

**Turtle Lake Township Regular Meeting Minutes
March 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, Leigh Sovde, Treasurer Christine Malterud, Road Supervisor/Zoning Administrator Kelly Booge and Clerk Lynn Johnson.

Public Attendees

Dave Close, Sherrie Clapp, Mark Fuller, Chad Jacobson, and Keni Johnson.

Approve Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Supervisor Haugen, second by Supervisor Wright. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Board of Audit Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2025

Motion to approve the board of audit meeting minutes of February 3, 2025 by Vice Chair McBride, second by Chair Anderson. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2025

Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 3, 2025 by Chair Anderson, second by Supervisor Haugen. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve March 3, 2025 Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve treasurer's report of March 3, 2025 by Supervisor Haugen, second by Chair Anderson. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve and Sign Claims and Payroll

Motion to approve claims and payroll by Chair Anderson, second by Vice Chair McBride. Motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

General Road/Zoning Update

Road Supervisor Booge reported that roads are breaking up and some are very slippery in spots. Sand has been put down where needed. One building permit was issued in February.

NEW BUSINESS

Review Bids for Turgi Hill Road Project

A total of eight bids were submitted to Freeberg & Grund for this project. Mark Fuller reviewed the bids with the Board and not finding sufficient reason to exclude any bidders, his recommendation is to award the contract to the lowest bidder which was Johnson Construction. He also informed the Board that this project will not bring the road up to paving standards and it should never be paved unless a full reconstruction is done. Motion by Vice Chair McBride to accept Johnson Construction's bid, second by Chair Anderson. Motion carried 5-0.

In addition, one 3-phase electric pole will either need to be shored up or replaced to get the depth required for stabilization with replacement being the safest option. The cost to replace the pole is estimated at \$3,900.00. Motion by Vice Chair McBride to replace the electric pole, second by Chair Anderson. Motion carried 5-0.

RFA Meeting

Supervisor Haugen attended the RFA annual review meeting. After hearing the statistics from calls in 2024, he expressed concerns about how the share of the expenses are divided between the local government units (LGU). Of the 2024 calls, 83% were within the City of Bemidji and 1% were in Turtle Lake Township. The formula used to determine the cost to the LGU's should be re-examined going forward.

Brushing and Mowing

Quotes need to be requested for brushing and mowing. Thoring's and Doug Johnson will be contacted.

Vendor Contracts

Quotes from Housing Helpers/Infomeld for mowing and general clean up at the townhall and cemetery and Steve Schaubhut for handyman services were reviewed. Motion to accept these quotes made by Chair Anderson, second by Vice Chair McBride. Motion carried 5-0.

Spring Short Course

The Board was reminded about the upcoming MAT training. All were encouraged to attend.

Public and Other

None

Correspondence

None

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. by Chair Anderson, second by Vice Chair McBride. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Approved Michelle Andersen Date 4/7/25

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