

VILLAGE of SUTHERLAND
BOARD OF TRUSTEES Regular Meeting & Hay Lease Auction
April 8, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

1 The Village of Sutherland Board of Trustees held a Regular Meeting on April 8, 2026, at
2 6:00 P.M. in the Village of Sutherland Meeting Room, located at 1200 First Street, Sutherland,
3 Nebraska. Notice of these meetings was given by posting notice in four public places, the
4 designated method by the Village Board of Trustees. The agenda for this meeting was kept
5 continuously current and available for inspection at the Office of the Village Clerk.

6 Chairman Meyer called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 PM
7 Members present upon roll call were **Scott Meyer, Kimberly Backer, Derek Dempcy, Felicia**
8 **Patrick, and Justin Nelms**. Quorum was established. Also present were Village Attorney Rory
9 Roundtree, Village Superintendent Casey Kendall, and Village Clerk Bonnie Ralston. The
10 guests present were Jim Dickerson, Matt McConnell, Dave Morgan, Kristin Meyer, and Trenda
11 Seifer. If all the names are not included, it is only by error, absence of signature or
12 undecipherable signature in the guest book.

13 The Board of Trustees and all present rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

14 Chairman Meyer gave notice of the open meeting law poster and its location on the west
15 wall of the meeting room. Meyer also stated the proper procedure for guests.

16 At this time, the Board opened the floor for comments from the public. Chairman Meyer
17 stated that all comments need to be directed to the Chair and that there was a five-minute time
18 limit. Chairman Meyer also said that there would be no discussion by the Board on comments by
19 the public that were not on the agenda. With no comments from the audience, Chairman Meyer
20 moved on to the agenda items.

21 Chairman Meyer asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Backer to
22 approve the agenda as presented. Second Patrick. Voting yes: Nelms, Patrick, Meyer, Backer,
23 Dempcy. Voting no: none. Motion carries.

24 The Board read the minutes for the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees and Public
25 Hearing on March 25, 2026. Motion Dempcy to approve the minutes as presented. Second Patrick.
26 Voting yes: Meyer, Dempcy, Patrick, Nelms, Backer. Voting no: none. Motion carries.

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28 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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30 Walnut Street property was addressed. Chairman Meyer said there was nothing new to
31 report at this time. This will remain on the agenda.

32 A large animal permit for 730 N County Rd is still on hold. Kendall requested this remain
33 on the agenda.

34 Planning Commission has forwarded a recommendation for permit fees, specifically
35 feeless permits, to the Board of Trustees. The recommendation is for a \$50.00 permit fee for any
36 site and land use permit over 64 square feet. Resolution 2026-04-01 was presented to the Board.
37 This resolution updates the fee schedule to reflect the recommended change to site and land use
38 permit fees. Motion Backer to adopt Resolution 2026-04-01. Second Patrick. Voting yes: Patrick,
39 Backer, Nelms, Dempcy, Meyer. Voting no: none. Motion carries.

40 Sewer lagoon was on the agenda. Superintendent Kendall stated there was nothing new to
41 report, construction is ongoing. This will be left on the agenda for future updates as construction
42 proceeds.

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43 Frank Fleecs had requested to be placed on the agenda for a discussion on accounts. This
44 will remain on the agenda until after the audit when Fleecs is able to be present at a meeting to
45 discuss it.

46 Compost site electrical and shelter discussion was next on the agenda. Chairman Meyer
47 had priced some structures from Premier Portable Buildings. The structure from Premier was 8x16
48 and riced at \$5,895.00 with no insulation or electrical in it. Patrick had also priced some sheds
49 also. The first was a 12x16 structure for \$3,204.00 at Menards. Cozad has a 7x10 shed for
50 \$2,650.50. Patrick also looked at a site called container ease for \$1,050.00. Patrick stated she knew
51 nothing about the site. None of the options presented by Patrick had insulation or electrical in
52 them. Kendall told the Board that the Adam Marshall auction site in Kearney had some small
53 containers coming up on an auction in a couple weeks. Meyer had Clerk Ralston pull the website
54 up on the screen in the meeting room to look at the options provided by Patrick. The Board
55 discussed the options that were presented. Matt McConnell stated that windows are easy to put in
56 and spray foam could be used to insulate also. Some discussion was held on types of windows and
57 doors in the containers and what would be needed for a shelter at the compost site. The Board also
58 discussed rough estimates of what the cost would be for the insulation and the cement pad to place
59 a container on.

