

Turtle Lake Township Regular Meeting Minutes July 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 7:04 p.m. by Chair Michelle Anderson. Also in attendance are Vice Chair Kenneth McBride, Supervisors Mark Haugen, Corey Wright, Treasurer Christine Malterud, Road Supervisor/Zoning Administrator Kelly Booge and Clerk Lynn Johnson. Supervisor Leigh Sovde was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Public Attendees

Mark Fuller, Doug Rieffel, Joshua Linn, Karen Jacobson, Sherrie Clapp, Kristy Roberts and Trent Erickson.

Approve Agenda

Chair Anderson asked to add conditional use permit to new business. Motion to approve agenda with addition by Chair Anderson, second by Supervisor Haugen. Motion carried 4-0.

Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of June 2, 2025

Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 2, 2025 by Chair Anderson, second by Supervisor Wright. Motion carried 4-0.

Approve July 7, 2025 Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve treasurer's report of July 7, 2025 by Vice Chair McBride, second by Chair Anderson. Motion carried 4-0.

Approve and Sign Claims and Payroll

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

OLD BUSINESS

General Road/Zoning Update

Road Supervisor/Zoning Administrator Booge reported that the roads are not in fantastic shape but are in good shape. The culvert and ditch work on East Movil Lake Road will begin on Friday July 11 at 10:00 a.m. The road will be closed for 2-3 hours. The resident at the work site will inform his neighbors and provide transportation on both sides of the project to those who need it.

Campbell Lake ditching project has a large fiber optic cable where the ditch needs to be. Paul Bunyan Communications will plow a new cable 3' deep on the edge of the ditch at no cost to the township.

County Conditional Use Permit

The County has OK'd the conditional use permit resolution prepared by the township. Clerk will have the document recorded.

Werner Road ROW

Mark Fuller reported that the topo survey and plan development has been completed. There was a little center line adjustment so the road will be higher on the hill to direct water off the road. Quotes from four vendors were requested, two were received, and both met all the specifications required. Johnson Construction quoted \$70,264.67 and North Country Transport and Excavation (NCTE) quoted \$56,284.50. A second culvert may need to be added by Smiar's new house that is higher than the existing one to allow for additional flowage during wet times. Vice Chair McBride asked about conflict of interest for NCTE. The quoted amount is well below the threshold to exclude town officers from bidding. Motion by Chair Anderson to accept NCTE's bid, second by Vice Chair McBride. Motion carried 3-0-1 with Chair Anderson, Vice Chair McBride and Supervisor Haugen voting for and Supervisor Wright abstaining as he is the owner of NCTE. Clerk will prepare the required paperwork.

Old Long Lake Road

The informational meeting to discuss the reconstruction project with property owners has been held. The survey will need to be reviewed and a decision on doing the project in one or two phases will be made at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS

County Highway Road Maintenance Agreement

An amendment to the maintenance agreement with Beltrami County Highway Department was reviewed. Motion to accept amendment by Chair Anderson, second by Supervisor Haugen. Motion carried 4-0.

MATIT Renewal

Motion by Chair Anderson to accept renewal policy, second by Supervisor Wright. Motion carried 4-0.

Linn Conditional Use Permit

Joshua Linn, owner of Artistic Taxidermy, submitted a CUP for business operations to the Board. Request must be reviewed by the Planning Commission before action can be taken. A Planning Commission meeting was scheduled for August 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Public and Other

Discussion concerning the need for a new table and a chair was had. Motion to purchase these items by Chair Anderson, second by Supervisor Haugen. Motion carried 4-0.

Also, the purchase of two new fire safes discussed. Motion by Supervisor Haugen to buy two new fire safes, second by Chair Anderson. Motion carried 4-0.

Correspondence

Thank you notes from Bemidji Food Shelf, Bemidji Senior Center and Beltrami County Historical Society for donations were received. Notice of hearing from the State of Minnesota for Northern Township's incorporation.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. by Chair Anderson, second by Supervisor Haugen. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Approved






Date

8/4/25