

Brady signs with ACE

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Village moves forward with gas supplier

The Village of Brady joined the Public Alliance of Community Energy, otherwise known as ACE, as its natural gas supplier because it was less money, said village clerk Pam Diehl.

Village trustees switched from Source Gas as its supplier and approved the contract with ACE in a board meeting Nov. 13.

There was no fee to join the natural gas supplier but ACE is part of the Nebraska Municipal Power Pool. As a result, a \$135 payment is required to enter into the pool, said Bob Selzer, Nebraska Municipal Power Pool director of retail utility services.

With the contract signed, Brady's next move is to draft a resolution and appoint a member to the ACE board along with an alternate.

ACE offers a revenue return to the village figured by the number of residents who choose ACE as their supplier.

Money returned by ACE can be used for any project within village limits or can be put into the general budget, said ACE retail gas services coordinator Beth Ackland.

In other business, trustees put a plan together to bond funds for the roads project, the water tower and the lagoon into one 20-year note.

Trustees came up with three figures for the cost of the three project—\$850,000, \$1.2 million and \$2 million but they made no decision.

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“The roads will be paid separately but it can be bonded with the others,” said village treasurer Jeff Miller.

The board is looking at buying a used road grader for \$4,400 and would like to sell a 1965 motor grader. The grader has a crack in the exhaust that leaks.

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