

Deerwood Township
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Deerwood Town Hall
June 9, 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: Mike Bodle

David Gray called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by David Gray and seconded Josh Thompson to approve the amended agenda to have Deer Trail Drive Updates as an agenda item at all the Monthly Board Meetings. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by David Gray and seconded by Josh Thompson to approve the minutes of May 12, 2025, Board meeting with a correction to Scott Brix's spelling of his last name in the last paragraph on the 1st page. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by David Gray and seconded by Josh Thompson to approve the minutes of May 19, 2025, Deer Trail Special Board meeting. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by Scott Brix to approve the minutes of May 17, 2025, Road Inspection 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 minutes of May 27, 2025, Swanson Road Public Hearing. 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 June 3, 2025, Deer Trail Special Board meeting regarding road dust control. 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 May 31, 2025. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously

Approval of Claims: A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to accept and approve the claims for the month of June totaling \$49,415.90 ck# 10674-10690, EFT-F-06-2025, EFT-P-05-2025, and EFT-W-06-2025. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Roads:

Road Overseer's Report/Steve Reilly: Steve presented the Board with the monthly Road and Bridge Report. To date \$113,621.00 has been spent on maintaining the roads in the Township. Steve presented the revised Road and Bridge Budget for review and discussion at the July Board meeting. Steve presented an overlap report of roads needing gravel and also dust control to the Board.

Deer Trail Drive: Both Mike Bodle and Karl Hasskamp voiced their opinions regarding the road approach from Hwy6/Hwy210 and Deer Trail Drive. Closing the approach may have a small impact on service, but not so much as the safety concerns because the intersection approach is awkward. Limiting the traffic at that intersection and on Deer Trail Drive would make the area safer for bikers, walkers and vehicle usage. Over the years there have been multiple accidents in the area at that intersection. Along with a couple of fatalities by Thompson Point Road.

Further discussion by the Board led to another option of closing off the end of Deer Trail Drive where it intersects with Agate Lake Road. All this discussion is in regards to public safety. Closing off the Deer Trail Road would have less traffic congestion which interferes with biking, walking and driving through the awkward approach at Deer Trail Drive and Hwy 6/Hwy 210. Presently Deer Trail Drive is being used as a frontage road which is not what the Deerwood Township Board feels is a safe use of the roadway. Deerwood Township still intends to pave Deer Trail Road when the church building project is completed. A motion was made by David Gray and seconded by Josh Thompson to tentatively approve the closure of Deer Trail Road at the intersection of Agate Lake Road as long as it does not impede mail and other service deliveries pending the Township attorney's opinion. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2025 Road Dust Control: Knife River Corporation will be applying calcium chloride on Deer Trail Drive as soon as possible. There has been a delay in the application due to weather conditions.

Culvert-Orland Mine Road – The culvert has been cleared and is staying open.

Swanson Road: Final meeting to discuss damage award has not been set awaiting appraisal.

Black Lake Road Estimate: Steve is still waiting for an estimate for an extra 300 feet of asphalt.
Variance Request: None

Town Hall Plant Update: Still have issues with the generator.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to appoint Mindy Tix as Deputy Treasurer. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Open Meeting Law: The Board discussed the importance of understanding the Open Meeting Law.

Minutes: The minutes will continue to be transcribed through notes written by the Clerk. Anyone in attendance can record the Board meetings.

Work Order Requests: It was suggested the Township has a written procedure for requests for work to be done on Township roads. Steve Reilly will be in contact with Slyvan Township to see how that Township handles road requests.

Other Business to Come Before the Board: There was discussion regarding the importance of a 5-year plan for road improvements and maintenance. Casey Lake Road needs a new arrow sign. Steve will look into brushing on the vacant lot by Agate Lake Road and Agate Shores Road to have a clear sight of the roadway. Also, it was suggested to add a post for the warning sign.

Josh Thompson will research the pros and cons for Deerwood Township to consider planning and zoning at the Township level. Presently planning and zoning for Deerwood Township is done by Crow Wing County. VRBOs are a concern.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by Scott Brix to adjourn the meeting at 7:59pm. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Attest:

Supervisor: _____ Dated: _____

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