

VILLAGE of SUTHERLAND
BOARD OF TRUSTEES Regular Meeting
June 10, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

1 The Village of Sutherland Board of Trustees held a Regular Meeting on June 10, 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, Chris Bruns, Tammy Brown, Rochelle Jackson, Joan Rasby,
11 Julie Beardsley, Trenda Seifer, and Pool Manager Kristin Meyer. If all the names are not
12 included, it is only by error, absence of signature or 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. Lincoln County Commissioner Chris Bruns asked to
20 address the Board. Bruns wanted to provide an update on the last Lincoln County Commissioners
21 meeting, specifically regarding data centers. The Commissioners had a vote on a potential
22 moratorium on data centers. Bruns stated that over the past three and a half years he and the other
23 Commissioners have worked with their consultants to ensure that the Lincoln County
24 Comprehensive Plan and regulations are sufficient to allow the Commissioners to implement a
25 moratorium if needed. Commissioner Bruns reported that numerous data centers have looked at
26 the community, but as of now, none have committed to an intent to build in the area. The Lincoln
27 County Commissioners felt they needed to be preemptive and have the topic in front of them.
28 Bruns assured the Board and the audience that the regulations are in place to prevent data centers
29 from utilizing ground water or surface water. State statute also allows the county to require a data
30 center to generate 100% of their own electrical needs to avoid draining the power grid for the area.
31 Setbacks and a community benefit agreement are already in place. Bruns said he wanted to come
32 correct any misinformation people may have heard and informed the Board and the audience that
33 Lincoln County is sitting in a really good spot to make sure any potential problems that could arise,
34 don't. Trustee Patrick asked Bruns to explain what he meant by making them meet their own
35 electrical needs. Bruns replied that the county can require them to build their own power plant now
36 that state statute allows this. Bruns also discussed the zoning requirements currently in place to
37 help mitigate sound concerns. Patrick asked if there was a date for a vote or development projects.
38 Commissioner Bruns said there are no applications at this time and then explained the process that
39 a developer would need to go through, stating that the project would take approximately 9 months
40 to a year for the application process. Bruns and Patrick discussed the cons of data centers such as
41 water, electricity, and sound. They also spoke about the pros of data centers like property taxes
42 coming in, jobs being created, and the community benefits agreement which allows a community
43 to get money up front from the entity developing the area. That money can go towards tax breaks,

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44 park and community improvements, schools, and much more. Bruns did remind the Board and the
45 audience that the Commissioners can only regulate what happens in the county, not inside
46 communities. He then thanked the Board for their time. Having no other comments from the public,
47 Chairman Meyer continued with the meeting.

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

51 The Board read the minutes for the May 27, 2026 Board of Trustees regular meeting.
52 Motion Backer to approve the minutes as presented. Second Dempcy. Patrick asked if the Board
53 needed to take any action to correct the typo on the date from the last meeting. The Board approved
54 the minutes for the May 13, 2026 meeting but the agenda stated the wrong date. Clerk Ralston did
55 state that the minutes for the May 27, 2026 meeting did reflect the error. Attorney Roundtree and
56 Chairman Meyer discussed the necessary action. Roundtree stated that the Board would need to
57 ratify the minutes from May 13, 2026 and approve the change. The motion and second on the floor
58 is for the May 27, 2026 minutes, Chairman Meyer called for a vote on this motion. Voting yes:
59 Patrick Nelms, Dempcy, Backer, Meyer. Voting no: none. Motion carries. Motion Backer to ratify
60 and approve the change for the approval of the May 13, 2026 minutes. Second Patrick. Voting yes:
61 Backer, Dempcy, Meyer, Nelms, Patrick. Voting no: none. Motion carries.

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64 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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66 Walnut Street property was addressed. Chairman Meyer stated there was nothing new on
67 this issue. Backer asked if a time frame had been set. Meyer replied that one had been set.

68 Sewer lagoon was on the agenda. Superintendent Kendall stated that there was nothing new
69 to report on this.

70 Park and pool picnic tables were placed on the agenda by Kendall. This item was being
71 held until a meeting of the CARC board could be called. There have been scheduling conflicts so
72 this has not been done.

73 Discussion and action on Ordinances to be updated in the crime commission system was
74 discussed next. Roundtree said he had nothing to discuss on this. Nelms told the Board he had
75 reviewed the ordinance packets the office had printed off for the Board members to look over. In
76 the review of the ordinances Nelms stated he feels the majority of the ordinances that the Board
77 would be most concerned about were already in the system or backed by state statute. Clerk
78 Ralston said the office could send the list compiled by Nelms to Roundtree to look over. Roundtree
79 told the Board that he would look over the list and discuss which could be waiver able fines so the
80 Board could decide how to move forward.

