



MINUTES
VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 21ST, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

2. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum

RW	✓	MC	X	ED	✓	TB	✓
Quorum present		Yes	No				

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Gilliespie led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

4. Executive Session

Village of Bosque Farms Village Council met in executive session to discuss the appointment of the interim clerk administrator and the hiring of a water/wastewater operator pursuant to 10-15-(2) NMSA.

Councilor Baughman moved to enter executive session and Councilor Wood seconded.

At 6:10pm, Councilor Baughman moved to return to regular session and Councilor Wood seconded. Attorney Jarmie certified that only the specified matters were discussed during executive session, and no action was taken.

5. Approval of Agenda

A C T I O N	Motion	Approval of the Agenda with the amendment to remove item 12, Hiring a Water/Wastewater Operator			
	Made by:	Baughman		Councilor Wood-Yes Councilor Cheromiah-Absent Councilor DeSmet-Yes Councilor Baughman-Yes	
	Second by:	DeSmet			
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED		

6. Presentation

Mayor Gillespie recognized and thanked Police Chief Andrew Owen for his years of service to the Village.

7. Public Comment

Resident Ashley Reser commented on the lack of EMS services. She stated that she has concerns about the Village going forward with Vernon Abeita.

Resident Justin Reser stated that in 2016, after ten years, he left EMS because of Vernon Abeita. He stated that he turned in an EMS application but has not heard back.

Resident Stef Scanland stated that she called to have an issue on the agenda, but it was denied. She stated that the Fair Board tried to silence our Senator and this is a breach of public trust.

Resident April Hall asked about the street lights on Highway 47, and stated that she's been asking for 3 years. She pays the highest property tax she has ever paid and asks where it's going.

Resident Shoshanna Avrishon stated that she wants EMS squared away. She stated that a neighbor falls and the fire department helps lift him. She gave thank you cards to the fire department, police department and animal control, and one to Councilor DeSmet.

Resident Damon Torres stated that another resident had a medical event. Torres, a volunteer firefighter, has his EMS basic, but was limited in what he could do. He stated that AMR is often at stat zero, and waiting puts residents at risk when minutes matter.

Resident Lily McNabb stated that it's good that the Village is starting to care. The Bosque Farms Fair was the best ever. She thanked all the volunteers and stated that the police department is awesome.

Gene Garcia, water/wastewater applicant, stated that his background check shows a domestic violence from 14 years ago. Mr. Garcia stated that he was trying to protect his daughter from a convicted sex offender, her step-grandfather, and that three years later the court ruled in his favor. He stated that he has had no police contact since 2011 and he would hate for this to disqualify him as a job candidate.

8. Departmental Reports

Police Chief Owen recited his police report and statistics for his department and animal control.

Fire Chief Schneider presented a year-end report on behalf of the fire department.

Interim Clerk Lopez shared updates from the Clerk's office.

9. Mayor & Council Reports

Councilor Baughman commented on weeds on the sidewalks. He wants to ask NMDOT about weeds in the retention pond areas and raised areas on sidewalks. He also wants to ask Prodigy about Scada systems communicating with boosters to meet demands.

Councilor Wood stated that people came for the fair and helped, and it was nice.

Councilor DeSmet reported on the Los Lunas Blvd groundbreaking, and stated that the Booster Pumps are doing good and the dangerous Chlorine gas is out.

Mayor stated that there is a tremendous amount of negativity and partial truths on Facebook, causing issues and damaging the Village's cohesion.

10. Council to Review and Take Action on Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Maes stated that she did not have a Treasurer's report this month due to the volume of IPRA requests preventing the Deputy Clerk from doing her other daily duties, such as bank reconciliation. The Treasurer reported the GRTs for the month, which had decreased by ten thousand dollars from the prior month.

11. Council to Review and Take Action on Previous Minutes.

Councilor Baughman corrected pg 4, #9, bullet point 3, and stated that he did not ask about recruits, but about Incident Command System training.

