

Turtle Lake Township Regular Meeting Minutes February 3, 2025, 19143 Lake Julia Dr. NW Bemidji, MN

The regular meeting of the governing body of Turtle Lake Township, Beltrami County MN was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Michelle Anderson. Also in attendance are Vice Chair Kenneth McBride, Supervisors Corey Wright, Mark Haugen, Treasurer Christine Malterud, Road Supervisor/Zoning Administrator Kelly Booge and Clerk Lynn Johnson. Supervisor Sovde was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Public Attendees

Chad Jacobson, John Carlson, Wade Thoring and Kristy Roberts.

Approve Agenda

Chair Anderson asked to add the legacy grant under old business. Motion to approve agenda with addition made by Chair Anderson, second by Supervisor Haugen. Motion carried 4-0.

Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of January 6, 2025

Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 6, 2025 by Vice Chair McBride, second by Supervisor Wright. Motion carried 4-0.

Approve February 3, 2025 Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve treasurer's report of February 3, 2025 by Chair Anderson, second by Supervisor Haugen. Motion carried 4-0.

Approve and Sign Claims and Payroll

Motion to approve claims and payroll by Vice Chair McBride, second by Chair Anderson. Motion carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

General Road/Zoning Update

Road Supervisor Booge reported that the town roads are pretty good and the edges have been winged out. One building permit was issued in January.

Legacy Grant

Chair Anderson reported that there were two responses to the request for proposal. The contract for the archaeological survey was awarded to Blondo Consulting out of Kettle River MN. There are deadlines for progress reporting to MNHS and the work must be completed by December 1, 2025. Another grant for the next phase of the building restoration cannot be applied for until this one is closed out.

NEW BUSINESS

Turgi Hill Road Project Update

Plans are ready and will be open for bidding on February 6th. Request for proposal will run in the Bemidji Pioneer on February 5th and February 8th. Bids will be opened on February 27th and will be awarded on March 3rd at the monthly meeting. The estimated cost of the project is \$150,000.00 but because of usable material located on site, that estimate could be reduced by \$20-\$30,000.00. Work is expected to begin late September and will take five weeks to complete.

RFA Meeting

Vice Chair McBride attended the annual RFA meeting on January 23rd. The members again voted to approve the new by-laws and the contract with the City of Bemidji. The 2025 board was voted on and a 10% increase in the levy was approved.

Resolution Closing Tower Road MM

Motion by Chair Anderson to approve resolution 02032025-1 temporarily closing Tower Road MM beginning March 1, 2025 for spring break-up. Second by Vice Chair McBride. Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution Appointing Election Judges

Clerk presented a resolution appointing election judges for the March 11, 2025 Township election. Motion to approve resolution 02032025-2 made by Chair Anderson, second by Vice Chair McBride. Motion carried 4-0. Election Judges appointed are as follows:

Amy Haskell – Head Judge
Gail Dockendorf
Cheryl Brook

Resolution Appointing RFA Representative

Clerk presented resolution 02032025-3 designating Vice Chair McBride as the primary representative to the RFA and Supervisor Haugen as secondary representative. In addition, Chair Anderson and Supervisors Wright and Sovde were designated as additional representatives if the primary and secondary representatives are not available. Motion by Chair Anderson to approve resolution 02032025-3, second by Vice Chair McBride. Motion carried 4-0.

Public and Other

An attendee had questions about absentee voting. The process was explained and he was directed to the website where the information is posted.

Correspondence

A request for donation was received from the Bemidji Senior Center and a Statement of Giving for 2024 was received from the Bemidji Food Shelf.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. Supervisor Wright, second by Supervisor Haugen. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of these Minutes from the February 3, 2025 Regular Township Meeting

Approved Chryshelle Anderson Date 3/3/2025
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