

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on **Tuesday, May 13th, 2025**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cormorant Community Center. Board members present were Chairperson Steve Sorenson, Supervisors John Buhaug and Tony Hubbard, Clerk Claudia Hanson, Treasurer Cindy Wipperling, and Deputy Clerk Penny Wickenheiser.

A. **Call to Order** by Chairperson Sorenson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. **Minutes** from April 29th, 2025, variance and regular meetings were read. Motion to approve minutes made by John, seconded by Tony. Carried 3-0. The claims/bills were signed as presented.

C. **New Business**

- 1) **Rick Julian – Access off Grondahl Road** - Rick Julian was present regarding the easement road near his property by Grondahl Road, dating back to 1956, which it was supposed to have been a public road but never was. He expressed concern that people drive and park on this easement, may accidentally drive over his septic system, use this easement improperly. He asked if the township board could consider other options either vacating the road or have the road be more of a public road with more definition to where the easement/road is so people will know where to drive. Mr. Julian provided the Board with a couple of maps. John and Steve both independently visit the site.
- 2) **Birch Point – Dylan Ramstad Skoyles (Dennis Olsen), Craig Schroeder** – Steve spoke to Kyle Varberg, Becker Cty. Zoning, today and several County personnel inspected the curve on Birch Point, such as Jim Olson, Becker Cty. Engineer and Ed Clem, Becker Soil and Water Conservation District. Mr. Ramstad Skoyles was not present at this meeting. Mr. Schroeder indicated he had nothing additional to add. Steve stated we will await what everyone's input will be.

D. **Old Business**

- 1) **SAIL Program** – Claudia advised that the SAIL Program began on May 5th. Ila noted 13 people were in attendance on the first day.
- 2) **Arvig – Additional Sites Estimate** – Estimate from Arvig were emailed after John meet with them to consider adding the recycling sites and Brush/Compost site to our current security system. Board reviewed and stated it was expensive and Tony said he will

look into further. John indicated the cameras at the recycling sites are over five years old, but this estimate seems a bit costly.

- 3) **Ceiling Repair; Bathroom Fan Estimate** – Ila suggested that the kitchen ceiling repair should be suspended until the fall when there are less people utilizing the community center. The Board agreed.
- 4) **East Egg Hunt Recap** – Ila indicated that 520 eggs were hidden outside on the community center grounds by Rick Julian and his friends. Mr. Julian reported they had to work hard to find a good place to hide the “golden egg” as the grass had been freshly mowed, suggested longer grass next year.
- 5) **Square Dancing/Lions Breakfast Recap** - Steve noted there was a very good turnout at the Square-Dancing event. He highlighted that even little children were present. Mr. Julian advised that there were 250 people in attendance at the Lions fishing opening pancake breakfast.

E. Recycling

- 1) **Brush/Compost Site – Share with Lake Eunice Township** – Steve reported he talked to the Chairperson of Lake Eunice Township and that their township residents would like to utilize our brush/compost site, as their site is no longer available. He noted they are willing to pay \$2,500 per year for the use of the site. Lake Eunice Township will have a contract drawn up. Mr. Julian asked if the site is still open as there is a burn ban. Site is open but Board will check forecast if any need to temporarily close due to current high fire hazard weather.
- 2) **Trex bench** - Mr. Julian added that another period for this plastic recycling program will begin on May 17th, so clear plastic can be collected again for a new bench.

F. Roads

- 1) **Rock for Cormorant Road** – John advised the road restrictions have been lifted, so rock and gravel can be added to this little road.
- 2) **East Lake Ida Lane Road Resurface in Process (LRIP Grant)** - Steve noted Becker Cty. Highway Dept. has stripped the old asphalt off last Thursday and Friday and new asphalt should be completed by Memorial Day weekend.

- 3) **Road Inspection** – Steve is considering tentatively Monday, May 19th. Tony will not be able to attend.
- 4) **Reposition Mailbox Post on Tosten Erickson Circle** – Claudia received a request for a repositioning a mailbox post on Tosten Erickson Circle. John will look at the site and then can initiate a Gopher One request.
- 5) **Ida Oaks Road Ditch Brush Clean up** – John received a call and that he will clarify with residents on where brush should go (further back from road).

G. Other Business

- 1) **Amazon Business Card, Business Cards for Board Members** – Placement reminder on Agenda for Claudia to look into these subjects.
- 2) **Hosting District 9 Meeting August 26th** – Board agreed to host this and move regular township meeting to August 27th. Claudia has notified Becker Cty. Zoning.
- 3) **LBAE Supervisor Training – MN Department of Revenue Site** – Claudia reminded the Supervisors that they must complete this training by July 1, 2025.
- 4) **MCS Report with Department of Transportation** – Claudia advised that she completes this report every three years. She noted that scam emails have been sent regarding this report, is due at the end of July 2025 and she will ensure it is completed.
- 5) **Push, Pedal, Pull Exercise Machine Repairs April 28th (Part Problem) Invoice** – A invoice was received from Push, Pedal, Pull for repairs that may not have yet been completed. Ila noted she will double-check this and let Claudia know not to pay until repairs are completed.
- 6) **No Yoga for the Summer, Monday Afternoon Bridge Starts, CLWD Dates, Art Club Workshop** – Claudia has been busy maintaining the calendar of events held at the community center. She noted the Art Club Workshop will be held in September.
- 7) **Flu Shot Clinic October 2nd 2:30-3:30 p.m.** – Steve highlighted the benefits of having this clinic at the community center. He noted that if the clinic could be held in the morning, we may have a better turnout. Claudia will request an earlier block of time.

H. **Treasurer's Report** - Cindy presented her treasurer's report for *April 30th, 2025*. Board reviewed claims (payments) and receipts. Data is available on request.

Beginning Balance		\$133,192.04	
Receipts	+	\$ 4,637.65	
Transfer of Funds		<u>\$491,000.00</u>	
<u>Total Receipts</u>		\$495,637.65	
Disbursements	-	\$60,732.90	
Correction		.02	
Transfer of funds	-	<u>\$491,000.00</u>	
<u>Total disbursements</u>		\$551,732.88	
Ending checking acct. balance			<u>\$ 77,096.81</u>
State Bank of Lake Park Ending Balance		\$128,701.22	
Outstanding Checks		<u>- \$51,604.41</u>	
April 30 th Ending Balance			<u>\$77,096.81</u>

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

I. **Adjournment** - The township meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. with a motion from Steve, seconded by John. Carried 3-0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on May 27th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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