60 At this point Chairman Meyer stated the Hay Lease Auction needed to be opened and the
61 compost site shelter discussion would continue afterwards.

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63 **HAY LEASE AUCTION – 6:15 PM**

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65 At 6:15 PM Chairman Meyer opened the hay ground lease auction and turned it over to
66 Attorney Roundtree. Roundtree stated that the auction was for approximately 64 acres at the
67 Village well field. Last year the auction closed at \$105.00 per acre. Roundtree opened the bidding
68 at \$80 per acre. Receiving no opening bids Roundtree asked for \$70. Bidding continued raising in
69 \$5 increments until the final bid of \$110.00 per acre, bid by Dave Morgan, was reached. Roundtree
70 thanked all bidders and stated he would get the contract drawn up to be signed. This ended the hay
71 lease auction.

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73 Chairman Meyer then returned to the compost site structure agenda item. Discussion was
74 held on the low price of the container, Kendall suggested purchasing it while the price was so low.
75 Backer suggested placing a container near the existing carport to provide some shade also. The
76 Board talked about the maintenance required if a wooden structure was placed there as opposed to
77 a mostly maintenance free container. Backer asked Kendall if this was something he would be able
78 to use his Village credit card for. The Board also discussed shipping costs. Nelms spoke up at this
79 point and stated he had looked into the website while the discussions had been going on and there
80 were several reviews of the site being reported to the Better Business Bureau. Kendall reminded
81 the Board that there was an auction coming up that also had some containers on it. Meyer stated
82 that the Board could authorize Kendall to purchase one with a spending limit. Motion Patrick to
83 authorize Kendall to purchase a container on the Adam Marshall auction for no more than \$3,000.
84 Second Nelms. Voting yes: Dempcy, Nelms, Meyer, Backer, Patrick. Voting no: none. Motion
85 carries.

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86 The final unfinished business item was a referral from the Planning Commission regarding
87 dual frontage lots. Roundtree stated he was waiting for more information from the Planning
88 Commission. This will be held over until the next meeting.
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91 **NEW BUSINESS:**
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93 Chairman Meyer adjusted the agenda to the pool pass additions and adjustments agenda
94 item. Clerk Ralston explained to the Board that the pool manager and the office had discussed
95 adjusting the age of the children that get in for free from 4 to 2. The office also discussed creating
96 a multi-family pass or grandparents pass. Currently all passes are immediate family only, which is
97 defined as family members living in a single household. The suggested multi-family pass would
98 allow more users to be placed on the pass who may not live in the same household. This would
99 allow a grandparent to purchase a pass for use by more than one household. Discussion was held
100 on grandparents purchasing passes for grandchildren and a senior or individual pass for themselves
101 if they wanted to swim also. The Board also discussed the individual families needing their own
102 pass rather than combining them. Patrick addressed the change of ages, expressing that 4 and under
103 are accompanied by a paying adult. Pool Manager Kristin Meyer informed the Board that a lot of
104 the 4-year-olds are swimming on their own. She also stated that if a parent comes in with more
105 than one child under 4 the pool is only being paid for one person. Meyer and Patrick talked about
106 options for a parent with more than one child under 4. Dempcy and Baker discussed the people
107 who come from other towns to use our pool and prices of passes for surrounding towns. Nelms
108 asked what K. Meyer would recommend for grandparents pass or an option to add a babysitter or
109 person outside of the household. The Board and K. Meyer discussed the pros and cons of adding
110 a pass for more than one household use and cost of those. The definition of family was also
111 discussed. Roundtree stated this was defined in 2021. The office will make sure the signage all
112 clearly states that passes are single household. Motion Backer to reconsider the previous motion
113 to adopt resolution 2026-04-01 which is the updated fee schedule. Second Patrick. Voting yes:
114 Backer, Meyer, Dempcy, Patrick, Nelms. Voting no: none. Motion carries. Motion Backer to
115 adjust the fee schedule to reflect the proposed fee for a site and land use permit over 64 square feet
116 and to change the pool pass prices to reflect that children 3 and under get in free. Patrick also asked
117 if the one-day 7-person pass could be renamed from family to daily pass. This pass does not require
118 all persons entering on that pass to be related so could be used for a birthday party or similar group.
119 Second Nelms. Voting yes: Dempcy, Nelms, Backer, Meyer, Patrick. Voting no: none. Motion
120 carries. K. Meyer also discussed with the Board an issue from last season with people paying for
121 swimming lessons and staying for the entire day without paying for it. K. Meyer was asking for
122 direction on if the pool should add the daily fee to the swimming lesson cost if you don't have a
123 season pass. The Board agreed this would be a good way of handling the issue.

