

Village of Brule Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2026

The Village of Brule Board of Trustees met on October 13, 2026, at 6:30 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 Franken, Glenn, Marquez, and Chairman Spencer were present. Trustee Dickmander was absent. Clerk/Treasurer Tamera Loomis was also present. A quorum being present, Chairman Spencer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the location of the Open Meetings Act was announced.

Franken moved to excuse the absence of Trustee Dickmander due to a work-related commitment. Marquez seconded. Yea: Spencer, Franken, Glenn, and Marquez. Motion passed.

Glenn moved to approve the consent agenda, including the September 8, 2026 meeting minutes; the available month-end bank balance report; and payment of regular claims. Marquez seconded. Yea: Franken, Glenn, Marquez, and Spencer. Motion passed.

GENERAL

PAYROLL	EXP	894.14
ATC COMMUNICATIONS	PH/INT	122.95
BRULE ACTIVITY CENTER	Rent	175.00
BRULE LIONS CLUB	FE	50.00
Brule Community Improvement Group	PUB	25.00
IRS	TX	169.39
KEITH COUNTY NEWS	PUB	454.72
League Association of Risk Management	INS	29,670.26
League of NE Municipalities	Dues	2,154.00
McQUILLAN & WENDELL, P.C., L.L.O	LE	889.50
Nebraska Printworks	SU	161.86
OFFICE SERVICE	SU	49.63
Tim Diaz	MOWG	2,000.00
US Postal Service	PSTG	338.97
VERIZON	PH	39.93
WIEST HARDWARE	SU	5.99

STREET FUND

PAYROLL	EXP	1,378.90
ATC COMMUNICATIONS	PH/INT	116.61
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS	48.82
Frenchman Valley Coop	ForestryExp	95.24
HUMPHREYS AUTO SUPPLY	R&M	467.46
IRS	TX	135.04
NPPD	ELEC	1,359.89

Sapp Bros, Inc. - Ogallala	Gas & Oil	1,620.00
VERIZON	PH	47.88
WUEST HARDWARE	SU	86.46
WASTE CONNECTIONS OF NE, INC.	TRSH	75.83

WATER FUND

PAYROLL	EXP	824.80
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS	48.82
ENVIRO SERVICE INC	TSTG	160.00
IRS	TX	374.12
NE Dept. of Revenue	TX	15.41
Nebraska Printworks	SU	143.40
One Call Concepts, Inc.	FE	5.31
US Postal Service	PSTG	338.99

SEWER FUND

PAYROLL	EXP	640.10
IRS	TX	372.20
NE Dept. of Revenue	TX	230.62
NPPD	ELEC	312.51
PeopleService, Inc.	CS	1,500.00
US Postal Service	PSTG	338.99

SAFETY FUND Pol/Fire

NPPD	ELEC	36.84
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PARK FUND

Brott Lawncare (Tristan Brott)	CS	1,450.00
IRS	TX	7.64
NPPD	ELEC	110.52
Snell Services, Inc	R&M	980.64
WUEST HARDWARE	SU	8.99
WASTE CONNECTIONS OF NE, INC.	TRSH	36.65

Total: 50,570.02

Franken moved to approve the payroll claim for Trustee Julius J. Dickmader for interim water utility work, payable from the Water Fund in the amount of \$98.12. Marquez seconded. Yea: Glenn, Marquez, Spencer, and Franken. Motion passed.

Glenn moved to approve the payroll claim for Trustee William J. Frankin for interim sewer utility work, payable from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$736.14. Marquez seconded. Yea: Marquez, Spencer, and Glenn. Abstain: Frankin. Motion passed.

Franken moved to approve Trustee Glenn's travel claim for attendance at the Floodplain Management Workshop held September 22, 2026, in Wakefield, Nebraska, payable from the General Fund in the amount of \$713.25. Marquez seconded. Yea: Spencer, Franken, and Marquez. Abstain: Glenn. Motion passed.

