

**MINUTE RECORD  
VILLAGE OF FIRTH  
SPECIALMEETING**

March 13, 2025

A special meeting of the Chairman and Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Firth, Nebraska was convened in open and public session on the **13<sup>th</sup> of March** at the Firth Community Center. Normal notification procedures were observed. The meeting was called to order by the Board Chairman at 7:00pm. The following members were present: Todd Carlson, Samantha Henderson, Jason Cooper, Craig Middle and Tina Booton. The Village Clerk recorded the minutes. The Clerk noted that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was available in the room for review.

It was moved by Tina Booton, seconded by Samantha Henderson to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote: 5 Yeas (T. Carlson, J. Cooper, S. Henderson, C. Middle, T. Booton.) No Nays. Motion carried.

Dave Hansmeyer discussed current and possible future infrastructure needs for the Village. Dave brought a coupling and an old section of the recently replaced Allen Street watermain for the board to view. The Allen Street water main was originally constructed in 1942. He discussed the need to replace the remaining 4” watermains in town that are likely the same age – especially along May Street from 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>. The Board discussed current nitrate level results from Firth water testing.

The Board discussed having the Village engineer do a preliminary report on the water and wastewater systems to identify what next steps would be in the event of future growth or changing environmental conditions. A preliminary engineer’s report would allow the Village to be ready to move forward if the need for water or wastewater treatment was required.

Dave Hansmeyer also discussed the need to have the lagoon sludge cleaned out and how it is becoming harder to meet the current ammonia parameters. The Village engineer will likely need to be involved in the lagoon cleanout project.

Currently all water/sewer infrastructure is in working order.

Mike Hoefler, Village Treasurer, discussed current Firth bonds and notes. The board discussed how the various debt payments are funded, as well as interest rates, administration fees, and payoff dates on each debt. He also reviewed how the budget works and the need to explore supplemental sources of funding for specific projects (like the park playground update etc..) including grants or fundraising.

The Clerk and the Board discussed notes from previous Board training sessions regarding things like the Open Meetings Act, how to facilitate a meeting, best practices for engaging with the public, nuisance enforcement, dog regulations, conflict of interest laws, and other Board issues.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17pm

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Todd Carlson – Board Chairman

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Jill A. Hoefler, Village Clerk