



## Board of Trustees Meeting

November 26, 2025

### Minutes

Chair Wilken, called a Regular Meeting of the Greenwood Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26, 2025, at the E.L. McDonald Community Center located at 619 Main Street in Greenwood, Nebraska. Said meeting is open and the public is encouraged to attend. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to adjourn to Executive Session per State Statute 84-1410. The open meetings act is posted in the meeting room for the public to view.

### Call to order

### Consent Agenda

#### Minutes

Approval of timecards and payroll detail report

#### Financials

- Profit and Loss
- Balance Sheet

Sobota made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, minutes including the approval of timecards, payroll detail report and financials including the Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet. Johnson seconded the motion. All Ayes. Motion carried.

#### Water Report

#### Sheriff Report

#### Maintenance Report

Sobota stated the weight restriction sign got ran over, and he submitted a maintenance request to repair.

#### Clerk Report

#### Planning & Zoning

#### Fire/Rescue Report.

#### Park and Rec

Khalil discussed the possible use of the green space to be used for the car show in 2026 and stated other items are in the new business.

#### Library

**Communication of Citizens-** Consider requests from individuals present. Each speaker will be allowed two minutes, and no action will be taken on these topics until the next Board Meeting. The Village Board will review the matters and action as they deem appropriate. Notice: There is to be no comments or disruption to the meeting in progress. You will be asked to leave if the above is not adhered to. We ask for your cooperation and courtesy. Thank You

### Old Business

1. Discussion/Possible action for a cease/desist for Greenwoodnebraska.com website. Gerlach stated he sent an email to the webmaster for them to update/remove. Gerlach mentioned that Caleb is assisting in getting our website updated for our new \$310.gov site.

Gerlach stated he has no further info. Charter was discontinued in 2017-2018. The website is still being updated with incorrect information and is not associated with the Village of Greenwood and is profiting off the Village of Greenwood. Grell stated we should move forward with the Cease and Desist since the editors for profiting off the website, Gerlach agreed. Sobota stated he has received calls that the clerk is not answering the phone. Sobota stated the number being called that is listed on their website is not the village office. Grell stated the website is very similar to the Village of Greenwood website. Gerlach stated there is one person that is the owner, administrator and editor of the website. Sobota made a motion to send a Cease and Desist to the owner. Grell seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. All Ayes. Motion carried.

## **New Business**

**1. Approve/Disapprove Claims List A**

Grell made a motion to approve Claims List A. Johnson seconded. Roll call was taken. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Ashland Disposal \$144.94 (Garbage), Blackstrap \$2145 (Rock), BoundTree Medical \$473.76 (Supplies), Bromm, Lindahl, Freeman \$156.00 (Prof Fees), Column Software \$346.46 (Publishing), Constellation New Energy \$347.77 (Natural gas), Jasmine Mach \$310 (Janitorial), Menards \$291.88 (Operating Exp), Midwest Lab \$169.51 (Water/waste), NE Public Health \$15 (Operating Exp), Power Mgr \$3374.61 (Dues/Fees), S&L Hardware \$48.10 (Supplies), Security Equip \$242.55 (Computer Support)

**2. Approve/Disapprove Christmas Event located in the park on December 6<sup>th</sup>.**

Sobota stated this is for the Christmas tree at the park and made a motion to approve the Christmas Event at the park. Johnson seconded. Roll call was taken. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**3. Approve/Disapprove Christmas Lights decorating contest with a possible prize from donation.**

Grell stated Park and Rec, not the clerk, should contact OPPD for donation. Sobota made a motion to approve the Christmas Lights decorating contest with possible prizes. Johnson seconded. Roll call was taken. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**4. Approve/Disapprove Street closures for Greenwood Fun Day 2026.**

Wilken stated this was the same as last year. Khalil stated there is some addition. Wilken made a motion to approve the street closures for the Greenwood Fun Day 2026. Johnson seconded. Roll call was taken. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**5. Approve/Disapprove utilizing the village greenspace near the water tower, Elm from 4<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> with snow fencing on property line for parking for Greenwood Fun Day 2026.**

Sobota stated he would like to table until the event is closer. Rockwell stated the request is asked to make it a private parking area because people are utilizing it for event space while some are trying to set up. Sobota made a motion to table the village greenspace near the water tower for Greenwood Fun Day 2026. Gerlach seconded. Roll call was taken. All Ayes. Motion tabled.

6. Approve/Disapprove waving of peddler's fee for Greenwood Fun Day 2026.  
Wilken stated this was the same as 2025. Johnson made a motion to waive the peddler's fee for Greenwood Fun Day 2026. Sobota seconded. Roll call was taken. All Ayes. Motion carried.
7. Greenlight request for variance at West and Fourth.  
Sobota stated it was 25 ft. variance down to 10 ft. Sobota made a motion to approve the variance down to 10 ft. Johnson seconded. Roll call was taken. Wilken, Sobota, Gerlach, Johnson all Ayes. Grell abstained. Motion carried.
8. Discussion OPPD Proposed 2026 Rates  
Wilken stated he heard/read the rates will increase till 2030 roughly 4-8 %. Gerlach stated that it is correct but wholesale is going to be only 1% retail 4-7%. Sobota stated the document states we should budget in 2026 4-7% increase. Wilken and Gerlach agreed it should be increased 4-7% but this is just a discussion. Wilken stated it would be for 2026 and OPPD must vote on the increase first. Wilken made a motion to table. Sobota seconded. Roll call taken. All Ayes. Motion tabled.

#### **Resolutions**

Approve/Disapprove Resolution 25-05 One Year and Six Year Plan for Street improvement Program for the Village of Greenwood.

Wilken made a motion to approve Resolution 25-05 One Year and Six Year Plan for Street improvement Program for the Village of Greenwood. Grell seconded. Roll call was taken. All Ayes. Resolution 25-05 adopted.

Approve/Disapprove Resolution 25-06 Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Village of Greenwood.

Sobota made a motion to adopt Resolution 25-06 Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Village of Greenwood. Johnson seconded. Roll call was taken. All Ayes. Resolution 25-06 adopted.

#### **Board Comments**

Gerlach stated he needed to gather more information regarding the truck incident that took down the power line and forward to Windstream. Wilken stated that the truck that damaged the lines was not on a truck route. Gerlach agreed.

Wilken thanked the clerk for the audit prep. Village may have to hire a new IT professional because of the lack of communication/work.

#### **Adjournment**

Wilken adjourned meeting at 7:18 pm.



It's Clerk



It's Chair

The Agenda is readily available for inspection at the Village Clerk's Office located at 619 Main Street, Greenwood, Nebraska, during normal business hours.