

Village of Cortland

August 12, 2026

The meeting of the Village of Cortland, Nebraska was held on the 12th day of August 2026 at 100 S Sherman Ave, Cortland, Nebraska.

Present at the meeting: Board members - Kohout, German C. Moormeier, Meints and Burkey. Others were present - Attorney Jena Mahin, Utility Superintendent Briggs and Clerk/Treasurer D. Moormeier, Five Rule consultant Jordan Wong, Barb Tegley, representatives from First State Insurance Matt Hoxmeier and Colton Grutsch.

Chairperson Kohout called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm stating the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available at the meeting room as required by the Nebraska State Law.

Motion by C. Moormeier 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, Kohout, Meints, Burkey. No: None Motion carried.

Motion by German and seconded by Meints to approve the minutes of July 8th, 2026, regular Board meeting. Roll Call: Yes: German, C. Moormeier, Kohout, Meints, Burkey. No: None Motion carried.

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

Bills presented: Barco Municipal Products, Inc. \$132.00, Black Hills Energy \$234.78, Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging \$264.00, Cortland Lancaster Rural Fire Dept \$5,000.00, Christopher Briggs \$25.55, Commonwealth Electric Company \$324.33, Core & Main 307.69, Dept. of Water, Energy, and Environment \$150.00, EZ STOP \$651.78, First State Insurance Agency \$35,329.00, League of NE Municipalities \$2,348.00. League of NE Municipalities, Utilities Sec \$466.00, Lincoln Winwater Works \$4,725.00, Menards \$451.87, Michelle German \$288.00, Midwest Lab \$37.39, Nebraska Department of Revenue \$455.64, Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab \$205.00, NIFCO Mechanical Systems, LLC \$3,745.00, Noakes \$294.51, Norris Public Power \$2,399.39, One Call Concepts, Inc. \$4.10, Salaries \$6,571.41, Solheim Law Firm \$900.00, U.S. Bank \$176.92, Verla Busboom \$40.00, Voice News \$213.60, Waste Connections Inc. \$4,954.43, Westlake Hardware \$42.75. Motion by Burkey and seconded by Meints to pay the bills. Roll Call: Yes German, C. Moormeier, Kohout, Meints, Burkey. No: None Motion carried.

Building Permits: Motion by German and seconded by Meints to approve building permit for buried fiber by Windstream at 100 E 3rd Street. Roll Call: Yes: German, C. Moormeier, Kohout, Meints, Burkey. No: None Motion carried. Motion by Burkey and seconded by C. Moormeier to approve building permit for buried fiber by Windstream at 501 S. Sherman Avenue. Roll Call: Yes: German, C. Moormeier, Kohout, Meints, Burkey. No: None Motion carried. Motion by Meints and seconded by German to approve building permit for buried fiber by Windstream at 150 West 1st Street. Roll Call: Yes: German, C. Moormeier, Kohout, Meints, Burkey. No: None Motion carried.

Special Use Permit for Bruce Docter property at 325 S. Sheridan discussed. A public hearing will be held in October for the Special Use permit at both the PZ meeting on October 7th and the Village Board Meeting on October 14th.

Five Rule quarterly report by Jordan Wong - The Industrial Zoning is very close to being completed and will also have a public hearing in October. Reviewed the Data Centers and that a definition will be included in the Industrial Zoning along with additional language addressing the Special Use permit required. A demonstration was also given of the online availability of the zoning regulations. The renewal of Five Rule Contract will be in October. Contract will be sent to Jena prior to that meeting so that it can be reviewed.

Insurance Renewal - Matt Hoxmeier and Colton Grutsch were available for questions regarding the insurance renewal. They were asked to update the policy for the Small ball field for lights and fencing \$75,000 value; Large ball field for lights, fencing should be \$150,000 value; Batting cage should be separate. Also asked to check on well coverage which he will check to see if increase should be on "equipment" or separate out. He will let Clerk know prior to the August 24th special meeting.

