

Deerwood Township
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Deerwood Town Hall
March 9, 2026
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, Josh Thompson, Amy Donovan, Steve Reilly, Scott Brix, Carol Pundt

Absent: None

Attendees: None

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

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by Scott Brix to approve the agenda. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by David Gray and seconded by Scott Brix to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2026, Regular Monthly 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 February 28, 2026. 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 February totaling \$26,045.91 (ck# 10849-10866, EFT-F-03-2026, EFT-P-03-2026, and EFT-W-03-2026). All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The payments mailed out on February 18th to vendors still have not been received as of March 9th. David Gray has been in contact with the Deerwood Post Office to watch for return mail.

Roads:

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to award the April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2029, Road Maintenance and Snow Removal contract to Holmwig Excavating LLC. David Gray – yes; Josh Thompson – yes; Scot Brix abstained from voting.

Road Overseer's Report/Steve Reilly: Steve reported to the Board \$35,237.00 has been spent on roads in the Township.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to approve a \$436,618.00 for the 2026 Road and Bridget expenses. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Oreland Mine Road: Scott Brix will discuss with the resident living along the road the importance of removing his property within the road right of way.

Deer Trail Drive: A motion was made by David Gray and seconded by Josh Thompson to hire Noah Goedtke for a fair appraisal regarding the purchase of the property to reroute the road. Also, giving Josh Thompson discretion regarding the fee to be charged to the Township for the appraisal. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to set the date of May 11, 2026, at 7pm for a sealed bid opening to pave Deer Trail Road at the end of August. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Matt Steele voiced his concerns regarding the intersection of Deer Trail Road and the Cuyuna Lakes State Trail. The Township will make sure the trail is adequately signed where it will cross Deer Trail Road.

A motion was made by David Gray and seconded by Josh Thompson to set May 9, 2026, at 7:00am as the date and time for the Annual Township Road Inspection. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Tractor Discussion: Moved to April Board meeting.

Bituminous Seal Coating Project: A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to have Steve Reilly contact Crow Wing County Highway Department to add Beach Road to the list for bituminous seal coating this year. All voted in favor of the motion.

Black Bear Road: Concerns were brought to the Board regarding the need to do roadwork on Black Bear Road. Steve Reilly was asked to get an estimate from Brad Holmwig. Also, Steve Reilly will inspect a culvert that may be blocked or collapsed under a driveway belonging to Ruttger's Resort. A motion was made by David Gray and seconded by Josh Thompson to send a letter to the owners of Ruttger's Resort to either replace or unblock the culvert. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Planning and Zoning/Variance Requests:

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to recommend approval for the variance request and preliminary plat request for Ann Lake Acres. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Short Term Rental Discussion: County Commissioner Jamie Lee visited with the Board regarding concerns with a short-term rental property on White Pine Drive. Also, there was discussion regarding instances where the Crow Wing County Land Services Planning and Zoning Board did not follow up with recommendations from the Township with an explanation as to why they did not agree with the Township's recommendation.

Commissioner Jamie Lee also reported to the Board the importance of veterans in this area to visit the veterans service office at Crow Wing County. He feels there are many veterans missing out on benefits.

Disaster Preparedness Grant: Tabled to the April Board meeting.

Town Hall Rental Discussion: Tabled to the April Board meeting.

Town Hall Floor Discussion: Moved to the April Board meeting.

Payment for the Postponed February 9th Board meeting: According the Minnesota's Wage Theft law the monthly meeting fee has been paid.

Town Hall Plant Update: Nothing to report

Other Business to Come Before the Board:

All emails/correspondence received by the Township were reviewed by the Board.

A motion was made by Josh Thompson and seconded by David Gray to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Attest:

Supervisor: _____ Dated: _____

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