124 Chairman Meyer then adjusted back to the regular agenda order. The Arbor Day
125 Proclamation was discussed. Clerk Ralston had included the proclamation in the packet along with
126 the pricing of the materials requested by the Tree Board to be handed out to the 4th grade students.
127 The Tree Board had also requested prize money for the coloring contest. Backer and Roundtree
128 discussed the ability of the Village to give prize money. Clerk Ralston and Chairman Meyer both

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129 stated that the money had been allowed last year along with the \$1 coins for each student. To avoid
130 and issues with the Village supplying the prize money, Superintendent Kendall donated the prize
131 money for the coloring contest. Motion Meyer to authorize the office to purchase the requested
132 materials for Arbor Day. This will come out of the Keno fund. Second Dempcy. Voting yes:
133 Backer, Meyer, Dempcy, Patrick, Nelms. Voting no: none. Motion carries. Chairman Meyer asked
134 if anyone would be available to attend the Arbor Day Celebration at the school. Patrick volunteered
135 to attend. Motion Backer to adopt April 29, 2026 as Arbor Day and authorize the Chairman to
136 sign. Second Nelms. Voting yes: Dempcy, Nelms, Patrick, Meyer, Backer. Voting no: none.
137 Motion carries.

138 Superintendent Kendall had placed crack sealing back on the agenda. Kendall stated that
139 there were more cracks than expected this year and the amount of sealant was not enough. He
140 requested an additional pallet of sealant be purchased so Shelco can complete the crack sealing of
141 the streets. The cost of an additional pallet will be approximately \$4,000.00. Motion Backer to
142 approve the purchase of additional sealant. Second Nelms. Voting yes: Nelms, Patrick, Meyer,
143 Backer, Dempcy. Voting no: none. Motion carries.

144 An SDL was submitted by the Longhorn Bar for the 3rd of July Street Dance. Motion
145 Backer to continue the Longhorn Bar tradition of the July 3rd street dance and authorize the SDL.
146 Second Patrick. Voting yes: Mayer, Dempcy, Patrick, Nelms, Backer. Voting no: none. Motion
147 carries.

148 The Longhorn Bar had also submitted a street closing application for the 3rd of July street
149 dance. Motion Patrick to approve the street closure application. Second Dempcy. Voting yes:
150 Patrick, Backer, Nelms, Dempcy, Meyer. Voting no: none. Motion carries.

151 Tom Werblow had forwarded a letter recommending the first payment be made to Level
152 LLC for the sewer lagoon project in the amount of \$394, 028.08. Patrick asked if this payment
153 would come out of the bond anticipation account. Meyer confirmed that it would. Motion Patrick
154 to pay Level LLC for the first portion of the sewer lagoon project. Second Nelms. Voting yes:
155 Meyer, Dempcy, Patrick, Nelms, Backer. Voting no: none. Motion carries.

156 ABCreative has submitted an invoice for the final payment for the Anchor Park playground
157 and multi-sport court. The office had reached out concerning some charges on the invoice that
158 should not have been included but had not received an updated invoice. One item the office pointed
159 out that needed removed was the relocation of the sprinklers since the Village had paid M&A
160 sprinklers to do this. Patrick asked if they were coming back to complete the striping. Ralston said
161 they were. Patrick wondered if the payment could be held until after the striping was completed.
162 Meyer stated it could be held but pointed out that the striping had been pushed back because the
163 Board had chosen to paint the entire court first. Discussion followed on asking ABCreative if they
164 will remove the striping fee if the Village agrees to paint the striping themselves. Attorney
165 Roundtree stated that any changes would need to be made in writing. Jim Dickerson asked the
166 Board if there was a penalty for not completing the project in the timeline. Kendall stated that the
167 reason the striping had been put off was to allow the Village time to get the court painted first.
168 This will be left on the agenda to allow the office time to reach out to ABCreative.

