PENDER, NEBRASKA

VILLAGE PROCEEDINGS

April 18, 2023

A special meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held in the Community Room #1 at the Pender Community Center in said Village on the 18th day of April, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. Notice of the meeting was given in advance notice hereby posting notice attached to these minutes. Notice to the Chairman and Board of Trustees and a copy of the acknowledgement of receipt of notice and the agenda was communicated in advance notice to the Chairman and Board of Trustees of this meeting and was open to the attendance of the public.

Present at the meeting were Clerk: Nicole Tyrrell-Feltes and Chairman: Chris Reha. Trustees: Dr. David Hoelting, Robbie Welsh, Dave Powley and Glen Gralheer. Also present at the meeting was Kylee Riggs, Pete Rizzo, Chris Brader, Marv & Marilyn Kubik, Gene Case, Merlin & Debbie Christiansen, Craig & Donna Malmberg, Norm & Jayne Bihr, Mary B. Smith, Butch & Nancy Suhr, Claudia Simonsen, Kathi Siebrandt, Greg Meyer, Bev Novak, Charlotte Bohlin, John & Patty Bessmer, Jason Sturek, Brian & Michele Kent, and Tami & Jim Rutar.

Chairman Reha notified that pursuant to Section 84-1412 (8) of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, a current copy of the Open Meetings Act was available to the public in pamphlet at the meeting.

Chairman Reha called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

To start the meeting, Chairman Reha gave a brief explanation as to why the Village of Pender is still in Stage 3 of the Drought Contingency Plan, Ordinance 681. First was due to drought in area, second was mechanical issues at the water treatment plant, third was applying for a grant and lastly, waiting on supplies to fix the system and crew from Kurita. The public was offered a copy of what Stage 2 entailed, which can be found on our website under Ordinances or available for request at the Village Office. Reha also stated that Kurita will be here April 25th & 26th to fix the tanks.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
Merlin Christiansen asked if the service pumps will be able to keep up with the water demand? Brader was confident that after the fix, they will.
Norm Bihr asked for clarification as to the village not being able to keep up with the water demand due to the tanks needing refurbish. Answer was correct and once tanks are finished, will be able to keep up demand.

Greg Malmberg asked why we allow the flow to go to rural when we are having problems? The answer is due to a signed contract and they have not gone over their allotment.

Marv Kubik voiced his opinion of the drought has not caused the water problems in the town and that we need to fix the problem no matter what because customers are paying for services and not getting them. The current board is working on it and the grant the village received will help greatly and save the customers some money. This problem has been going on for several years and past boards should have acted on it.
Tami Rutar pointed out that the current board should not be blamed due to past boards using band aids to fix problems in town and now at a point that is no longer doable. This board is going in the right direction.
Charlotte Bohlin voiced concern about people that are currently watering lawns while still in stage 3. She was advised to let the office know so those people could be warned. If found watering again, that customer will have their services disconnect if found doing it again.

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Powley to enter into Stage 2 of the Drought Contingency Plan effective April 27th, 2023. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Gralheer, Welsh and Powley. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Welsh to adjourn the special meeting at 6:17 P.M. Voting AYE: Gralheer, Welsh, Powley and Hoelting. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

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 Chris Reha, Chairman

 Board of Trustees

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Nicole Tyrrell-Feltes

Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF PENDER

THURSTON COUNTY

STATE OF NEBRASKA

CERTIFICATE

I, THE UNDERSIGNED VILLAGE CLERK hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and current copy of the proceedings had and done by the Chairman and Board of Trustees of this meeting. That all the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the said agenda for the meeting and kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the Village clerk. Those subjects were contained in said agenda for twenty-four hours and prior to the next convened meeting of the said body. That at least one copy of the reproducible material discussed at the said meeting were available for public inspection at the office of the Village Clerk and within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of the said body. That all news media requesting notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at the said meeting.

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Nicole Tyrrell-Feltes

Village Clerk