

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF UTILITY BOARD REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, September 11, 2025

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular Meeting of the Utility Board of Hastings, Nebraska was conducted Airport Conference Room - Hastings Municipal Airport 3300 W. 12th Street, on September 11, 2025.

ROLL CALL:

This meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Bill Hitesman with the following members present: Jeanette Dewalt, Susan Meeske Scott Kvols
Derek Zeisler, Steve Huntley, Larry Consbruk, Erik Nielsen, Kirk Layton, Jesse Oswald, Mark Funkey, Jaci Higgins, Tony Herrman, Shane Stone, Larry Fox, Jason Redding, Karl Block, Micah McCaffery, Lee Vrooman, Noel Nienhueser, Kyle Patten, Lori Hartman, Brandan Lubken, Roger Nash
Absent: Jay Beckby

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Bill Hitesman led the group in the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.
Took a moment of silence as well to remember those from 9/11

MOTION TO ADOPT CURRENT AGENDA FOR September 11, 2025 REGULAR MEETING.

Moved by Dewalt and seconded by Meeske to adopt the current agenda for the September 11, 2025 Regular Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Hitesman, Dewalt, Meeske, Kvols. Nays: None. The motion carried.

PUBLIC NOTICE - Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Tuesday, September 9, 2025. Pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute Section 84-1412, the public is advised that a copy of today's agenda and all reproducible written material which will be discussed at today's meeting is located at the back of the Conference Room. Also, a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted on the south wall of the Airport Conference Room, which is accessible to members of the public.

MANAGER'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Not only is it the anniversary of 9/11 it is also National Day of Service. The city is all about service and thank you to all the departments within the city.

BOARD CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS:

None

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMUNICATIONS:

Thank you to everyone that has been involved in the employees involved in the budget and city council. We respect your professionalism and all the extra effort you have done.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. All Consent Items.

- (a) Approval of the minutes of the Hastings Utility Board Meeting of August 14, 2025.

Moved by Kvolts and seconded by Dewalt to approve the minutes for the meeting of August 14, 2025. Roll Call: Ayes: Hitesman, Dewalt, Meeske, Kvolts. Nays: None. Approved.

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.

3. General Business.

- (a) Other

i. FNIC Insurance Presentation

FNIC Insurance streamed in and gave a presentation and review on the insurance renewal that begins October 1. They will also be presenting at the City Council Meeting on September 22nd.

- (b) Finance

i. PILOT to City Dividend Fee

City Council did pass changing the PILOT to the City Dividend Fee. Jaci presents some examples of what the changes will look like. This will be in the "At Your Service" in the October Utility bill. Your bills should be the same, it just switches the label and where it is located on your bill.

- (c) Production

i. AGP Coal Contract Amendment

Shane discusses Amendment #4 to the Coal Supply Agreement with Ag Processing Inc. He discussed all the changes that were made in these sections.

- Revisions to the following sections of the Agreement:

* Section 4: Quantity, Scheduling, and use of coal

* Section 6: Additional Coal

* Section 15: Invoices and Payment

* Section 20: Penalties

Would like a recommendation from the Board to approve amendment #4 agreement.

Kvols motions to approve the amendment. Second by Meeske.

Roll Call: Ayes: Hitesman, Dewalt, Meeske, Kvols. Nays: None. Approved.

(d) Operations

i. Main Break at NDS

Brandan discusses the main break at the North Denver Station that started last week and showed pictures of the work being done.

(e) Administration

i. Utility Billing Update

Derek would like to thank Karl and his staff and accounting staff for working through this. They have all put in a lot of hours to work through the kinks and get everything running smooth.

Karl gives an update on the new billing system after running for a few months. We have worked through the majority of the issues. There are only a few issues that need to be resolved now. We think this should be completed within the next few weeks.

4. Possible Closed Session (if necessary or requested).

ADJOURN:

Motioned to adjourn by Dewalt, seconded by Meeske. Roll Call: Ayes: Hitesman, Dewalt, Meeske, Kvols. Nays: None. Absent: None. Adjourned at 10:07 am.

APPROVED:

Board Secretary