MEAN Educational Workshop
Special Meeting Minutes
July 14th, 2026

The Broken Bow City Council met in special session on Tuesday, July 14th, 2026, at the Broken Bow Municipal Building for a MEAN (Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska) Educational Workshop. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Custer County Chief, the designated method for giving notice. Advance notice of the meeting, a copy of the agenda, and related council materials were given to the Mayor and all members of the City Council and shared with various media outlets. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Administrator Dave Schmidt called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. and announced the availability of the Open Meetings Act.

Roll Call: Present were Councilmembers Travis Kleeb, Joe Wamsley, and Paul Holland, along with Utility Board members Adams, Schall, and French. Absent were Mayor Rod Sonnichsen and Councilmember Russ Smith, and Utility Board members Withrow and Rumery.

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The Council held an educational workshop on MEAN (Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska). Topics covered included the purpose behind MEAN's drive to stabilize costs and increase capacity; why public power is important; the history of MEAN and how and why it was created; the responsibilities and roles of member communities; the importance of asking good questions; improving board education; the costs of proactively maintaining infrastructure; and a potential rate study.

Moved by Kleeb, seconded by Wamsley to adjourn the meeting at 5:34 p.m. Motion carried.

Rodney W. Sonnichsen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jacob Holcomb, Deputy City Clerk

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