

**Turtle Lake Township Regular Meeting Minutes  
April 7, 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 Supervisors Corey Wright, Mark Haugen, Treasurer Christine Malterud, Road Supervisor/Zoning Administrator Kelly Booge and Clerk Lynn Johnson. Vice Chair Kenneth McBride, and Supervisor Leigh Sovde were unable to attend tonight's meeting.

**Public Attendees**

Linda Gould, Dale Vogt, Kate Tesar, Wade Thoring, Kristy Roberts, Dave Close and Sherrie Clapp.

**Approve Agenda**

Motion to approve agenda by Supervisor Haugen, second by Supervisor Wright. Motion carried 3-0.

**Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2025**

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

**Approve Board of Canvass Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2025**

Motion to approve the Board of Canvass meeting minutes of March 11, 2025 by Chair Anderson, second by Supervisor Wright. Motion carried 3-0.

**Review Annual Meeting Minutes**

Minutes were reviewed and will be presented to the constituents for approval at the 2026 annual meeting.

**Approve April 7, 2025 Treasurer's Report**

Motion to approve treasurer's report of April 7, 2025 by Chair Anderson, second by Supervisor Wright. Motion carried 3-0.

**Approve and Sign Claims and Payroll**

Motion to approve claims and payroll by Chair Anderson, second by Supervisor Wright. Motion carried 3-0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**General Road/Zoning Update**

Road Supervisor Booge reported that unless there is a significant amount of snowfall, gravel roads will not be plowed because of spring thawing and the damage plowing does to the road.

Beltrami County is looking at using county land within the township as a granular borrow source for the reconstruction project of Island View Drive, County State Aid Highway 22. The Township may need to issue a conditional use permit to the County for this purpose. Clerk has contacted the MAT attorney about this but has not received a reply yet. This may be something that will need to be asked of the Township Attorney. This topic will be revisited at the May meeting.

### **Turgi Hill Contract Documents**

Final contract documents for the project were presented to the Board and were signed by Chair Anderson. Clerk will deliver copies to Freeberg & Grund.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Werner Road Frost Heaves**

Road Supervisor Booge met with Mark Fuller from Freeberg & Grund to discuss options for fixing the frost heaves on Werner Road. Two options were presented to the Board. Option one was for the meetings coordination and preparing a drawing of a site plan for a typical section of a road. Option two was for a complete topographical survey with reconstruction details and quote requirements. It was agreed to move forward with option two.

#### **Old Long Lake Road**

Road Supervisor Booge found that this road had previously been recorded with the County and that the right-of-way needed to do the work described in the long-term plan is in place. An informational meeting will need to be scheduled and notices sent to land owners. This will be revisited at the May meeting.

#### **Gravel, Brushing and Mowing**

Quotes for gravel from Anderson Contracting and Vogt Dirt Service were reviewed. Motion by Supervisor Wright to accept the quote from Vogt Dirt Service, second by Supervisor Haugen. Motion carried 3-0. Quotes for brushing and mowing from Thoring Grading and Doug Johnson Tree Service were reviewed. Motion by Chair Anderson to accept Thoring's quote for mowing and Johnson's quote for brushing. Second by Supervisor Haugen. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **Dust Control Requests**

Requests from Linda Gould for Black Lake Road and Jerry Solheim for Little Turtle Road were reviewed. Motion by Chair Anderson to approve requests, second by Supervisor Haugen. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **RFA Meeting**

Tabled until May.

#### **Spring Road Tour Date**

Potential date was set for May 17, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. at Lakes Market.

**Non-profit donations**

Tabled until May.

**Reorganization Meeting**

Rescheduled to May meeting.

**Public and Other**

An attendee asked if the Board was aware that the Bemidji Fire Chief is asking to hire more full-time fire fighters which would increase the township's RFA costs. The township's RFA Rep will keep the Board informed about any developments on this.

**Correspondence**

None

**Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. by Chair Anderson, second by Supervisor Wright. Motion carried 3-0.

**Approval of these Minutes from the April 7, 2025 Regular Township Meeting**

Approved Michelle Anderson Date 5/5/2025  
John Sovell  
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