schroeder, Evans, Wilcox. McNierney abstained. On a motion by Spiegel, seconded by McNierney, the Nursing Home's employees' salaries for the month of April were accepted in an amount not to exceed \$100,000. Voting Aye, Spiegel, McNierney, Evans, Schroeder, Wilcox. The Nursing Home's payables and salaries were as follows:

<u>NURSING HOME</u>			
Paid			
Salaries/Taxes/Benefits (Feb.)	90,025.49	HCIS	80.00
Aesto Health	305.00	Nationwide	5,767.49
Black Hills Energy	1,890.89	Petty Cash	299.26
Charter	129.98	Point Click Care	409.29
Clearly	607.01	SFM	1,548.00
Direct TV	369.55	Southern Power	2,904.96
			104,336.92

NURSING HOME (cont.)			
Not Paid			
AP Roofing & Specialty Coatings	465.00	Prioricare Staffing Solutions	1,596.62
Barbara Metzger	285.60	Providence Engraving	23.90
C Plus	217.11	Providers Plus	339.49
Cash Wa Distributing	2,164.96	Queen Bee Staffing	1,746.18
Compufact	11.00	Quill	297.94
Cross Country Market	894.45	Reliable Pest Control	56.00
Cummins Central Power	1,123.51	RHD	13,608.00
Direct Supply	474.97	Secrest LTC Consulting	350.00
Eclipse Staffing	17,682.90	Securitas Healthcare	2,119.50
First State Bank	900.00	Shane Smith	300.00
Fusion Medical Staffing	28,678.45	Spartan Nash	81.67
Holdrege Pharmacy	650.63	Stericycle	152.67
Holdrege Soft Water Service	550.00	Sysco	5,743.64
Hometown Leasing	186.50	U-Save Pharmacy Fulmer	28.84
InSpire Rehab	5,214.00	Village of Bertrand	522.73
McKesson	7,119.64	WeCare	2,121.00
Nurses Incorporated	22,500.18	Woodward's Disposal	40.00
Penner	274.12		118,521.20

John Hamling and Rick Bergman, Southern Power representatives, presented the Board with Southern Power's annual report. They informed the Board that there will be no rate increase again for 2025. It has been 12 years since Southern Power has had to increase rates. They are still offering an incentive program for certain services.

Sharon Hueftle, SCEDD representative, presented the Board with the 2024 Nuisance Program. On a motion by McNierney, seconded by Schroeder, Resolution No. 555 to rescind the nuisance abatement of property 2024-BERT-5004 was approved. Voting Aye, McNierney, Schroeder, Evans, Spiegel, Wilcox. The Resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 555
of the
VILLAGE OF BERTRAND, NEBRASKA

Rescinding Prior Resolution No. 2024-536: 5004 - DECLARED NUISANCE

WHEREAS, the Village of Bertrand is engaged in a Nuisance Abatement process; and
WHEREAS, the Village appointed the South Central Economic Development District as Nuisance Officer; and
WHEREAS, South Central Economic Development District identified and confirmed that in its opinion a nuisance existed as defined by Federal, State, or Village law; and the Village Board, at a regular meeting, identified a nuisance property, supported by evidence; and
WHEREAS, South Central Economic Development District now has evidence that the nuisance violation declared in Resolution No. 2024-536: (2024-BERT-5004), is abated and the property cleared of nuisances.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Bertrand rescinds Resolution No. 2024-536: 5004 on the following property:

2024-BERT-5004	BERTRAND ORIGINAL TOWN, LOTS N1/2 8; 9s.25' 10; B.12	706 MARSHFIELD
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PASSED THIS 11TH DAY OF MARCH 2025.

