

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
OF THE CITY OF AUBURN, NEMAHA COUNTY, NEBRASKA
HELD FEBRUARY 18, 2026**

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS (BPW) OF THE CITY OF AUBURN, NEMAHA COUNTY, NEBRASKA, met in regular session on February 18, 2026, at 1600 O Street at 11:30 a.m. This meeting was held in open session as required by Chapter 84, Article 14 of Nebraska State Statutes.

Chairman Knipe called the meeting to order. Roll call: Members present –Shaw, Grant, Knipe, Reiman and Zaruba.

Chairman Knipe announced that this was an open meeting, and a copy of the Open Meetings Act is available on the northeast wall in the Board room.

Chairman Knipe acknowledged the following guest: Terry Franks, President of the Brownville Levee District.

Chairman Knipe opened the floor for public comment. Terry Franks, President of the Brownville Levee District, approached the Board regarding levee repairs north of Cooper Nuclear Station. He inquired as to whether the Board would be able to assist with removal of sandbags placed during the 2011 flood. After discussion, the Board requested that a BPW employee investigate the project and provide information back to the Board.

Water/Wastewater Manager Slater provided updates on the Longs Creek Water Source Supply, noting that dirt work is complete, and electrical installation and bank stabilization are in process. Progress is steady. May 1st is the projected startup date. No action taken.

AFM Westhart presented a quote from Hoffman and Lamson that included a one-to-five-year protection plan for the Wastewater Treatment aeration basin blower fans. Water/Wastewater Manager Slater discussed details of the plan and the need for ongoing maintenance. Member Grant made a motion to accept a 36-month plan with latitude for management to negotiate a 60-month discounted contract. Member Zaruba seconded the motion. Members voting aye – Knipe, Reiman, Zaruba, Shaw, and Grant. Motion carried.

Water/Wastewater Manager Slater requested approval of a turbidimeter for the Water Treatment Plant, noting the current equipment has been discontinued and parts are obsolete. Member Reiman made a motion to approve the purchase of the turbidimeter as presented for \$36,035.61. Member Zaruba seconded the motion. Members voting aye – Reiman, Zaruba, Shaw, Grant, and Knipe. Motion carried.

Water/Wastewater Manager Slater provided information on the Drought Contingency Plan noting that we are working with Wichita State University. We have provided data and will continue to work toward an updated plan. No action taken.

Chairman Knipe called for a motion to enter closed session to protect the reputation of personnel. Member Grant made the motion to enter for said reason at 11:54 a.m. Member Zaruba seconded the motion. Members voting aye – Shaw, Grant, Knipe, Reiman, and Zaruba. Motion carried.

Member Shaw made a motion to exit closed session at 12:09 p.m. Member Grant seconded the motion. Members voting aye – Grant, Knipe, Reiman, Zaruba, and Shaw. Motion carried.

AFM Westhart presented the standard financial reports to the Board. Member Grant made a motion to accept the financial reports as presented. Member Zaruba seconded the motion. Members voting aye – Grant, Knipe, Reiman, Zaruba and Shaw. Motion carried.

AFM Westhart asked for any objections or exceptions to the General Consent Items listed under Agenda Item #9.

- a) Approve the previous meeting minutes and dispense with the reading of the same.
- b) Approve monthly compensation of officers, management, and employees as previously fixed by the Board.
- c) Approve, ratify, and allow the following checks, recommended transfers and claims submitted for payment during the month.
- d) Transfer funds from E-W-WW Revenue funds into the checking fund for expenses plus the routine interdepartmental transfers in the amount of \$637,000.00.
- e) Approve the City Free Services Report.
- f) Approve NOD's and Liens.

Checks written during the month of January.

AKRS Equipment	89.82
Altec Industries Inc	20.15
American Recycling	20,145.97
Anderson, Aracelly	600.00
Arbor Manor	2,266.38
Auburn Design Shop LLC	18.11
B 103	171.00
Beard's Salvage	31.90
Board Of Public Works	26,553.62
Border States Industries	4,565.22
Brownville Concert Series	50.00
Brownville Village Theatre	100.00
Bulldog Auto Supply	1,374.63
Capital Business Systems	404.17
Capital One	5,044.07
Caselle Inc	2,267.00
City of Auburn	14,035.75
County Publications	114.39
Credit Information Services	99.15
DHHS State of Nebraska	332.00
Eggers Brothers Inc	71.79
Frontier Cooperative	511.20
Gilbert Services	456.28
Glenn's Corner Market	148.17
Hawkins Inc	848.39
HOA Solutions Inc	21,731.51
Husker Electric	433.43
Itron Inc	9,226.15
Jackson Services Inc.	2,440.30
Kansas Municipal Utilities	255.00
Kidwell Inc	67.50
Kuhlmann, Kevin	196.69
LARM	7,203.64
Lincoln Winwater	2,602.66
Lynch's Hardware & Gifts	7.35

McMaster-Carr Supply	62.91
Metron-Farnier LLC	2,068.83
Miller & Associates	27,150.57
MEAN	2,146.50
Municipal Supply	446.38
NDEE	600.00
Nemaha County Clerk	10.00
Northern Safety Co Inc	47.29
One Call Concepts Inc	54.64
Petty Cash	58.82
Pinpoint Auburn, Inc	434.33
PIP Marketing	1,993.52
Sack Lumber Company	84.73
SECUR-SERV	6,039.26
Theye, Jay	393.36
Truck Center Companies	13,120.33
US Cellular	764.55
Village of Brownville	11,856.59
Village Of Johnson	4,826.33
Village of Nemaha	7,709.95
Water Engineering Inc	432.11
Wesco Distribution Inc	332.81
Wes Tech Engineering	3,380.00
Zoro Tools Inc	491.63
Poellnitz, Eric	165.58
Rhoden, Justise	21.74
Shelton, Melody	57.63
Wolfe, Madison	253.06
Auburn Central Apartments	101.43
Constantine, Emily	78.76
Pleiss, Daniel	593.94
Region V Systems	198.48
State of Nebraska	117.64
State of Ne - Financial	406.09
Trusow, Christopher	126.14

Following discussion, Member Zaruba made a motion to approve the General Consent Items as presented. Member Shaw seconded the motion. Members voting aye – Grant, Knipe, Reiman, Zaruba, and Shaw. Motion carried.

Reports: Electric, Power Plant, Water/Wastewater, Office.

There being no further business coming before the Board, and by unanimous approval the Board adjourned to the next regular Board meeting to be held Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at the hour of 11:30 a.m. at the Board of Public Works Board Room. Chairman Knipe declared the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Chairman

Secretary

CERTIFICATE

I, Tamara L Westhart, Notary Public for the State of Nebraska, do hereby certify the attached and foregoing minutes is a true, correct and conformed copy of proceedings had and done by the Board of Public Works at their February 18, 2026 meeting; all of the subjects acted upon in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the Office of the Board; such subjects were contained in the agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; the said minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body, all in accordance with Chapter 84, Article 14 of Nebraska Statutes.

Tamara L. Westhart, Notary Public in and for the State of Nebraska.
My Commission Expires October 4, 2027.