169 The Nebraska Rural Water Association membership was next on the agenda. Motion
170 Backer to approve the payment of the membership renewal fee. Second Dempcy. Voting yes:
171 Dempcy, Nelms, Backer, Meyer, Patrick. Voting no: none. Motion carries.

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172 Ordinance updates had been placed on the agenda by the office. Clerk Ralston had
173 discovered some ordinances that were made invalid because of county or state laws or updates to
174 the Village ordinances. By direction of the Board the office can work with Attorney Roundtree to
175 identify ordinances which need updated.

176 Cobbler Lane and Cherrywood paving was next on the agenda. This project was supposed
177 to be completed by April 1st and has not been started yet. Kendall said he had been told several
178 weeks ago that their loader had broken down and when it was repaired they would be up to do the
179 project. Discussion was held on whether the project would need to be put out for bid again or if
180 the other bidders could be contacted to see if they would be interested in the project. Roundtree
181 stated he would first send a letter to the company notifying them they were in default and giving
182 them a set period of time to complete the project. If they do not get it done in the specified time
183 then the Board can reach out to the other bidders to see if they would honor their bid.

184 Superintendent Kendall had added the semi-pro baseball team to the agenda. Kendall had
185 spoken with the team that plays in North Platte and invited them up to see our field. They expressed
186 interest in playing some games in Sutherland. Kendall is currently working with the Youth Board
187 on available dates. Motion Patrick to authorize Kendall to make the arrangements for the semi-pro
188 team to use our facilities. Second Nelms. Voting yes: Meyer, Dempcy, Patrick, Nelms, Backer.
189 Voting no: none. Motion carries.

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194 **OTHER:**

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- 196 • Claims in the amount of \$120,777.85 were presented to the Board. Motion Backer to
197 approve the claims with the adjustment of the water association dues. This brings the
198 claims total to \$121,127.85. Second Patrick. Voting yes: Patrick, Backer, Nelms,
199 Dempcy, Meyer. Voting no: none. Motion carries. Backer asked what account the mower
200 was coming from. Ralston confirmed it was coming from the equipment fund.
- 201 • Payroll Reports were presented to the Board for the April 3, 2026 Board payroll and the
202 April 10, 2026 regular payroll.
- 203 • Comp Time Reports and paid time off reports were also included in the packet.

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205 **FYI INFORMATION:**

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207 Clerk Ralston had been asked by Backer to find out how much income had been brought
208 in from the recycling compost charge the Board added. Ralston stated it has brought in
209 \$13,841.26 since October of 2025.

210 Patrick reminded everyone that the FFA banquet is the following night if anyone wanted
211 to attend.

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213 **REPORTS:**

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- 215 • Superintendent Kendall reported that the lagoon contractor had passed away so there were a
216 few days with no work being done. Sprinklers at the pool park are in and grass seed has been
217 planted. Roll off is on the hill and it seems to be going well; Vern is doing a good job. Parks
218 are getting fertilized and sprinklers will be turned on soon.
- 219 • Clerk Ralston stated she had shared all her information during the meeting.

220 **Trustees Reports:**

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- 222 • K. Backer feels someone should attend the Legion Hall meeting on May 23rd.
 - 223 • D. Dempcy had nothing to report.
 - 224 • F. Patrick had nothing to report.
 - 225 • J. Nelms had nothing to report.
 - 226 • S. Meyer had nothing to report.
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228 Jim Dickerson asked to address the Board and questioned if there have been any updates
229 on the complaint about semi's using their air brakes through town. The office had reported the
230 complaint and stated that the Sheriff's Department said they would watch for semi's doing this.

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234 With no further agenda items to discuss, Meyer asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion
235 Dempcy to adjourn the meeting. Second Backer. Voting yes: Dempcy, Nelms, Backer,
236 Meyer, Patrick. Voting no: none. Motion carries. Meeting is adjourned at 7:22 P.M.

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239 These minutes are set to be approved at the April 8, 2026, regular meeting.

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244 Scott Meyer, Chairman
245 Board of Trustees, Village of Sutherland

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Bonnie Ralston, Clerk
Village of Sutherland