CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF UTILITY BOARD REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, August 13, 2026

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular Meeting of the Utility Board of Hastings, Nebraska was conducted Airport Conference Room - Hastings Municapal Airport 3300 W 12th Street, on August 13, 2026.

ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Jeanette Dewalt with the following members present: Jeanette Dewalt, Scott Kvols, Susan Meeske, Regg Rutt, Patt Mertens.
Derek Zesiler, Erik Nielsen, Jaci Higgins, Jeanne Espina, Tony Herrman, Shane Stone, Larry Fox, Karl Block, Jason Redding, Steve Huntley, Brandan Lubken, Kyle Patten, Nowl Nienhueser, Lee Vrooman, Jesse Oswald, Micah McCaffery, Roger Nash, Mark Funkey.
Absent: Jay Beckby, Larry Consbruck.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Jeanette Dewalt led the group in the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

MOTION TO ADOPT CURRENT AGENDA FOR August 13, 2026 REGULAR MEETING.

Moved by Meeske and seconded by Kvols to adopt the current agenda for August 13, 2026. Regular Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Dewalt, Kvols, Meeske, Rutt, Mertens. Nays: None The motion carried.

PUBLIC NOTICE - Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Tuesday, August 11, 2026. 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 Council Chambers. Also, a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted on the south wall of the Council Chambers, which is accessible to members of the public.

MANAGER'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Would like to thank everyone that showed up to the Mayors budget festival. It was a good opportunity to talk to the rate payers and answer questions.

BOARD CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS:

None

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMUNICATIONS:

None

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. <u>All Consent Items.</u>

   (a) Approval of the minutes of the Hastings Utility Board Meeting of July 23, 2026.

   Moved by Kvols and seconded by Meeske to approve the minutes for the meeting of July 23, 2026. Roll Call: Ayes:Dewalt, Kvols, Meeske, Rutt, Mertens. Nays: None. Approved.

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. <u>Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.</u>

3. <u>General Business.</u>

   (a) Finance

   i. Presentation from Chamber/HEDC

   Shannon from the Chamber of HEDC presented a slideshow and gave a review of 2025.

   ii. Recommendation of approval for funding the Chamber of Commerce and HEDC.

   They are requesting $175,000 fro HEDC and $30,000 for the chamber.
   Kvols motions to approve the recommendation of approval for funding the Chamber of Commerce and HEDC. Seconded by Rutt.
   Roll call: Ayes: Dewalt, Kvols, Meeske, Rutt, Mertens. Nays: None. Approved.

   iii. Water Ordinance Approval Recommendation

   Meeske motions to approve the Water Ordinance 4839. Seconded by Rutt.
   Roll call: Ayes: Dewalt, Kvols, Meeske, Rutt, Mertens. Nays: None. Approved.

   iv. Sewer Ordinance Approval Recommendation

   Kvols motions to approve the Sewer Ordinance 4840. Seconded by Rutt.
   Roll call: Ayes: Dewalt, Kvols, Meeske, Rutt, Mertens. Nays: None. Approved.

v. Community Solar Farm Ordinance Approval Recommendation

Kvols motions to approves the Community Solar Farm Ordinance 4841. Seconded by Mertens.
Roll call: Ayes: Dewalt, Kvols, Meeske, Rutt, Mertens. Nays: None. Approved.

vi. Fee Schedule Changes Approval Recommendation

Meeske motions to approve the Fee Schedule Change. Seconded by Rutt.
Roll call: Ayes: Dewalt, Kvols, Meeske, Rutt, Mertens. Nays: None. Approved.

vii. Utility Budget Update

Larry discusses the updates that have been made.

viii. Utility Budget Approval Recommendation

Kvols motions to approve the utility budget to move on to City Council. Seconded by Mertens.
Roll call: Ayes: Dewalt, Kvols, Meeske, Rutt, Mertens. Nays: None. Approved.

(b) Production

(c) Administration

(d) Operations

(e) Other

i. Election of Officers

Dewalt nominates Scott Kvols as the Chairman of the Board. Nomination was seconded by Meeske. Moved by Dewalt, seconded by Meeske, that the nominations for Chairman of the Board cease and a vote on the nomination for Scott Kvols be voted on. Roll Call: Ayes: Dewalt, Kvols, Meeske, Rutt, Mertens. Nays: None. Motion carried Moved by Meeske, seconded by Rutt to nominate Jeanette Dewalt as the Co-Chairman of the Board. Roll Call: Ayes: Dewalt, Kvols, Meeske, Rutt, Mertens. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
Moved by Kvols seconded by Rutt to nominate Susan Meeske as Secretary to the Board. Roll Call: Ayes: Dewalt, Kvols, Meeske, Rutt, Mertens. Nays: None. Motion carried.

4. <u>Possible Closed Session (if necessary or requested).</u>

ADJOURN:

Moved by Susan Meeske, seconded by Pat Mertens, there being no further business to adjourn at 9:52 am. Roll Call: Ayes: Dewalt, Kvols, Meeske, Rutt, Mertens. Nays: None. Meeting Adjourned.

APPROVED:

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Board Secretary