

Turtle Lake Township Regular Meeting Minutes June 2, 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 7:10 p.m. by Chair Michelle Anderson. Also in attendance are Vice Chair Kenneth McBride, Supervisors Leigh Sovde, Mark Haugen, Corey Wright, Treasurer Christine Malterud, Road Supervisor/Zoning Administrator Kelly Booge and Clerk Lynn Johnson.

Public Attendees

Dave Close, Sherrie Clapp, Tony Burlingame, Kristy Roberts, Keni Johnson, Martin G and Kate Tesar.

Approve Agenda

Chair Anderson asked to add Planning Commission to old business and compensation policy to new business. Motion to approve agenda with addition by Vice Chair McBride, second by Chair Anderson. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Regular/Reorganization Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2025

Motion to approve the regular/reorganization meeting minutes of May 5, 2025 by Chair Anderson, second by Supervisor Sovde. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve June 2, 2025 Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve treasurer's report of June 2, 2025 by Chair Anderson, second by Vice Chair McBride. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve and Sign Claims and Payroll

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

OLD BUSINESS

General Road/Zoning Update

Road Supervisor/Zoning Administrator Booge reported that there were a few phone calls inquiring about zoning permits but all were within Beltrami County jurisdiction. There was one call about having a business in the township which would require a conditional use permit if started. The roads are extremely dry and will be bladed within the next couple of days. Most are in good shape with a few having some wash boarding. It is hard to blade when the roads are so dry.

County Conditional Use Permit/Planning Commission

The planning commission met on June 2nd at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the County's conditional use permit request. The recommendation brought to the Board was to approve the CUP with conditions of putting the area back to

original pre-mining conditions as best as possible including the access road, and to extend the date of completion for the reclamation to July 31, 2027. The Board reviewed a resolution to approve the CUP that was prepared by the town's attorney. Motion by Supervisor Haugen to approve the CUP resolution with changes recommend by the planning commission, second by Chair Anderson. Motion carried 5-0.

Clerk will contact attorney about making those changes.

Werner Road ROW

The necessary easement has been completed and work on the project can begin. The paperwork for putting the job out for quotes should be ready soon. Road Supervisor Booge would like to request quotes from Anderson Contracting, Johnson Construction, Dale Wilson, and North Country Transport and Excavation. Motion by Supervisor Sovde to approve requesting the quotes, second by Vice Chair McBride. Motion carried 5-0.

Old Long Lake Road

An informational meeting to discuss the reconstruction project with property owners has been scheduled for July 7th at 6:00 p.m. Clerk will send out notices.

Town Hall

The archaeologists came and did the initial digging for artifacts. We are now waiting on the report.

Planning Commission

Discussion on appointing the Zoning Administrator and the Clerk to the Planning Commission was had. Motion by Supervisor Haugen to appoint Zoning Administrator Booge and Clerk Johnson to the Planning Commission, second by Chair Anderson. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Dust Control Request

Request from Jason and Kari Keprios for Black Lake Road was reviewed. Motion to approve request by Supervisor Haugen, second by Chair Anderson. Motion carried 5-0.

Beltrami County Assessment Agreement

Motion by Chair Anderson to approve agreement, second by Supervisor Sovde. Motion carried 5-0.

Cemetery

Chair/Sexton Anderson reported there will be a burial on either the 8th or 9th of June. Also the cemetery records have been printed and put in folders for easy access. The records are to be stored at the town hall. Discussion was had about purchasing additional fire safe filing cabinets. Clerk will look into the costs.

RFA

Vice Chair McBride reported on the last RFA meeting. He did not get a copy of the formula used for figuring out member's dues but will ask for it again at the next meeting. The main discussion of the meeting was whether to pay for protection on only principal buildings and homes. That discussion will be revisited at a later date.

Road Tour Findings

The findings from the annual road tour were reviewed. Motion by Chair Anderson to accept the road tour findings, second by Vice Chair McBride. Motion carried 5-0.

Compensation Policy

Compensation for the Planning Commission members was discussed. It was decided that it should be the same per meeting as the Board receives. Motion by Supervisor Haugen to compensate the Planning Commission members \$150.00 per meeting and no hourly rate, second by Chair Anderson. Motion carried 5-0.

Public and Other

None

Correspondence

None

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. by Chair Anderson, second by Supervisor Sovde. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of these Minutes from the June 2, 2025 Regular Township Meeting

Approved Michelle Anderson Date 7/7/25