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82 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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84 The review of Ordinance 92.02 was the first new business agenda item. This ordinance
85 allows large animals on properties that meet set conditions and regulations if a permit is filed and
86 approved. It also includes a clause allowing animals for 4H projects, which is the concern causing

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87 this to be placed on the agenda. Backer reminded the Board that this was placed so the Board could
88 determine if additional language is needed to set time limits on acquisition and removal of animals
89 for 4H or fair projects. The Board discussed timelines of county and state fairs. Patrick pointed out
90 that the state air is at the end of August. Backer expressed she felt that the animal would need to
91 be removed from the property and the permit voided at the end of the fair. Meyer asked if
92 something would need drafted to tighten the language up. Roundtree agreed that he would need to
93 amend that subsection to set a limit on the 4H animal. He also added that as is, the ordinance allows
94 for the Board to revoke the permit at a desired time, such as when fair is over. Backer said that if
95 there was already a way to limit the timeline it could remain as is. Patrick asked what a revocation
96 looked like. Roundtree stated it was built into the ordinance and read the section of the ordinance
97 that states the Village may revoke the permit upon written notice to the owner, keeper, or
98 custodian. Patrick asked if there was anything in the ordinance saying the requesting person had
99 to prove their child was in 4H. Roundtree said this could be made part of the application. Clerk
100 Ralston asked if that was simply office procedure to add that to the application or if it would need
101 action by the Board to add it. Roundtree stated it would simply be office procedure and that the
102 office has the ability to investigate further before submitting the application to the Board or
103 approval. Meyer asked if the office could just add a line to the application requesting proof that
104 the child is enrolled in 4H, Roundtree agreed. Nelms asked what was in place to stop the resident
105 from getting the animal and not getting the permit. Roundtree explained that the resident would be
106 in violation of Village ordinance and the next steps would be an injunction, a fine, and possible
107 contempt if they refused to get rid of the animal. Patrick expressed concerns with the cost of this
108 to the village to go that route instead of simply saying residents can't have large animals in Village
109 limits. Discussion was held concerning residents not wanting to live near large animals. Patrick
110 stated she is opposed to allowing goats, pigs, sheep, and similar animals in Village limits. Nelms
111 asked if it would be cleaner to have something more detailed to be drawn up rather than approving
112 and revoking permits. Meyer said it sounds like the Board needs to have more discussion on this
113 to determined if Roundtree needed to draw up something more detailed or if it needed to be done
114 away with. This will remain on the agenda.

115 Julie Beardsley requested to be placed on the agenda to discuss the swimming pool with
116 the Board. Pool Manager Kristin Meyer is also present at the request of the Board. There were
117 concerns raised about the temperature of the pool. Beardsley stated that the village has a great
118 facility but said that for the last few years the pool water has been cold, even though there is a
119 heater at the pool. Beardsley said that the last week has been a great temperature and she would
120 like it to stay at the temperature it is now. Superintendent Kendall asked to address this, saying
121 that the temperature of the pool has been the same since the pool opened. The water has been
122 maintained between 74-77 degrees. Kendall thought the reason this week has felt warmer is due
123 to the outside temperatures warming up. Kendall told Beardsley that if the temperature goes over
124 78 degrees the pool uses double the amount of chemicals. Discussion was held on what the money
125 residents pay for passes is used for, Kendall explained it is used for chemicals, maintenance,
126 wages, and all the other things the pool requires. If the temperature is turned up, Kendall said, the
127 cost of the chemicals will double, which could lead to pass rates going up. Kendall also compared
128 season and family passes, stating that the Village loses money on the passes compared to what
129 could be made if they did away with them and only had daily passes. He said that if the cost to run

