

Village of Brule Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2026

The Village of Brule Board of Trustees met on August 11, 2026, at 7:30 PM at the Brule Community Hall. Notice of the meeting was posted at the Brule Post Office, Adams Bank & Trust, and the Village Office. The meeting complied with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, which was displayed in the room. Advance notice and the agenda were provided to all Board members, and their acknowledgments are attached to these minutes.

Roll Call: Trustees Spencer, Dickmader, Marquez, and Franken were present. Trustee Glenn was absent. Also present were Clerk/Treasurer Tamera Loomis and Attorney Josh Wendell. The Clerk announced that a quorum was present and the meeting could be called to order.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Franken moved to approve the consent agenda, including the July 14, 2026 meeting minutes with the correction deleting “Dickmader” duplication in the Roll Call paragraph; payment of claims; and the available month-end bank balance report. Marquez seconded. Yea: Spencer, Dickmader, Franken, and Marquez. Motion passed.

GENERAL

PAYROLL	EXP	876.24
ATC COMMUNICATIONS	PH/INT	140.00
BRULE ACTIVITY CENTER	Rent	175.00
BRULE LIONS CLUB	FE	50.00
Hampton Inn - Kearney, NE	TRVL	189.00
IRS	TX	193.66
KEITH COUNTY TREASURER	TX	56.03
Municipal Code Services	LF	3,750.00
Nebraska Department of Labor	TX	16.60
NE Dept. of Revenue	TX	39.66
NE FSMA	Dues/Fees	365.00
OFFICE SERVICE	SU	6.29
Tim Diaz	MOWG	2,000.00
VERIZON	PH	39.93
WIEST HARDWARE	SU	42.97

STREET FUND

PAYROLL	EXP	1,407.16
ATC COMMUNICATIONS	PH/INT	117.41
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS	48.77
HUMPHREYS AUTO SUPPLY	R&M	245.77
IRS	TX	176.52
KEVIN TJADEN	R&M	170.00
NE Dept. of Revenue	TX	39.49
NPPD	ELEC	1,384.11
VERIZON	PH	47.88
WASTE CONNECTIONS OF NE, INC.	TRSH	75.83

WATER FUND

PAYROLL	EXP	1,464.87
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS	48.77

Brenda Heidemann	TRVL	339.30
IRS	TX	332.38
NE Dept. of Revenue	TX	106.97
One Call Concepts, Inc.	FE	15.46
RDW Inc. dba ASAP Express	PSTG	40.00
SEWER FUND		
PAYROLL	EXP	1,335.80
AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL LABORATORY	TSTG	240.52
IRS	TX	262.58
NE Dept. of Revenue	TX	293.92
NPPD	ELEC	595.95
People Service, Inc.	CS	1,500.00
SAFETY FUND Pol/Fire		
NPPD	ELEC	36.84
PARK FUND		
PAYROLL	EXP	51.95
A+ Tree Care	R&M	250.00
Brott Lawncare	CS	1,320.00
IRS	TX	13.40
NPPD	ELEC	110.52
WUEST HARDWARE	R&M	95.14
WASTE CONNECTIONS OF NE, INC.	TRSH	36.65
Total:		20,144.34

Correspondence from the Keith County Sheriff dated July 14, 2026, requesting that the Village revisit the Police Service Contract was acknowledged received by the Board.

Keith County Sheriff Jeff Stevens and Chief Deputy Paul Van Biljon met with the Board to review and discuss the Agreement for Police Service between the Keith County Sheriff's Office and the Village of Brule. The discussion included current service expectations, proposed terms, and questions from the Board. Negotiations remain ongoing.

Susan Maline, CPA with McChesney, Martin, Sagehorn PC, met with the Board to review the Preliminary 2026–2027 Budget. Following discussion, the Board agreed with the preliminary figures as presented. The Final 2026–2027 Budget will be presented at the next regular meeting on September 8, 2026, for adoption and final approval, with filing required to be submitted to the Nebraska State Auditor's Office by September 30, 2026.

