

Turtle Lake Township Regular Meeting Minutes

August 4, 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 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

Keni Johnson, Karen Jacobson and Kristy Roberts.

Approve Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Chair Anderson, second by Supervisor Haugen. Motion carried 4-0.

Approve OLLR informational Meeting Minutes of July 7, 2025

Motion to approve OLLR informational meeting minutes of July 7, 2025 by Chair Anderson, second by Supervisor Haugen. Motion carried 4-0.

Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of July 7, 2025

Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 7, 2025 by Chair Anderson, second by Vice Chair McBride. Motion carried 4-0.

Approve August 4, 2025 Treasurer's Report

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

OLD BUSINESS

General Road/Zoning Update

Road Supervisor/Zoning Administrator Booge reported the roads are in good shape overall. Grading was done on the portion of Black Lake Road that dust control was applied to because of the wash boarding. Mowing started last Tuesday and brushing should start next week. Work on Turgi Hill Rd should begin on August 15th. He also asked the Board for permission to get an estimate from Steve Schaubhut for patching on Idlewild Dr. Motion by Vice Chair McBride to obtain an estimate for the patching, second by Chair Anderson. Motion carried 4-0.

Werner Road

Road Supervisor Booge reported that the earliest that work would begin is the week of August 11th.

Old Long Lake Road

Discussion on whether to reconstruct both the east and west portions at the same time or to do one-half at a time was had. Concern about spending the money to do the whole road and depleting the road fund was discussed. The change in the width of the road surface if the project was done in two parts was also a concern as the road would narrow where the east meets the west. It was decided to do the east side in 2026 and the west side at a later date because of the availability of funds. Motion by Supervisor Haugen to do the east side with the addition of road signs indicating the road narrows when entering the west portion. Second by Chair Anderson. Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Conditional Use Permit/Planning Commission

The planning commission met on August 4th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the Linn's conditional use permit request. The recommendation brought to the Board was to approve the CUP. Motion by Chair Anderson to approve the CUP, second by Supervisor Haugen. Motion carried 4-0.

Cemetery

Chair/Sexton Anderson reported two sites were sold.

RFA

Vice Chair McBride was unable to attend this meeting.

Website Domain Name Change

Clerk informed the Board that a new Minnesota law requires that all government entities have a .gov domain. A new name has been obtained from .gov but is not yet set up for our use. The new website will be turtlelakebeltraminn.gov. Clerk is working with Paul Bunyan Communications to get this set up.

Correspondence

A letter from Minnesota Association of Townships was received informing District 12 members of the removal of our Director from their Board. No explanation was given.

Public and Other

Attendee Karen Jacobson asked that the Board introduce themselves.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. by Chair Anderson, second by Vice Chair McBride. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of these Minutes from the August 4, 2025 Regular Township Meeting

Approved Cynthia Anderson Date 9/19/25
Ken O'Brien
Jim Sovell
My H/M
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