

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on **Tuesday, May 31st, 2022**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cormorant Community Center. Board members present were Chairman Steve Sorenson, Supervisors John Buhaug and Tony Hubbard, Clerk Claudia Hanson, Deputy Clerk Penny Wickenheiser and Treasurer Susie Braseth.

- A. **Call to Order** by Chairman Sorenson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. **Minutes** from the May 10th regular meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve said minutes made by Tony, seconded by John. Carried 3-0. The claims/bills were signed as presented.
- C. **New Business**

1) **Rick Renner, Sewer Permit** – Mr. Renner was present and would like to install a septic system on property located on 14436 Globstad Beach Road for Mike Kuhn. The system will not be in the road right-of-way but one foot off the township right-of-way and will be 1' to 1 ½ ' high. Board reviewed diagram and documents for the system and there is little space to fit this system in the lot space available and keep appropriate distances from the house and property line. John reminded Rick to stake around system this winter and he agreed to do so. Due to space restraints, Board agreed to approve sewer permit, motioned by John, and seconded by Steve. Carried 3-0. Steve and Claudia signed permit.

2) **FEMA related Water Damage**– Claudia mentioned she advised the Becker Cty. Sheriff's office (who are now overseeing FEMA damages) of \$500-\$600 in costs for clean-up from water in the basement of the Community Center and that we will likely have more expenses to mitigate further water damage. Ila provided bills from repairs already made. John added an improvement was made outside of the School room part of the community center for better drainage, so hopefully no further flooding will occur in the basement.

Additionally, the culvert by Mike Lages on 130th Ave. is a potential issue as water is almost over the road. US Fish & Wildlife land is located on the west side of the road and a culvert runs under the road. Board discussed and suggested to contact US Fish & Wildlife if they would assist in solving excess water issue. If any road/culvert work would have to be done, Mr. Lage requested 24-hour notice before repair.

The Sheriff's office has also advised that sandbags are available for us to acquire if any further flooding or water issues arise in the township .

- 3) **Flags** - The majority of the Veteran Memorial Flags were up and encased in cement before Memorial Day.
- 4) **Potential Road vacation at end of 150th Street** – Steve mentioned that he was informed by Kyle Vareberg, Becker Cty. Zoning administrator, that the end of 150th Street maybe vacated. We will await paperwork from party who will initiate the vacation.

D. **Old Business**

- 1) **Show Team Update** – Claudia has communicated with Errin Bjerke and Ms. Bjerke will be picking up a bag of Show Team information.
- 2) **Water in Basement Update** – There has been no more rain leakage into the basement of the community center. It appears when the wind blew strongly from the west, against the School Room outside wall, is what caused the leakage. Kerry Evenson will check the gutters also. FEMA monies may be utilized for rain gutter guards, or other improvements, to mitigate future damage.
- 3) **Picnic Shelter Work Update** – The Lions stained the shelter. Two gallons of stain are left. Lions may stain the picnic tables also.

E. **Recycling**

- 1) **New Brush/Compost Site** – The posts are ready for the new signs to be installed at compost/brush site on Hwy 1. Ila was advised the signs will be done next week. Board members have been receiving an influx of calls on where to drop off trees and brush. Unfortunately, someone stole a big rock from new site and also someone started burning leaves at the new site. Surveillance camera will need to be installed soon.
- 2) **Closure of old Brush/Compost Site** – The sign for the closed site keeps blowing over. Township voicemail message and website have been updated for the closure of the old site and alternate drop site is the Becker County compost site.

- 3) **Attorney Appointment for Lease Agreement – June 2nd 9:00 a.m.** – Claudia and John will meet with Mr. Rufer on June 2nd , 9:00 a.m. to discuss the preparation of the lease agreement for the new brush/compost site. Depending on attorney recommendations, Marlene Olson will be listed as primary owner, Kyle Olson as secondary, and Ed Chenze will maintain the site. Board decided the lease duration will be for 25 years, as that was recommended by Marlene and Kyle Olson.

F. Roads

- 1) **End of Nelson Lake Road dispute** - There has been an issue regarding road right-of-way usage on end of Nelson Lake Road (portion of road after the “Y” split going to the right-not left toward the condos) between a couple of neighbors. One neighbor is placing flags in the road shoulder and another neighbor has chased off people fishing from easement. The Sheriff has been contacted regarding this, as township cannot enforce usage of the road right of way and if there is a private property conflict between the neighbors.

G. Other Business

- 1) **State Bank of Lake Park update** – Signatures for approved parties were obtained for the township account during the meeting. Claudia will complete form and submit it to the State Bank of Lake Park.
- 2) **Appoint Election Judges and Training Update** – Election judge training will be held in June. Claudia presented the following election judges to be appointed for this year’s elections: Cara Bjerken, Susie Braseth, Lori Buhaug, Megan Hoyes, Ginger Lenzmeier, Tim Lenzmeier, Ila Mae Lindstrom, Donna Lutz, Warren Meissner, Mark Nielson, Marlene Nielson, Barb Maasjo, Sharon Olson, Laurie Wanke, Penny Wickenheiser, and Lavonne Selberg. Claudia will attend Head Judge training as required. Motion made by John to approve the listed election judges and Tony seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.
- 3) **Day of Caring May 16th Update** - Students for LPA spent 1.5 hours cleaning up the grounds at the community center. Ila mentioned it was a “great day.” She added the students enjoyed an ice cream treat for their efforts.
- 4) **June Calendar** – Claudia distributed a copy of the June calendar. Many events at the community center are scheduled for June.

5) **Miscellaneous Mail** – No mail received to discuss.

H. **Treasurer’s Report-** Susie presented her treasurer’s report for April 2022. Many large bills are expected for road repairs required this summer. A \$100 donation was received from the Bridge Club for the new coffee pot. Board reviewed claims and payments for the prior month (ending April 2022). Claims are available on request.

Beginning Balance	\$648,776.66
Receipts	+ \$ 665.16
Disbursements	- \$53,726.54
Ending	<u>\$ 595,715.16</u>
checking acct. balance	
Investment beginning balance	-0-
Investment purchased	-0-
Investment transferred/sold	-0-
Investment interest	<u>-0-</u>
Ending Investment value	<u>-0-</u>

The Treasurer’s Report was approved by John, seconded by Tony. Carried 3-0.

I. **Adjournment** - The township meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m. with a motion from John, seconded by Tony, and carried 3-0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on June 14th, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. Tony mentioned he will not be present at the June 14th meeting as he will be out-of-town.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia M. Hanson, Clerk and
Penny G. Wickenheiser, Deputy Clerk