Franken moved to approve the payroll claim for Chairman Spencer for interim Grade IV Water Operator duties, payable from the Water Fund in the amount of \$623.36. Marquez seconded. Yea: Franken, Glenn, and Marquez. Abstaining: Spencer. Motion passed.

The Board discussed NPPD's planned discontinuation of website hosting services by December 31, 2027, and upcoming Federal ADA website accessibility requirements effective April 2028. The Village Clerk will research alternative website hosting and development options and present recommendations to the Board.

Franken moved to approve the Lease Agreement with the Brule Community Center Association for Room #2 office space at a monthly rental rate of \$200.00, effective January 1, 2027, and to authorize Board Chairman David Spencer to sign the agreement. Marquez seconded. Ayes: Franken, Spencer, Glenn, and Marquez. Motion passed.

The Board discussed the proposed Police Services Agreement with the Keith County Sheriff's Office, including service expectations, contractual provisions, and financial considerations. No action was taken at this time. Chairman David Spencer will continue negotiations with the Sheriff's Office and provide updates to the Board as negotiations progress.

Glenn moved to adopt Resolution R26-10-01, Resolution Signing of the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2026. Marquez seconded. Yea: Glenn, Marquez, Franken, and Spencer. Motion passed.

Marquez moved to authorize Board Chairman Spencer, sign the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance to Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classification and Standards 2026. Glenn seconded. Yea: Spencer, Marquez, Glenn, and Franken. Motion passed.

Chairman Spencer introduced and read by title Ordinance No. 26-10-01, an ordinance of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brule, Keith County, Nebraska, establishing compensation for the Chairman, Trustees, appointive officials, and employees of the Village of Brule for Fiscal Year 2026-2027; repealing all ordinances and resolutions in conflict herewith; and providing for publication of this ordinance in pamphlet form.

Marquez moved to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance No. 26-10-01. Glenn seconded. Yea: Marquez, Glenn, Franken, and Spencer. Motion passed.

Marquez moved to adopt Ordinance No. 26-10-01. Franken seconded. Yea: Spencer, Franken, Marquez, and Glenn. Motion passed.

Glenn moved approval to purchase 10 water meters from Core & Main at \$208.00 per meter. Marquez seconded. Yea: Spencer, Franken, Marquez, and Glenn. Motion passed.

Department reports were received for Water, Sewer, Streets, and Parks.

Water: The water system continues to operate normally, with no significant operational issues reported during the month.

A Level 2 Assessment of the Village's water system was completed with no deficiencies identified. As required by the State, the Village initiated continuous disinfection on October 5, 2026, with treatment to continue for a minimum of 30 days.

The Village anticipates a controlled water tower overflow during the weekend of October 17, 2026. This planned event is a standard operational practice conducted as part of the Village's ongoing water system

maintenance program. Controlled overflows are routinely performed, typically at least twice annually, to support system reliability and maintain water quality.

Sewer: Chairman Spencer reported that the EPA continues its review and development of the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for the Village's wastewater treatment facility. Village staff continues to respond to information requests and provide supporting documentation as part of the review process. Upon completion, the EPA is expected to issue a final report outlining its findings, recommendations, and potential next steps for the wastewater system.

Trustee Franken reported that Rivas Electric has identified that the wastewater treatment facility blowers require new pumps. Cost estimates and repair recommendations will be reviewed with Chairman Spencer and presented to the Board for consideration prior to authorizing the work.

Streets: A quantity of dirt was removed from the construction site located at 6th and State Streets for Village Street maintenance purposes. Following discussions with the property owner, the Village will return sufficient fill material to the site to ensure adequate backfill is available for the construction project.

The tree board planted 10 new trees.

Parks: Trustee Franken reported that a community member is interested in replacing the charcoal grills in the Village park. The Board welcomed the proposed improvement and expressed appreciation for the community member's support of the park.

Public Comment: BJ Van Velson, and Jamie Moore addressed the board.

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

Dave Spencer, Chairman
Village of Brule Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

Tamera Loomis, Village Clerk