On a motion by Schroeder, seconded by McNierney, a postponement request for the property 2016-BERT-1011 until June 11, 2025 was approved. Voting Aye, Schroeder, McNierney, Evans, Spiegel, Wilcox. On a motion by Spiegel, seconded by Schroeder, the property located at 311 Minor Avenue was abated. Voting Aye, Spiegel, Schroeder, Evans, McNierney, Wilcox. On a motion by Schroeder, seconded by McNierney, Resolution No. 553 regarding the appointment of SCEDD as the Village's Nuisance Officer for 2025 was approved. Voting Aye, Schroeder, McNierney, Evans, Spiegel, Wilcox. The Resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 553
of the
VILLAGE OF BERTRAND, NEBRASKA

The Chairperson and Board of Trustees of the Village of Bertrand (hereinafter the Village), in regular session assembled at the Village hall in Bertrand, Nebraska on this 11th day of March, 2025 hereby resolves as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village desires to appoint a Nuisance Officer pursuant to the Village Code of Ordinances (Ordinance No. 649-1, ARTICLE 2(A)).

WHEREAS, the South Central Development District, Inc. (hereinafter SCEDD), is fully willing, able, and qualified to act as Nuisance Officer for the Village.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village approves the appointment of SCEDD to act as Nuisance Officer for the Village for a period of twelve (12) months; March 11, 2025 to March 10, 2026;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson is authorized to sign this Resolution, and that any ordinance or resolution in conflict with this Resolution is hereby revoked to any party in conflict herewith.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11TH DAY OF MARCH 2025.

On a motion by Schroeder, seconded by Spiegel, the contract with the Village of Bertrand and the South Central Economic Development District for the 2025 Nuisance Program was approved. Voting Aye, Schroeder, Spiegel, Evans, McNierney, Wilcox.

On a motion by Schroeder, seconded by Spiegel, a split in the Village's February payables to Evans Repair in the amount of \$449.90 was accepted. Voting Aye, Schroeder, Spiegel, McNierney, Wilcox. Evans abstained. On a motion by Schroeder, seconded by McNierney, a split in the February payables to Fred Spiegel in the amount of \$315.69 was accepted. Voting Aye, Schroeder, McNierney, Evans, Wilcox. Spiegel abstained. On a motion by McNierney, seconded by Spiegel, a split in the February payables to Brian Schroeder in the amount of \$217.00 was accepted. Voting Aye, McNierney, Spiegel, Evans, Wilcox. Schroeder abstained. On a motion by McNierney, seconded by Schroeder, a split in the February payables to TJ Wilcox in the amount of \$364.77 was accepted. Voting Aye, McNierney, Schroeder, Evans, Spiegel. Wilcox abstained.

On a motion by Spiegel, seconded by Evans, Resolution No. 554 regarding the creation of an address for a property located on Medina and Highway 23 was approved. Voting Aye, Spiegel, Evans, McNierney, Schroeder, Wilcox. The Resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 554
of the
VILLAGE OF BERTRAND, NEBRASKA

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BERTRAND, NEBRASKA AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bertrand, Nebraska, request that the address at a new residence on Mason Avenue be numbered 610 Medina Avenue

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11TH DAY OF MARCH 2025

On a motion by Spiegel, seconded by Schroeder, the Building Permit request from Corey Cable to construct storage units at 610 Medina was approved. Voting Aye, Spiegel, Schroeder, Evans, McNierney, Wilcox.

James Nelson, Ordinance Officer, gave his report to the Board. He has been researching a possible grant from Crime Stoppers that would provide Crime Stopper signs for the Village. He informed the Board that he tagged 15 vehicles after the last snowstorm and all but 2 are no longer in violation.

Matt Gregg, Utilities Superintendent, gave his report to the Board. He reported that the new radar speed limit sign was blown over in the last snowstorm. The County is looking for ways to repair it, but it might be at the expense of the Village. A GPS Mapping grant was awarded to the Village, but has been paused for now. He will inform the Board further once it is given the okay. The Lead & Copper Rule/Inventory report has been cleared. He is still waiting on specs for a pump for the Sewer Lagoon project.

Lori Vinzant, Village Clerk/Treasurer, gave her report to the Board. She informed the Board that she is still trying to contact the current company that holds the copier lease. No one will return phone calls or emails. A new lease has been signed with Eakes. She also informed the Board that advertising for lifeguards for the summer has been posted. There was a discussion regarding a Bleacher Committee meeting that will be held on March 12th.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Lori Vinzant, Village Clerk/Treasurer

TJ Wilcox, Chairman of the Board