

December 04, 2024
Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

Present: Dan Demoret (Supervisor), Lorlie Harrington (Supervisor), Isaiah Mooney (Supervisor), Janet Dixon (Clerk/Treasurer), Eric Thorson (MN Dept of Natural Resources), Kathy DonCarlos (Northern Waters Land Trust)

Open at 6:05 pm

Guests Eric Thorson and Kathy DonCarlos (attending by Zoom) presented a Wildlife Management Area proposal. They are seeking letters of support from the township as a portion of the new WMA will be in Thorpe Township,

Isaiah made a motion that Thorpe Township support the WMA proposal, Lorlie seconded the motion, all approved, motion carried. Janet will write a letter of support.

Minutes

- Janet emailed the minutes from the October 4, 2024 Board Meeting prior to the meeting and posted them on the website.
- Lorlie pointed out under Claim/Payroll that she made the motion to approve claims and second the payroll; Isaiah was not present at the meeting. Motion to approve the minutes as corrected by Lorlie, seconded by Dan, all approved, motion carried.
- Minutes from the Board of Canvas Meeting were emailed prior to the meeting.
- Dan made a motion to approve the minutes as read, Lorlie seconded, all approved, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

- Janet emailed the October – November 2024 Treasurer's Report prior to the meeting for review.
- Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as reviewed made by Dan, seconded by Isaiah, all approved, motion carried.
- The CD is due this week. Motion to rollover CD made by Lorlie, seconded by Dan, all approved, motion carried.

Budget

- The second draft of the 2025 budget was emailed prior to the meeting. Motion to approve the 2025 budget as presented made by Lorlie, seconded by Isaiah, all approved, motion passed.

Claims / Payroll

- Janet presented the claims, Isaiah made a motion to approve them, Lorlie seconded, all approved, motion carried.
- Janet presented the payroll to the board. Motion to approve the payroll by Dan, seconded by Isaiah, all approved, motion carried.

Old Business -

- IRS penalty letter – no word from the IRS. Janet called to find out if a decision has been made as the mail from the IRS typically comes right after the board meeting. After a 2 hour wait, she was told if we have not heard from them it is because they are busy working on it.
- SLFRF funds –
 - We paid Jeff's Professional Tree Service \$2925 for improvements on Inner Forest Road, a minimum maintenance road, and \$2380 to Murray Surveying for work to date on the cemetery. These expenses, \$5305 total, will cover the \$51336.27 in SLFRF funding that we needed to obligate by December 31, 2024.
 - Janet will report the expenditures to the Treasury in April when the portal is open.
- Cemetery
 - No update from Murray Surveying other than the partial payment mentioned in the SLFRF report.
 - There are metal stakes/rebar in the ground at the cemetery from before the property lines were changed. They are not accurate as far as anyone knows. The will need to be removed in the spring so we don't get false readings from them with the addition of the markers the surveyors will use to mark plots.
- MAT-U is a free resources from the Minnesota Association of Townships accessed with a username and password that was distributed.

New Business -

- 2025 Township/City supplemental AIS Watercraft Inspection Hours Funding
 - Hubbard County Environmental Services (HCES) and Big Mantrap Lake Association have contacted the township about donating to the AIS Watercraft Inspection Hours. This is something we have donated to in the past. In 2024 we did not receive the funding letter sent out for the Annual Meeting, and when HCES was contacted they had all the funding they needed for Big Mantrap in 2024. The township had approved the expenditure in the donations requests. The deadline for funding for 2025 is January 31, 2025.
 - The Board approved sending the check of \$250, for the 2025 request.

The next Board of Supervisors meeting will take place at 6:00pm on February 5, 2025, at 29659 County Rd 91, Nevis.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40

Respectfully submitted by
Janet Dixon
Clerk-Treasurer

