**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
OF THE CITY OF AUBURN, NEMAHA COUNTY, NEBRASKA
HELD JULY 15, 2026**

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS (BPW) OF THE CITY OF AUBURN, NEMAHA COUNTY, NEBRASKA, met in regular session on July 15, 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.

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

Vice Chairman Grant 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.

Vice Chairman Grant opened the floor for public comment. No one present addressed the Board during this time.

GM Luhring provided updates on the Water Source Supply Project noting that we are in final stages of the data request from the State of Nebraska. He also informed the Board that the UV equipment has issues that are being worked on pending parts that are on order. The unit is still operational and in compliance with the State of Nebraska. He noted that the wells are stable and water levels are high. A dedication ceremony for the Longs Creek project will be scheduled upon completion. No action taken.

Vice Chairman Grant requested a motion to take After Hours Dispatching Services from the table. Knipe made a motion to take the item from the table as requested. Member Reiman seconded the motion. Members voting aye – Knipe, Reiman and Grant. Motion carried.

GM Luhring presented information on the After-Hours Dispatching Services. After additional review of companies submitting bids, it is recommended to approve a contract with Outfiti who provides the services aligning with the bid specifications. After discussion, member Knipe made a motion to approve the contract as presented. Member Reiman seconded the motion. Members voting aye – Reiman, Grant, and Knipe. Motion carried.

Vice Chairman Grant tabled Grow Auburn Inc. until the next Board meeting when a full Board would be available to discuss.

GM Luhring provided information on the LARM Insurance renewal noting an increase of 3%. The total premium cost with a three-year commitment is $346,837.00. Approving a three-year contract provides a 5% discount. Concerns were raised about the three-year commitment to receive a discount for one year. After discussion, Member Knipe made a motion to approve the three-year renewal to take advantage of the 5% discount. Member Reiman seconded the motion. Members voting aye – Grant, Knipe, and Reiman. Motion carried.

GM Luhring requested to change the August Board meeting date from August 19th to August 12th at 11:30 a.m. due to scheduling conflicts. Member Reiman made the motion to accept the change of date as requested. Member Knipe seconded the motion. Members voting aye – Reiman, Grant, and Knipe. Motion carried.

Vice Chairman Grant called for a motion to enter closed session for the purpose of discussing litigation and personnel agenda items. Member Reiman made a motion to enter closed session for this purpose to protect public interest and personnels reputation at 11.47 a.m. Member Knipe seconded the motion. Members voting aye – Knipe, Reiman and Grant. Motion carried.

Member Reiman made a motion to exit closed session at 12:02. Member Knipe seconded the motion. Members voting aye – Reiman, Grant, and Knipe. Motion carried.

Member Knipe made a motion to update salaries from the formally approved succession plan, which would increase the General Manager salary from $120,000.00 to $125,000.00, and the Electric Operations Manager's salary from $105,000.00 to $115,000.00. Member Reiman seconded the motion. Members voting aye – Reiman, Grant, and Knipe. Motion carried.

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

Vice Chairman Grant asked for any objections or exceptions to the General Consent Items listed under Agenda Item #12.

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 $217,000.00.
e) Approve the City Free Services Report.
f) Approve NOD's and Liens.

Checks written during the month of June.

AKRS	218.12
Akers, Vanessa	254.44
American	21,626.82
Anderson, Aracelly	600.00
Auburn Family Health	175.00
B 103	171.00
Beard's Salvage	23.00
Bizco Technologies	3,884.66
Board Of Public Works	18,481.83
Border States Industries Inc	3,768.43
Brundage, Kelsey	400.00
Bulldog Auto Supply	298.89
Capital Business Systems,	404.17
Capital One Spark Business	5,357.48
City of Auburn	14,828.38
County Publications	909.31
Credit Information Services	144.50
Eggers Brothers Inc	363.60
Fossenbarger, Jeff	52.54
Frontier Cooperative	150.00
Glass Doctor - Lincoln	1,348.75
Glenn's Corner Market	26.96
Great Plains Lawn Care	1,550.00
Green Care Lawn Service	1,120.00
Grover, Michael	147.44
Harold K Scholz	5,222.00
Hawkins Inc	5,455.59
HireRight Solutions LLC	496.07

HOA Solutions Inc	7,586.03
Husker Electric	198.11
Jackson Services Inc.	3,306.38
Johnson Quik Stop	312.43
Julie Bauman, CPA	21,250.00
Kansas Municipal Utilities	1,200.00
Kidwell Inc	371.25
Lynch's Hardware & Gifts	25.53
Mateen, James	196.89
Mendenhall, Julie	151.76
Miller & Associates	5,354.68
Municipal Supply of NE Inc	339.42
NE Water Resources Assoc.	310.00
NE Power Review Board	1,021.81
NE Public Health Env.	60.00
One Call Concepts Inc	142.95
Packett, Josh	32.95
Petty Cash	72.03
Pieters Construction Inc.	947.00
Pinpoint Auburn, Inc	444.58
PIP Marketing Signs & Print	3,176.86
Rasmussen Air and Gas	229.70
Reynolds, Jackie	101.19
Sack Lumber Company	83.34
Safety-Kleen Systems Inc	457.86
State of NE	2,148.38
Titan Laboratories	406.97
Truck Center Companies	1,033.86

US Cellular	688.48
Vessco Inc	21,604.10
Village of Brownville	9,202.88
Village of Nemaha	5,969.08
Water Engineering Inc	432.11

Wesco Distribution Inc	931.89
Wes Tech Engineering LLC	40,278.30
Westhart, Tamara	426.69
Zoro Tools Inc	441.03

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

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

There being no further business coming before the Board, by unanimous approval the Board adjourned to the next regular Board meeting to be held Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at the hour of 11:30 a.m. at the Board of Public Works Board Room. Vice Chairmans Grant declared the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST: ______________________________
Chairman

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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 July 15, 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.

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