

A meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on January 14, 2026, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska. Present were Members Terry Lerdall, Glenn Hofman and Bruce Bader. Clerk Karen Corder was present to record the proceedings. County Attorney Beverly B. Louthan was also present.

Public notice of this meeting was published in the Valley Voice, posted on the Gosper County Website, and on the Courthouse bulletin board on December 31, 2025. The published notice included information regarding the availability of the agenda. All proceedings of the Board were conducted during a duly convened meeting open to the public.

The undersigned Clerk hereby certifies that these minutes were written and available for public inspection within ten (10) working days after the date of said meeting.

The meeting was duly called to order and Chairman Lerdall announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall of the meeting room.

The Minutes of December 31, 2025, were read. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to approve the minutes as read. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried.

The Board conducted their annual reorganization for 2026. County Clerk Karen Corder requested nominations for chairman of the Board. Commissioner Bader nominated Terry Lerdall for Chairman. There were no further nominations. Motion by Hofman, seconded by Bader to cease the nominations and appoint Terry Lerdall as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried. Clerk Corder turned the meeting over to Chairman Lerdall. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Hofman to appoint Bruce Bader as Vice-Chairperson of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to appoint Hofman as representative to the Board of West Central Area Agency on Aging and representative to the Region II committees; to appoint Lerdall as the representative to the Solid Waste Board; to appoint Bader as the alternate representative to the Solid Waste Board; to appoint Bader as the representative to the Gosper County Extension Board; to appoint Lerdall as the Chairman of the Noxious Weed Board; to appoint Bruce Bader and Verlouis Forster as Gosper County's representative to the NE Cooperative Lottery Board; to appoint Hofman to the Two Rivers Public Health Dept; to appoint Lerdall to the West Central Nebraska Development District; to appoint Lerdall to the Dispatch Advisory Council. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried. Motion by Hofman, seconded by Lerdall to designate the Valley Voice, Cambridge, NE as the legal newspaper to publish Gosper County's legal notices and Commissioners' Minutes. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to designate the Gosper County website (<https://gosperscountyne.gov/>) as an official method of providing notice of any meetings and public notices, and posting of Commissioner Minutes. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried. Motion by Lerdall seconded by Bader to approve the following four Depositories for County Monies; Security First Bank, Pinnacle Bank, NPAIT and NFIT/Union Bank. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried. Motion by Hofman, seconded by Lerdall to authorize the County Treasurer to invest the County funds at the approved Depositories. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to appoint Kelly Lehmann as Gosper County Highway Superintendent, License Number S-1819, Class B, as an employee. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Hofman to appoint Wayne Dietz as Gosper County Surveyor. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to appoint Kevin Hagan as Gosper County Weed Superintendent. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried.

Kevin Hagan, Dawson/Gosper Weed Superintendent, was present and submitted five annual reports. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to approve the Nebraska Noxious Weed Strategy, Weed Control Authority Board Roster, Activity Report, Noxious Weed Infestation Report and Budget Report. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried.

Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader, to enter closed session at 9:22 a.m. to discuss a strategy session regarding a real estate purchase. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried. The Board returned to open session at 9:36 a.m. No action was taken during closed session.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to approve the Clerk of the District Court report for the month of December 2025. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to approve the Sheriff's Quarterly Report for October through December 2025. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried.

The Board reviewed an email from the State Auditor's office regarding the IRS mileage reimbursement rate. The rate has increased from .70 to .725 cents per mile beginning January 1, 2026. Motion by Hofman, seconded by Lerdall to reimburse mileage at the rate of .725 cents per mile effective Jan. 1, 2026. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried.

The Board reviewed a written road report submitted by Highway Superintendent Kelly Lehmann.

Calvin DeVries, Extension Lead Educator, was present and introduced Chris Termunde as the new Water & Cropping Systems Instructor.

The Board adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

ATTEST:

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Karen J. Corder, Clerk

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Terry G. Lerdall, Chairperson

The next regular meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners will be January 28, 2026 at 9:00 a.m., at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska.