

**Village of Cortland**  
**April 8, 2026 Minutes**

The meeting of the Village of Cortland, Nebraska was held on the 8th day of April 2026 at 100 S. Sherman Ave, Cortland, Nebraska.

Present at the meeting: German, C. Moormeier, Meints, Burkey, Clerk D. Moormeier, Utility Superintendent Briggs, Attorney Mahin via zoom, Jordan Wong from Five Rule and members of the public.

Motion by Burkey and seconded by German to approve the absence of Chairperson Lisa Kohout. Roll Call: Yes: German, C. Moormeier, Burkey, Meints No: None Motion carried.

Motion by German and seconded by Burkey to appointment Cheryl Moormeier as pro tempore Chairperson in the absence of Kohout. Roll Call: Yes: German, C. Moormeier, Burkey, Meints No: None Motion carried.

Pro tempo Chairperson C. Moormeier called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm stating the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available in the meeting room as required by Nebraska State Law.

Motion by Meints and seconded by Burkey to receive and place on file all notices and material having any bearing on the meeting. Roll Call: Yes: German, C. Moormeier, Burkey, Meints No: None Motion carried.

Motion by Burkey and seconded by German to approve the minutes of March 11, 2026, regular Board meeting. Roll Call: Yes: German, C. Moormeier, Burkey, Meints No: None Motion carried.

Motion by German and seconded by Burkey to approve the Treasurer's report. Roll Call: Yes: German, C. Moormeier, Burkey, Meints No: None Motion carried.

The following bills were presented for approval: Black Hills Energy \$696.94, Cortland Volunteer Fire & Rescue \$714.92, Five Rule, LLC \$3,000.00, Intuit \$1,352.55, Menards \$172.12, Nebraska Department of Revenue \$353.49, Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab \$31.00, Norris Public Power \$2,571.89, One Call Concepts, Inc. \$13.04, Pickrell Lumber \$280.35, Salaries \$5,045.66, Sargent Drilling \$3,504.40, Schroeder Operations LLC \$675.00, Solheim Law Firm \$2,179.40, Summit Fire Protection \$555.50, U.S. Bank \$355.85, Utility Service Co., Inc. \$25,515.00, Verla Busboom \$40.00, Voice News \$192.63, Waste Connections \$4,795.83. Clerk reported additional bill by Johnson Service Company for \$1512.50 came in after report was printed. Motion by German and seconded by Meints to pay the bills and the additional bill from Johnson Service Company for \$1512.50. Roll Call: Yes: German, C. Moormeier, Burkey, Meints No: None Motion carried.

Motion by Burkey and seconded by Meints to approve the Fireworks Permit submitted by Vinton Enterprises. Roll Call: Yes: German, C. Moormeier, Burkey, Meints No: None Motion carried.

Jordan Wong from Five Rule attended to give the quarterly report. They continue to work with the P&Z Committee to update the Industrial Zoning language and revising definitions for inside and outside storage and communication towers. The P&Z Committee would like to have a couple of board members attend the next meeting, on May 6<sup>th</sup>, to give any feedback they might have. This will be coordinated with Kohout. Wong has a draft ready for the Public Activity District (parks and recreation). The future land use map along the trail would be a corresponding district. They are working on an internet browser search tool for the Village Zoning Regulations.

Jason Moore from MARS Garbage explained their territory and their expansion since 2021. Explained the availability of their dumpsters for cleanup and Community days. Service in the Village would be on Monday. They would like to put in a bid if we put the garbage service out for bids this year. Contracts are for five years. Our current contract holders, Waste Connections will need to be contacted 60 days prior to the end of their contract, which is June 30<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Burkey and seconded by German to put the trash service up for bid. Roll Call: Yes: German, C. Moormeier, Burkey, Meints No: None Motion carried. Clerk will send a letter

to Waste Connections before the end of April. Bid specs would be approved at the May meeting and determination of who wins the bid would be made at the June meeting with contract to begin on July 1, 2026.

