VILLAGE OF WILCOX
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

The budget hearing of the Village of Wilcox was held September 9, 2025 at 7:00 pm. Notices of the budget hearing and the final tax requesting hearing were published in the Minden Courier newspaper on September 4, 2025. Notices of the two hearings and regular meeting were posted at the Wilcox Town Hall, Cornerstone Bank, Wilcox Post Office and High Street Insurance. Members of the Village Board were notified by mail postmarked September 4, 2025.

Chairman Gardels called the budget hearing to order at 7:00 pm and noted the Open Meetings Act. Trustees present: Gardels, Norman, Nash, Johnson and Adam.

Three copies of the proposed budget statement were available to the public. Chairman Gardels made a presentation outlining the key provisions of the proposed budget statement, as well as, a comparison to the prior year's budget.

The floor was then open for public comment on the proposed budget statement. A reasonable amount of time was allowed for public comment. With there being no comments from the public, motion was made by Nash with second by Adam to close the budget hearing. Vote: Ayes -5, Nays – none. Motion passed, budget hearing adjourned.

The final tax request hearing was opened immediately after the budget hearing at 7:15 pm. The floor was open for any public comment or discussion. Motion by Johnson with second by Norman to close the final tax request hearing. Vote: Ayes – 5, Nays – none. Motion carried. Final tax request hearing closed at 7:30 pm.

Immediately following the final tax request hearing, the Board of Trustees moved onto the regular meeting and order of business.

Chairman Gardels called the regular Village Board of Trustees meeting to order and noted the Open Meetings Act. Trustees Present: Gardels, Norman, Nash, Johnson and Adam. Others in attendance: D. Walker, R. Carey, C. Podalak and R. Hinrichs.

Minutes of the August 12, 2025 meeting were read and approved as read. The treasurer's report was reviewed. Motion by Johnson with second by Nash to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.

The following claims were presented for payment:

Syndicate	117.95	Great Plain Com.	241.50
Verizon	179.08	DW&S	1080.00
Eakes	169.08	Chemsearch	1535.95
Central States Lab	1469.16	Wilcox Utilities	533.96
Black Hills	96.56	SPPD	766.23
Downey Drilling	390.35	NE Public Health Env Lab	364.00

ASAP Express	155.55	SPPD	2180.04
Cline Williams	186.00	NE Dept Rev Recycling Fee	25.00
Water Reserve Acct.	4220.00	Unemployment Fund	800.00
Leading Edge	584.85	Larsens ACE	23.08
SCS	4294.70	Vestis	58.75
CPI	656.37	Visa	451.93
Cornerstone Ins. Group	450.00	NPPD	25,620.65
Council	175.00	Salaries	5829.43
EFTPS	1816.40	NYLife	1103.31
NE Dept Rev. sales tax	1003.77	Transfer	21,650.65

Motion by Norman to approve all claims for payment. Second given by Adam. Motion carried.

All delinquent utility bills were reviewed. All nuisance properties were discussed. Attorney is still working to get a District Court date regarding the lien on the property of 305 E. Franklin St.

Building permit #417 was reviewed. J. Harms installing a chain link fence at 205 N. Stockton. Inspection and approval was made by the Wilcox Planning Commission and submitted to the Village Board for final approval. Motion by Nash with second by Adam to approve building permit application #417. Motion carried unanimously.

NPPD representatives were present to discuss the 2026 Wholesale Power Contract. The contract will be reviewed further and decision will be made at the October 14th meeting.

The board was informed of the outcome of the vicious dog court case. Owner was found guilty of the charges of dogs running at large, and restitution paid to owner, but not found guilty of the dangerous dog charge. Sentencing is scheduled for September 25, 2025 at 1:45 pm.

An ordinance will be established regarding living in RV campers.

Resolution #684 – Setting the final tax request, was read aloud. This sets our request at $92,748.82 causing our tax rate to be 0.41932 per $100 of assessed value. Motion was made by Adam and seconded by Johnson to pass Resolution #684. Vote: Ayes – 5, Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget document as proposed was made by Johnson with second by Nash. Vote: Ayes – 5, Nays – none. Motion carried budget document approved.

The Annual Appropriation Ordinance #685 was introduced by Nash and moved to suspend the three readings. Second by Norman. Motion carried with all members voting in favor. Three readings were suspended. Trustee Nash made the motion for final passage of

the Annual Appropriation Ord. #685. Second was given by Norman. Motion was put to vote and carried with all members voting in favor. Ord. #685 was approved and signed.

In other discussion, the board reviewed two options for a new copier/printer for the Town Hall and the service agreement with Eakes Office Solutions. The board will go with the color printer option at $101.61 a month for 60 months. Also discussed the hire of an IT person as needed, several IT providers have been recommended. The board discussed getting a new heater/air conditioner unit for the Town Hall office. Durable service will be contacted. A new refrigerator for the Town Hall kitchen will be purchased with the Wilcox CIA and the Village each paying half of the cost.

The service territory of the Village and SPPD was briefly discussed. More research will be done and review of contract.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST: _____
Melinda Ferree
Village Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Brad Gardels, Chairman
Wilcox Village Board of Trustees