

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
OF THE CITY OF AUBURN, NEMAHA COUNTY, NEBRASKA
HELD AUGUST 12, 2026**

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS (BPW) OF THE CITY OF AUBURN, NEMAHA COUNTY, NEBRASKA, met in regular session on August 12, 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 Zaruba called the meeting to order. Roll call: Members present – Shaw, Grant, Knipe, Reiman, and Zaruba.

Chairman Zaruba 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 Zaruba acknowledged that Katy Billings, Bob Engles and Crystal Dunekacke representing Grow Auburn Inc. were present.

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

GM Luhring provided updates on the Longs Creek and UV projects. He noted there are issues with the UV units at the Water Plant. Parts are ordered to repair both units. A Trojan service tech is scheduled for August 18, 2026. The decommission process for the Longs creek filtering system will begin mid-September. No action taken.

GM Luhring provided an update on integration of the Outifi phone emergency call system, noting the kickoff meeting is August 13th. Activation is projected to take 90-120 days. No action taken.

Chairman Zaruba provided input on a request from Grow Auburn Inc. to invest and appoint a representative from the BPW to attend meetings. After discussion, the organizations agreed to keep communication lines open and to maintain the current relationship. No action taken

GM Luhring requested approval to renew a 60-month contract with Jackson Services for uniform services. After discussion, Member Grant made a motion to approve the contract as presented. Member Shaw seconded the motion. Members voting aye – Zaruba, Shaw, Grant, Knipe, and Reiman. Motion carried.

GM Luhring updated the Board on his attendance at the groundbreaking ceremony for the NPPD Princeton Road Station. No action taken.

GM Luhring shared that incoming GM Kuhlmann, W/WW Manager Slater and himself attended a meeting to coordinate demolition at 923 Central Avenue. No action taken.

GM Luhring requested authorization to reach out to local financial institutions for bids on CDs maturing on September 19, 2026, and subsequently award to the highest bidder. The CD's are currently valued at \$4,450,710.11. Knipe made a motion to reach out for bids and award as requested. Member Shaw seconded the motion. Members voting aye – Knipe, Reiman, Zaruba, Shaw, and Grant. Motion carried.

GM Luhring informed the Board that BPW employees participated in the Nemaha County Parade. No action taken.

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

Chairman Zaruba asked for any objections or exceptions to the General Consent Items listed under Agenda Item #13.

- 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 \$667,000.00.
- e) Approve the City Free Services Report.
- f) Approve NOD's and Liens.

Checks written during the month of July.

Altec Industries Inc	227.16
American Recycling	23,190.14
Anderson, Aracelly	450.00
B 103	171.00
Bizco Technologies	3,634.92
Board Of Public Works	18,460.57
Border States Industries Inc	24,972.03
Bulldog Auto Supply	318.35
Capital Business Systems	404.17
Capital One Spark Business	2,690.02
City of Auburn	16,859.40
County Publications	445.53
Credit Information Services	86.70
DHHS State of Nebraska	63.00
Duncan, Steve	30.00
Farmers Cooperative	236.24
Filter Care of Nebraska	22.90
Frontier Cooperative	415.35
Gardner Denver Inc	8,439.26
Glass Doctor - Lincoln	1,438.70
Glenn's Corner Market	58.75
GPM Environmental Sol.	7,152.00
Grainger Inc	165.56
Green Care Lawn Service	1,400.00
Hawkins Inc	3,256.39
HireRight Solutions LLC	306.64
HOA Solutions Inc	3,981.00
Husker Electric	1,274.27
Jackson Services Inc.	2,579.10
Johnny's Tire & Battery	811.42
Kidwell Inc	202.50
Koflo Corporation	297.95
Lawson Products Inc	43.75

LONM	2,462.00
Ligouri Law Office	667.00
Lincoln Winwater	349.32
Lynch's Hardware & Gifts	24.47
Midwest Electric Transformer	5,857.50
Midwest Laboratories Inc	34.55
Miller & Associates	3,734.15
Municipal Supply of NE Inc	633.68
Nebraska Rural Water	500.00
Nemaha County Clerk	42.00
Northern Tool	222.98
One Call Concepts Inc	147.16
Petty Cash	260.20
Pinpoint Auburn, Inc	444.58
PIP Marketing Signs & Print	2,578.85
Quill LLC	89.44
Rasmussen Air and Gas	86.80
RESCO	10,380.57
Riverscreen Inc.	488.56
Sack Lumber Company	104.53
Seidl, Bryan	179.80
T & R Electric Incorporated	6,869.04
T-Mobile	67.77
Truck Center Companies	860.35
US Cellular	630.36
Village of Brownville	13,097.14
Village Of Johnson	4,267.67
Village of Nemaha	6,706.49
Vrtiska, Eric	219.80
Water Engineering Inc	432.11
Wesco Distribution Inc	1,126.24
WesTech Engineering LLC	40,278.30
Zoro Tools Inc	256.63

Following discussion, Member Knipe made a motion to approve the General Consent Items as presented. Member Grant seconded the motion. Members voting aye – Shaw, Grant, Knipe, Reiman, and Zaruba. 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, September 16, 2026, at the hour of 11:30 a.m. at the Board of Public Works Board Room. Chairman Zaruba 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 August 12, 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.