A handout of the activities for the Cortland Summer Kick-off on May 30<sup>th</sup> was reviewed. Briggs will need to contact Up In Smoke Fireworks to find out the distance people must be from the display. The dance will be held within the ball field, porta potties will be available within the ball field and the alcohol will be in the ball field.

Motion by Meints and seconded by Burkey to approve the SDL for Schroeder Operations for May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Cortland Summer Kick-off. Roll Call: Yes: German, C. Moormeier, Burkey, Meints No: None Motion carried.

Attorney Mahin recommended the Board go into executive session for the Update on Nuisance Properties. Motion by German and seconded by Burkey to go into executive session at 8:06 p.m. Roll Call: Yes: German, C. Moormeier, Burkey, Meints No: None Motion carried. Motion by Meints and seconded by Burkey to return to regular meeting at 8:27 p.m. Roll Call: Yes: German, C. Moormeier, Burkey, Meints No: None Motion carried.

There were no updates on the Boon property we will allow until the end of the month for removing the fencing. Will decide at next meeting if conditions have been met.

The Fox Box at the McCluskey residences has been removed. Clerk is asked to respond to Alicea McCluskey email regarding the timing and the handling of the complaint.

Towing company is trying to get titles for the vehicles that were removed from the Carlson property. Miscellaneous: The museum will have a tour for the Nebraska Museum Association on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. There were 123 kids at the Easter Bunny event put on by CIA. Next event will be the Summer Kick-off on May 30. There will be a cleanup on either April 11<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> weather permitting by local church youth groups. The gazebo will be power washed and fire hydrants will be painted. A crew from the First State Bank will paint the bleachers at the Ball Park. Briggs was asked to get paint, brushes, and scrub brushes. No update on grants. Village of Cortland Sign has been put on hold. Burkey is still working on speed signs. Meints received a design bid from Project Control for \$36,000 for the Community Center renovation. He will contact others for bids. Chad Ziemann has accepted to work on the project committee. No report on the Ball Park. The clerk showed a scanner to the board that would be good to use for getting all old documents filed electronically. This is something the museum could also use. The clerk will look at writing a grant for the scanner. Bulk Mail flyer will go out next week with spring/summer reminders.

Maintenance: Briggs asked if it was okay to turn on the water at the ball park. He was given the okay. He has been in contact with Miller & Associates regarding questions about the lagoon and the PK Management development. He will be gone during Cortland Clean Up on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Meints indicated he could run the tractor. Key has been getting stuck in the door at the Community Center. New lock will be \$1500. Burkey will see if he can get a new lock. Windstream has contacted Briggs for 811 locates - wanting 48 done prior to the 10<sup>th</sup> (2 days). The phone numbers on the building permits were not in service. There was to be a contractor meeting prior to them boring and that did not happen. They have also been getting water without calling for permission. A meeting will be held with the State Fire Marshall, Windstream, Briggs next week to discuss the problems and come up with a plan. We have been having sewer issues because of flushable wipes. There needs to be a maintenance plan in place where Briggs will have identified manholes that need to be scoped out. Johnson Services charges \$475 and hour and estimates 15-30 minutes per man hole. Burkey made a motion and seconded by German to allow for \$2500 to be used to begin the maintenance by Johnson Service. Roll Call: Yes: German, C. Moormeier, Burkey, Meints No: None Motion carried. General maintenance can then be done with our jetter.

Motion by Meints and seconded by Burkey to approve the 25% Hwy allocation amount of \$1995.00. Roll Call: Yes: German, C. Moormeier, Burkey, Meints No: None Motion carried.

Motion by Burkey and seconded by German to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 pm. Roll Call: Yes: German, C. Moormeier, Burkey, Meints No: None Motion carried.

Respectively submitted: Donelle Moormeier Clerk/Treasurer – Village of Cortland