

Deerwood Township
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Deerwood Town Hall
January 13, 2025
7:00pm

Board of Supervisors:

Scott Brix-Supervisor
Josh Thompson - Vice-Chairman
David Gray – Chairman

Carol Pundt- Clerk
Amy Donovan - Treasurer
Steve Reilly – Road Overseer

Present: David Gray, Amy Donovan, Steve Reilly, Josh Thompson, Scott Brix, Carol Pundt

Absent: None

Attendees: James Walth, Debbie Erickson, Jamie Lee

David Gray called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by to approve amended the agenda moving the discussion regarding cannabis retail establishments in Crow Wing County after the agenda discussion. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to approve the minutes of December 9, 2024, Board meeting and December 20, 2024 Special Board meeting. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to approve the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit, for the month ending December 31, 2024. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Scott Brix brought up concerns regarding the possible need for the Township to have more monies in the General Fund for additional future projects.

Approval of Claims: A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray accept and approve the claims for the month of January totaling \$28,191.46 ck# 10543-10564, EFT-F-01-2025, EFT-P-01-2025, and EFT-W-01-2025, EFT-MN-01-2025. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Scott Brix brought to the Board's attention his concerns regarding beaver trapping in the Township over the winter season when there has been no damage to roadways during this time. A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by Scott Brix to discontinue beaver trapping in the Township until Spring. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Steve Reilly will inform the trapper of the Board's decision.

Roads:

Road Overseer's Report/Steve Reilly: Steve presented the Board with the monthly Road and Bridge Report. To date \$328,495.00 has been spent out of a budget of \$365,536.00. Steve will have a preliminary 2025 road budget for the Board to discuss at the February Board meeting.

Rocca Shared Road Maintenance Agreement: Steve Reilly and David Gray will be meeting with Irondale Township tomorrow night. A motion was made by David Gray and seconded by Scott Brix to abandon negotiations with Irondale Township for the shared road maintenance agreement. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The Board decided that since there has never been a formal shared road maintenance agreement Deerwood Township would maintain the portion of the road that is located in Deerwood Township. Irondale will maintain the road that is located in Irondale Township. Steve Reilly and David Gray will be attending the meeting with Irondale Township to discuss this decision.

Deer Trail Drive: The Board would like to coordinate with the State regarding the approach off Deer Trail and State Hwy 210. Carol Pundt will ask Tim Bray if he can attend the February Board meeting to discuss any assistance from the Crow Wing County. The hope is that the State may also help with the engineering of the intersection.

Ford Tractor Discussion: Steve Reilly received quotes regarding the purchase of a new tractor. He told the Board he did not see any benefit in replacing the tractor at this time.

Mower/Steve Reilly: Steve Reilly reported to the Board the mower is back in the Township shop. He plans on working on it over the winter. Steve Reilly will be getting bids for outsourcing mowing in 2025 for the February Board meeting.

Chip Seal Project for 2025: The Board decided not to do any chip sealing of Township roads in 2025. It was discussed the only benefit to chip sealing a road would be if the roadway was 3 – 5 years old.

2025 Road Dust Control: Steve Reilly is looking into partnering with either Crow Wing County or Knife River in 2025. It would be ideal to have the application of the chemicals on the roadways by Memorial Day.

2024 Storm Damage: Steve Reilly has submitted \$24,000 to FEMA for damage from the storms this past summer. He is waiting to find out how much of the amount he submitted will be reimbursed.

Variance Request: None

Town Hall Plant Update: Nothing to report.

Annual Employee Reviews: Please refer to the December 20th Special meeting minutes for a summary of the reviews.

Cannabis Retail Registration Resolution: A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to approve the resolution delegating cannabis retail registration in Deerwood Township to be done by Crow Wing County. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Debbie Erickson and Jamie Lee gave a presentation to the Board regarding cannabis regulation by the State of Minnesota and Crow Wing County.

Amy Donovan gave a short summary of the annual MAT meeting in St. Cloud held on December 13-14, 2024.

Carol Pundt handed out 2024 Township expense information in preparation for the Budget/Audit meeting in February to the Board.

A motion was made by Scott Brix and seconded by Josh Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 8:36pm. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Attest:

Supervisor: _____

Dated: _____

Supervisor: _____

Supervisor; _____

Clerk