Molly Jeffres, Community Development Coordinator with Keith County Area Development, reported that 2026 fundraising totaled \$3,383.67, bringing the First Impression project balance to \$7,638.82. She reviewed planned improvements for Barton Park and community signage. It was agreed that that refurbishing the park entry pillars and replacing the playground gravel surface have top priority.

Tree Board President Barb Baney approached the Board to request guidance on replacing the recently removed ash tree and selecting an appropriate location. The Board agreed that the tree should be replanted near the same site, with the Tree Board determining the specific species to be planted.

Franken moved to adopt Resolution R26-08-01 League Association of Risk Management 2026-27 Renewal Resolution. Dickmader seconded. Yea: Marquez, Spencer, Dickmader, and Franken. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. R26-08-01

WHEREAS, The Village of Brule is a member of the League Association of Risk Management (LARM);

WHEREAS, section 8.10 of the Interlocal Agreement for the Establishment and Operation of the League Association of Risk Management provides that a member may voluntarily terminate its participation in LARM by written notice of termination given to LARM and the Nebraska Director of Insurance at least 90 days prior to the desired termination given to and that members may agree to extend the required termination notice beyond 90 days in order to realize reduced excess coverage costs, stability of contribution rates and efficiency in operation of LARM; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of LARM has adopted a plan to provide contribution credits in consideration of certain agreements by members of LARM as provided in the attached letter.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the governing body of The Village of Brule, Nebraska, in consideration of the contribution credits provided under the LARM Board's plan, agrees to:

Provide written notice of termination at least 180 days prior to the desired termination date, which date shall be no sooner than September 30, 2029. (180-day and 3-year commitment; 5% discount)

Adopted this 11th day of August 2026.

Dickmader moved to authorize Chairman Spencer and Trustee Franken to obtain Nebraska 811 Locate training and to share responsibility for completing utility locate tickets, with compensation set at \$25.00 per ticket completed and submitted to the Clerk for payment. Marquez seconded. Yea: Spencer, Franken, Dickmader, and Marquez. Motion passed.

Franken moved to authorize the Clerk to submit a credit application to ACE Hardware in Ogallala with Julius Dickmader and Kevin Tjaden as authorized signers on the charge account all purchases must be complete by one of them. Marquez seconded. Yea: Marquez, Franken, and Spencer. Abstain: Dickmader. Motion passed.

Franken moved to approve payment of the claim submitted by Michael Gibson for watering services mileage totaling \$20.72. Marquez seconded. Yea: Spencer, Dickmader, Franken, and Marquez. Motion passed.

Department reports were heard from Water, Sewer, Streets, and Parks.

Water: Water systems are operating normally. The State of Nebraska confirmed that the water tower is not leaking; the moisture observed is condensation, which is expected during periods of very high temperatures.

Sewer: The EPA conducted its first site visit on August 4, 2026, as part of providing free engineering assistance to develop a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for the wastewater plant. The visit went very well, with Village staff able to answer all questions and provide all requested documentation. The EPA will follow up at a later date with a written report summarizing their findings and next steps.

Repairs to the aeration basin by Piepho's Plumbing are nearly complete. The failed galvanized pipe and fittings supplying air to the tank were removed, and twelve air-drop injectors were found to be severely corroded.

Streets: The pot holes on Oak Street have been filled.

Parks: The dead ash tree has been removed, and the park looks noticeably improved without it. It was reported that toilet paper is being stolen from the park bathrooms.

Dickmader moved to approve the Building Permit Application for 216 Linnell Street. Marquez seconded. Yea: Spencer, Franken, Marquez, and Dickmader. Motion passed.

Public Comment: John VanVelson, and Ryan Essink addressed the board.

Franken moved, to adjourn. Dickmader seconded. Yea: Spencer, Franken, Marquez, and Dickmader. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Dave Spencer, Board Chairman

ATTEST:

Tamera Loomis, Village Clerk