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130 the pool was going to go up significantly due to chemicals doubling, his recommendation to the
131 Board would be to only have the daily pass rate. Some discussion followed concerning the cost of
132 running the pool. Backer stated that pools don't make money, but keeping the loss as low as
133 possible is something the village aims to do. Beardsley asked how other towns keep their pools
134 warmer, citing Paxton as an example, saying that Paxton keeps their pool at 80 degrees. Meyer
135 spoke up, saying he has been tracking the temperature of the pool for the last three weeks. K.
136 Meyer stated that the pool temperature has not been below 77 degrees at opening. Chairman Meyer
137 went on to explain that as people use the pool the temperature raises 2 – 3 degrees throughout the
138 course of the day. Beardsley and others in the audience agreed the last week has been a good
139 temperature for the water. Meyer also reiterated what Kendall had said, telling the audience that
140 keeping the pool under 80 degrees saves the Village between 15 and 30 thousand dollars per year.
141 Pool Manager K. Meyer explained that above 78 degrees the chlorine doesn't work as well, this
142 results in extra chlorine being added to keep up with the amount of people in the pool. K. Meyer
143 said she would run the pool as the Board sees fit and turn up the temperature if told to but wanted
144 the Board to know the pool would go through double or even triple the chemicals if she does.
145 Kendall said that as the outside temperature goes up people will start complaining the water is too
146 warm. More discussion was held on what a good temperature would be to keep the pool at, outside
147 temperature affecting the water temperature, and the records of where the temperatures have been
148 since opening day. Safety issues concerning adding too much chlorine were also discussed. Meyer
149 and Kendall also discussed the boiler being set on a thermostat. This is set to kick on if the
150 temperature drops below 77 degrees it kicks in and above 79 degrees it kicks off. K. Meyer stated
151 she had personally called several communities with a pool comparable to ours and was told by all
152 of them that 74 – 80 is the range they stay in. This included Paxton, Arnold, North Platte, and
153 Ogallala. Joan Rasby addressed the Board, saying that perhaps there was a problem with the
154 thermometer because the water is cold sometimes. She agreed that this year has been good but said
155 that past years the water was cold. Chairman Meyer replied that there are two thermometers
156 operating and he doesn't believe they are both off. He continued by saying that in the records kept
157 by K. Meyer the temperatures are very consistent on both the inflow and the water coming out of
158 the boiler. Rasby told Meyer it is good to be able to visit and discuss this with the Board so that
159 people know what is going on. Meyer commented that, as a Board member, he doesn't feel like
160 the departments need micromanaged. The Pool Manager reports to the Utility Superintendent and
161 to the office. Meyer stated he felt these are questions that could have gone to them to get some
162 resolution before being brought to the Board. Meyer said he felt there is not much that needs to be
163 done by the Board. Patrick interrupted, saying that she felt there needed to be some caution in
164 saying these questions could have gone to the manager instead of the Board. Some spirited
165 discussion followed on micromanaging employees and the right of the public to bring items to the
166 Board. Meyer asked if there was anyone who would like to offer a motion concerning the pool
167 discussion. Backer didn't have a motion but did say the public was more than welcome ask about
168 the pool temperature or to check temperatures with their own thermometers if they would like.
169 Backer encouraged the public to have discussions with the Pool Manager or the Board if there
170 were any further concerns. With no further comments Chairman Meyer continued with the agenda
171 items.

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172 The Sutherland Chamber of Commerce golf tournament and 4th of July meal sponsorship
173 was next on the agenda. Backer stated this has been done in the past out of Keno funds, and she
174 had checked with the office to ensure there were funds in that account. Motion Backer to approve
175 the \$250.00 4th of July meal sponsorship out of the Keno funds. Second Patrick. Voting yes: Meyer,
176 Dempcy, Patrick, Nelms, Backer. Voting no: none. Motion carries. Motion Backer to approve the
177 \$50.00 golf hole sponsorship out of the Keno fund. Second Patrick. Voting yes: Patrick, Dempcy,
178 Meyer, Nelms, Backer. Voting no: none. Motion carries. Backer noted she would like to add this
179 to the claims.

180 Well repairs at the sewer lagoon were placed on the agenda by Kendall. He stated there is
181 a bad pump in one of the wells at the lagoon. This will be a three-part repair according to Kendall,
182 needing a pump, electricity run to it, and a meter run to the new cell. Backer asked if the estimate
183 presented was for the entire project. Kendall said it was just for the pump. He did not have
184 estimates for the rest of the project because he was waiting on NPPD for a cost on the line.
185 Discussion followed on the method of running electricity to the well and to the cell. Patrick asked
186 if Kendall only submitted the one estimate. Kendall said it was only the estimate from Holm's,
187 Meyer and Backer both said that Holm's has done the work on the Village wells so knows them
188 all. The estimate from Holm's is in the amount of \$5,814.38. Backer told the Board she feels this
189 is something that needs to be done. Motion Backer to approve the well repairs with the estimate
190 from Holm's for \$5,814.38. Second Nelms. Voting yes: Patrick, Nelms, Dempcy, Backer, Meyer.
191 Voting no: none. Motion carries. Backer asked if a motion to allot an amount to get the electrical
192 done was needed. Kendall asked the Board to hold off until he has an amount from NPPD.

