

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
OF THE CITY OF AUBURN, NEMAHA COUNTY, NEBRASKA
HELD SEPTEMBER 16, 2026**

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS (BPW) OF THE CITY OF AUBURN, NEMAHA COUNTY, NEBRASKA, met in regular session on September 16, 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 –Grant, Knipe, Reiman, and Zaruba. Member absent – Shaw.

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 no guests 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. The Longs Creek filtration system has been decommissioned, and the unit has been returned to WesTech Engineering. The ultraviolet unit technician was onsite to repair the unit however additional parts are needed. The parts are projected to arrive in October. No action taken.

GM Luhring provided an update on integration of the Outifi phone emergency call system, noting that management training is complete and the crews training will be scheduled in the near future. No action taken.

GM Luhring requested approval to restore the minimum billing for customers with partial utility service during the billing cycle on a pro-rated basis. Member Grant made a motion to bill customers prorated services during months that the customers account is started or ended during a billing cycle, effective on the November billing. Member Reiman seconded the motion. Members voting aye – Reiman, Zaruba, Grant, and Knipe. Motion carried.

GM Luhring provided updates on the NPPD Wholesale Power Rate Increase of 9.3%. He noted that electric demand and new generation resources are driving costs. No action taken.

GM Luhring shared that the Board of Public Works Power Plant generated power August 31, September 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th, for four hours each day. This was to help support the power load during the heat on those days. BPW produced 320 MW of power. No action taken.

GM Luhring provided the Board Members with the 2027 proposed budget noting that the final numbers will be voted on at the October Board meeting. No action taken.

Chairman Zaruba noted that the Union and BPW committees have met and have a tentative agreement. A redline agreement will be presented at the October meeting for approval. No action taken.

GM Luhring requested to engage JK Energy Consulting to perform a comprehensive utility rate and cost-of-service study, for the electric, water, and wastewater departments. Upon approval data collection will begin and the results are expected to be ready at the December Board meeting. Member Grant made a motion to engage JK Energy Consulting services as presented. Member Knipe seconded the motion. Members voting aye – Reiman, Zaruba, Grant, and Knipe. Motion passed.

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

GM Luhring provided an update on the CD's that were out for bid, noting that Union Bank & Trust was awarded the bid with the high bid for 24 months.

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 \$1,326,000.00.
- e) Approve the City Free Services Report.
- f) Approve NOD's and Liens.

Checks written during the month of August.

Altec Industries Inc	1,413.61
American Recycling	20,550.61
Anderson, Aracelly	638.00
Auburn Family Health	362.00
B 103	152.00
Bingham, Seth	378.00
Bizco Technologies	9,658.39
Blackburn Manufacturing	610.92
Board Of Public Works	18,260.43
Border States Industries Inc	328.88
Bulldog Auto Supply	723.38
Capital Business Systems	617.26
Capital One Spark Business	4,567.42
City of Auburn	15,688.31
CNA SURETY	273.70
Concrete Industries Inc	9.27
County Publications	150.59
Credit Information Services	14.45
Daugherty, Allan	1,250.00
DHHS State of Nebraska	491.00
Dutton-Lainson Company	4,701.03
Eggers Brothers Inc	522.99
Farabee Mechanical Inc.	30,335.97
Filter Care of Nebraska	83.95
Glenn's Corner Market	85.58
Great Plains Lawn Care	3,490.00
Green Care Lawn Service	1,120.00
Grove, Nancy	30.00
Hach Chemical Company	390.35
Hawkins Inc	4,850.16
HireRight Solutions LLC	181.86
Husker Electric	4,529.92
IBT Industrial Solutions	2,578.24
Jackson Services Inc.	3,209.69
Johansen Drainage & Tile	12,350.00

Johnny's Tire & Battery	381.85
Lawson Products Inc	349.17
LARM	347,860.00
Lincoln Winwater	493.36
Lynch's Hardware & Gifts	17.00
Mike's Window Service	46.32
Miller & Associates	585.00
Moerer, JoAnn	30.00
NE Public Health Env.	271.00
Nebraska Rural Water	500.00
Nemaha County Clerk	52.00
Northern Safety co.	37.83
One Call Concepts Inc	162.46
Outifi	3,000.00
Petty Cash	369.52
Pinpoint Auburn, Inc	444.58
PIP Marketing Signs & Print	3,234.01
RESCO	1,393.53
Rulo Transportation LLC	32,950.00
Sack Lumber Company	47.04
T & R Electric Incorporated	1,200.65
T-Mobile	555.58
Village of Brownville	9,467.13
Village of Nemaha	5,600.13
Water Engineering Inc	462.36
Wesco Distribution Inc	2,806.55
WesTech Engineering LLC	40,278.30
Zoro Tools Inc	844.75
Bigham, Jeremiah	80.28
Davis, Amber	121.58
Jackson, Kathryn	273.27
Mcconnaghey, Shelly	3,629.32
Meek, Kiara	265.09
Moeller, Derek	213.78
State of NE	2,812.61

Following discussion, Member Grant made a motion to approve the General Consent Items as presented. Member Reiman seconded the motion. Members voting aye – 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, October 21, 2026, at the 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.