Waste Connections new contract. Contract has been reviewed by attorney and Waste Connections have approved of the changes/additions. Motion by C. Moormeier and seconded by Burkey to approve the Waste Connects contract for renewal for five years. Roll Call: Yes: German, C. Moormeier, Kohout, Meints, Burkey. No: None Motion carried.

No written complaints.

Chairperson, Kohout, read **Resolution #2026-03 SIGNING OF THE MUNICIPAL ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE 2026.**

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-12115, 39-2119, 39-2120, 39-2121, and 39-2520(2), requires an annual certification of program compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and standards; and

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statute, section 39-2120 also requires that the annual certification of program compliance by each municipality shall be signed by the Mayor or Village Board Chairperson and shall include the resolution for the governing body of the municipality authorizing the signing of the certification.

Be it resolved that the Village Board Chairperson of Cortland is hereby authorized to sign the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance. Adopted this 12th day of August 2026 at Cortland Nebraska. Motion by Meints and seconded by German to approve Resolution 2026-03. Roll Call: Yes: German, C. Moormeier, Kohout, Meints, Burkey No: None Motion carried

Update on Nuisance Properties:

a. Carlson Property - water has been shut off for non-payment, yard needs mowing, still a warrant out. Attorney will send a letter regarding weeds. Lein should be put on property for towing/clean up of grass. Put on September agenda.

b. Dissmeyer - warrant still out, may have moved out of county.

c. Essink property - the grass has been mowed and cleaned up

d. Connex box at Stacy Dorn property - he should have had a building permit to put on property as an accessory building. Attorney will contact.

Miscellaneous: **Museum** will be participating in BigGiveGage on September 10th with new building project, open on September 5th, writing a grant for a scanner, will participate in Spookfest **CIA report:** October 24th is Spookfest and will be moved to Main Street CIA is joining up with Museum Board to provide something different this year. **Grant report:** Grant opened up for playground equipment needs to be submitted by October 28th. Highway Speed Signs: Burkey reported that Solar signs will cost \$7676.52 for a pair with a three year warranty/solar panels. Motion by C. Moormeier and seconded by German for the purchase of the speed signs. Roll Call: Yes: German, C. Moormeier, Kohout, Meints, Burkey No: None Motion carried. **Community Center Renovation:** Meints requested a Resolution to repeal the design bid and to be the general contractor rather than pay \$36,000. Attorney will prepare the resolution for next month's meeting. Will begin with bids for roof, gutters, doors. **Ball park:** No update **Special Meeting:** August 24th at 6:30 p.m. for budget workshop.

Maintenance Report: Flagpole at the Community Center needs a spotlight, has sprayed weeds downtown and mowed the bike trail. Took 3 samples of water as we had a coliform hit, took two special samples in and we were clean. There have been 54 homes notified that their meter antennas need to be replaced as their water is not reading correctly. Still have 24 who have not responded. These readings are registering zero usage, however when the antennas are replaced it will catch up so those that have not responded will be accumulating a larger bill each month. Those that have been notified need to contact Briggs. Chris is willing to schedule an after-hours time to replace the antenna.

There was a malfunction in the equipment for reading for the Grof's which caused a discrepancy in the billing versus the reading. A motion by C. Moormeier and seconded by Burkey to forgive the current billing for the Grof's due to the discrepancy. Roll Call: Yes: German, C. Moormeier, Kohout, Meints, Burkey No: None Motion carried.

Briggs asked the board to consider a new software program for the water system when considering the budget for 2026/2027 at the August 24th meeting. The cost of the system would be \$82,000. He also asked then to consider replacing the pickup and the gator.

Motion by Meints seconded by German to approve the \$1773, for the 25% Highway Allocation match. Roll Call: Yes German, C. Moormeier, Kohout, Meints, Burkey. No: None Motion carried

Motion by German and seconded by Burkey to adjourn meeting at 8:52 pm. Roll Call: Yes German, C. Moormeier, Kohout, Meints, Burkey. No: None Motion carried.

Respectively submitted by Donelle Moormeier Clerk/Treasurer - Village of Cortland