A C T I O N	Motion	Approval of minutes with amendments.		
	Made by:	Baughman	Councilor Wood-Yes Councilor Cheromiah- Absent Councilor DeSmet- Yes Councilor Baughman- Yes	
	Second by:	Wood		
	Motion carried?	PASSED		

12. Council to Review and Take Action on Appointment of Interim Clerk/Administrator.

A C T I O N	Motion	Appointment of Shaline Lopez		
	Made by:	Baughman		Councilor Wood-Yes Councilor Cheromiah- Absent Councilor DeSmet- Yes Councilor Baughman- Yes
	Second by:	Wood		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

13. Council to Review and Take action on Approval of hiring of a Water/Wastewater Operator.

14. Council to Review and take action on water rights agreement with Janet Miller.

Ms. Miller spoke on her own behalf, stating that her company provides GRT and seven jobs, benefitting the town.

A C T I O N	Motion	Approval of agreement as proposed		
	Made by:	Baughman		Councilor Wood-Yes Councilor Cheromiah- Absent Councilor DeSmet- Yes Councilor Baughman- Yes
	Second by:	DeSmet		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

15. Council to Review and take action on contract proposed by Universal Waste Services.

Representatives from UWS, including Rheaganne Vaughn, presented a slide show detailing some of the discount programs and services offered.

A C T I O N	Motion	Approval of contract		
	Made by:	Baughman		Councilor Wood-Abstain because her husband built a home for someone at UWS Councilor Cheromiah- Absent Councilor DeSmet- Yes Councilor Baughman- Yes
	Second by:	Wood		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

16. Council to Review and take action on Robert Pierson Planning and Zoning Contract.

Mayor stated that this is for short term help that is much needed, and that it will have to be approved by PERA also.

A C T I O N	Motion	Approval of contract		
	Made by:	Baughman	Councilor Wood-Yes Councilor Cheromiah- Absent Councilor DeSmet- Yes Councilor Baughman- Yes	
	Second by:	Wood		
	Motion carried?	PASSED		

17. Council to Review and take action on IGA to provide GIS addressing and GIS E-911 services between the County of Valencia and the Village of Bosque Farms.

County Manger Jhonathan Aragon presented the IGA.

A C T I O N	Motion	Approval of IGA	
	Made by:	DeSmet	Councilor Wood-Yes Councilor Cheromiah- Absent Councilor DeSmet- Yes Councilor Baughman- Yes
	Second by:	Baughman	
	Motion carried?	PASSED FAILED	

18. Council to Discuss Scoggin Proposal Re: Cole Rd.

Charlie Scoggin stated that they've acquired property on Cole Rd and moved the fence back from the road. They would like to give the Village an easement at no cost for the purpose of expanding the road. Martin Garcia from Anchor Engineering put some paperwork together for the Village to review.

19. Council to Open a Public Hearing Regarding Fence Variance for 1775 Pearl Loop.

The resident requesting the variance was not present at the meeting, so it was suggested to postpone the item until the next meeting.

A C T I O N	Motion	Postpone Agenda items 18, 19 and 20 regarding the Fence Variance for 1775 Pearl Loop	
	Made by:	Baughman	Councilor Wood-Yes Councilor Cheromiah- Absent Councilor DeSmet- Yes Councilor Baughman- Yes
	Second by:	Wood	
	Motion carried?	PASSED FAILED	

ADJOURNMENT **7:59PM**

The Governing Body may revise the order of the agenda items considered at this Open Meeting. If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact the office of the Village Clerk at (505) 991-6611 at least four (4) calendar days prior to the meeting. Public documents including the agenda and minutes can be provided in digital or hardcopy format. The Village of Bosque Farms strictly prohibits any form of unlawful discrimination based on race, color, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, sex, national origin, age, disability, or political affiliation in any program, activity, or service sponsored by the Village. Contact the office of the Village Clerk/administrator for more information.

The proceeding minutes were transmitted to Village Council for the Hearing on September 18, 2025. The Village Council requested changes be made to the minutes and the Village Council voted to approve them as amended. The requested changes are reflected in the proceeding minutes.

The amendments are:

1. Under Mayor and Council Reports, Councilor Baughman wants to ask NMDOT about raised areas on sidewalks as well as ask Prodigy about Scada systems communicating with boosters to meet demands.
2. Under Public Comment, Resident Damon Torres, spell out ten and add dollars to read ten thousand dollars.