

**VILLAGE OF ELM CREEK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 27, 2017, 7:00 P.M.**

A Special Meeting of the Elm Creek Village Board of Trustees was convened in open and public session at the Elm Creek Village Center, 535 W. Boyd Avenue, Elm Creek, Nebraska at 7:00 p.m. on June 27, 2017. Advance Notice was simultaneously given to the Chairman and all members of the Board of Trustees and their acknowledgment of receipt of Notice and the agenda are affixed to these minutes. Chairman Jim Gunderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. by calling for the roll with the following members responding: Mike Brown, Jim Gunderson, Gary Brouillette, Davis Miner and Cory Halliwell. Absent: none. Jim announced that the Open Meeting Laws were in the hallway leading to the meeting room for the public's inspection.

AGENDA ITEM #1: Insurance Proposals from EMC Insurance and Ball Insurance

Jan Hinrichsen with Elm Creek Insurance Agency, Becca Putnam and Chad Messersmith with Mid-States Insurance and Erin Ball with Ball Insurance were all in attendance to answer questions regarding the insurance proposals provided to the board. Currently the village has insurance with EMC Insurance through Jan Hinrichsen. Mid-States wanted to provide their proposal to the board to provide another option to the village and hopefully a lower quote. After reviewing both proposals, Jim raised some concerns with the proposals as he noticed there were items missing on the proposal from Ball Insurance. Erin Ball explained the insurance proposal to the board and some of the differences in coverage from the EMC Insurance proposal. It was moved by Jim and seconded by Davis to go into executive session at 7:35pm to discuss insurance. Ayes: Jim, Gary, Cory, Davis and Mike. Nays: none. The motion carried. It was moved by Jim and seconded by Cory to come out of executive session at 7:49pm. Ayes: Jim, Gary, Cory, Davis and Mike. Nays: none. The motion carried. The board didn't feel that Ball Insurance and MSIA had enough time to thoroughly put together a proposal for the board. They requested that in May of 2018 they would like to have both insurance companies provide their proposals to the board again, this way it gives them a couple of months to get everything put together. It was then moved by Jim and seconded by Cory to stay with EMC Insurance with Jan Hinrichsen and renew our policy for another year. Ayes: Jim, Gary, Cory, Davis and Mike. Nays: none. The motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM #2: Grant Information

Suzanne Brodine, Community Development Coordinator at Dawson Area Development, was at the meeting to discuss several different grant opportunities to the board. She previously spoke with the school board regarding different grants including land grants which sparked the village board's interest as they are looking to purchase some land to put in a municipal well and potentially future development. She discussed CDBG grants and for new development she strongly recommended using TIFF, but only if development/housing were starting right away or within 18 months. There are grant writers that assist communities with writing grants that would charge as little as \$2,000 for professional fees to do the paperwork and then every 5 years we would just need to update the information. She said the village could be eligible for up to \$350,000 for a well grant/public works funds. She also informed the board that it takes time and we would need to plan at least a year in advance for these grants. She recommended the board needs to adopt a Strategic Planning Committee and the next step would to become an Accredited Community. In her opinion, she felt we were probably 3 years out on getting any development started once everything else was in place.

AGENDA ITEM #3: Executive Session

It was moved by Jim and seconded by Davis to go into executive session at 8:35pm to discuss personnel. Ayes: Jim, Gary, Cory, Davis and Mike. Nays: none. The motion carried. It was moved by Jim and seconded by Mike to

come out of executive session at 9:50pm. Ayes: Jim, Gary, Cory, Davis and Mike. Nays: none. The motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM #4: Adjournment.

All agenda items having been considered, it was moved by Davis and seconded by Cory to adjourn this Special Meeting. Ayes: Gary, Cory, Mike, Davis and Jim. Nays: none. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Chairman-Elm Creek Village Board

ATTEST: _____
Village Clerk

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