193 Manhole Rehab was also placed on the agenda. Several of the manhole were worked on
194 last year, this would continue the servicing of the Village manholes. Backer asked about the
195 mobilization rate and the varying cost for each manhole. Kendall said that the number of manholes
196 could be reduced or added to if the Board wanted to. Meyer stated that the mobilization fee would
197 be on there no matter how many manholes were worked on. Kendall had submitted an estimate
198 from Johnson's Service who did the repairs last year. The estimate total was \$28,450.00. Backer
199 asked if this was for sewer or water, Kendall replied it was sewer. Backer then asked if this was
200 something that had to be done. Kendall explained that the concrete gets soft and fails over time.
201 This come in and sprays a plastic liner in them that is supposed to last for 20 – 30 years. Motion
202 Backer to approve the estimate from Johnson's Service Company in the amount of \$28,450.00 for
203 8 manholes out of the sewer fund. Second Patrick. Voting yes: Dempcy, Backer, Meyer, Patrick,
204 Nelms. Voting no: none. Motion carries.

205 The final new business item addressed issues found during the sewer jetting. Johnson's
206 Service discovered there were cables running through one of the sewer lines. Kendall said that
207 where the cables come through the sewer line is starting to deteriorate and cave in. They
208 recommended cutting the cables and replacing the section that is damage. Chairman Meyer stated
209 he had spoken with the company they believe the cables belong to. Meyer stated they are Great
210 Plains Communication cables. Meyer was told to get it fixed and submit the claim to them. Backer
211 asked if this could be put in writing and sent to the office. Patrick stated that they must have been
212 there for a long time, Meyer agreed, saying they are guessing early 80's. Discussion followed on
213 the cables being lifted and laid over the top of the sewer line instead of cutting them. Kendall told
214 the Board that there was nothing else found of concern. Under the care center there were steel

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215 pipes that had rust on them, Johnson’s Service did get that cleaned up. Nelms asked where the
216 sewer line being discussed was at. Kendall replied that it was at the Liberty and Elm intersection.
217 Backer asked if the Board just needed a vote to fix the issue since Great Plains would be paying
218 for it. Roundtree asked what an estimated cost would be. Kendall informed the Board he would
219 need to call for locates, Meyer agreed that there are a lot of lines in that area. Discussion followed
220 on estimates of the repair to ensure it would be under the bid limit. Meyer and Kendall both thought
221 it would be a couple thousand at most. Motion Backer to repair the obstruction and submit the
222 claim to Great Plains Communication. Second Patrick. Voting yes: Backer, Patrick, Nelms,
223 Dempcy. Abstaining: Meyer. Voting no: none. Motion carries.

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229 **OTHER:**

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- Claims in the amount of \$468,199.96 were presented to the Board. Motion Backer to approve the claims with the amendment to add the \$300.00 for the golf hole and 4h of July meal sponsorship to the Sutherland Chamber of Commerce out of the Keno funds. Second Patrick. Backer asked about the fire marshall claim, Clerk Ralston stated that was for the boiler inspection at the pool. Ralston also told the Board that the claim to the Depository Trust Company was the final payment on the Pool Bond. Voting yes: Nelms, Meyer, Backer, Dempcy, Patrick. Voting no: none. Motion carries.
- Payroll Reports were presented to the Board for the June 1, 2026 Board payroll and the June 5, 2026 regular payroll.
- Comp Time Reports and paid time off reports were also included in the packet.

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243 **FYI INFORMATION:**

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- Superintendent Kendall reported that a preconstruction meeting had been held for the Anchor Park restroom project. They will start on this in the next couple weeks. Mowing is going well. Pool is doing good. The concrete pad at the compost site is being scheduled. Signs are coming down so the posts can be painted before the new signs are installed. Kendall told the Board that his summer help is doing a good job. Backer said she appreciates them weed eating around the fire hydrants.
- Clerk Ralston reported that she had spoken with WCNDD about the grant reimbursement. They were doing a site visit but had all the information they had asked for to finish the paperwork.

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Trustees Reports:

- K. Backer reported she had driven around with the Garden Club to award the Yard of the Month. The yard chosen was Tammy Brown’s. Backer said there are a lot of criteria considered for this.
- D. Dempcy had nothing to report.
- F. Patrick had nothing to report.
- J. Nelms had nothing to report.
- S. Meyer had nothing to report.

With no further agenda items to discuss, Meyer asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion Patrick to adjourn the meeting. Second Dempcy. Voting yes: Meyer, Dempcy, Patrick, Nelms, Backer. Voting no: none. Motion carries. Meeting is adjourned at 6:54 P.M.

These minutes are set to be approved at the June 24, 2026, regular meeting.

Scott Meyer, Chairman
Board of Trustees, Village of Sutherland

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Bonnie Ralston, Clerk
Village of Sutherland