

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on **Tuesday, September 9th, 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 August 26th, 2025, variance and regular meetings were read. Motion to approve minutes made by John, seconded by Steve carried 3-0. The claims/bills were signed as presented.

C. **New Business**

- 1) **Dylan Skolyes Ramstad, Variance inquiry** - Claudia received a call from Dylan Skoyles Ramstad, attorney, regarding a possible variance for property boundary line change for a client living in the area, hoping to meet with Steve and Claudia regarding this issue on September 10th at 1:30 p.m. at the town hall.

D. **Old Business**

- 1) **Calendar Items: SAIL Fall Schedule, Cormorant Country School** – Claudia updated the calendar for the community center regarding the SAIL program. She also noted that the Cormorant Country School will no longer be meeting on Wednesdays, but rather on occasional Fridays. Ila Mae Lindstrom added that the SAIL program participants will be completing an assessment of their exercise progress (required for Mahube grant continuation).
- 2) **Blood Drive Results (9/5/2025)** – Claudia advised that the Cormorant Lions held a blood drive on September 5, 2025, which over 30 people donated at this event. The Township received a thank you from Willis Frazee for allowing the Lions to hold this event at the community center.
- 3) **115th Street Deposition** – Claudia and John will be meeting with Ken Bayliss, the township attorney, on October 6 to prepare for their deposition which is scheduled for October 8. Mr. Bayliss will travel to the town hall to meet Claudia and John for both of these dates.

- 4) **Quiet Title Action – Marlene Olson** – Claudia and Ila explained that a quiet title action regarding Marlene Olson’s land was published in the Detroit Lakes newspaper. Charles Ramstead earlier this spring made aware of this to the Board and that Cormorant Township is also listed as a party on this title action. Board had discussed and has no issue with the current land boundaries (our Brush/Compost site borders one of the property lines) so no action needs to be taken.

E. Recycling

- 1) No agenda items discussed regarding recycling.

F. Roads

- 1) **Snowplow Servicing (Cutting Edges, Other Work)** – John advised that the snowplows would have to get DOT certified, except for the orange (Garfield) snowplow is not operable so it will not be utilized this year.
- 2) **Dustguard Overpayment** – John spoke with Corbin’s regarding spraying dustguard on roads that were not needed to be sprayed. Corbin’s deducted \$1,280 so final bill total to be paid is \$24,234.24.
- 3) **N Ida Heights Road Driveway Drainage – Cheri Jaeger** – John noted that he has not spoken with Ms. Jaeger yet as no one has been home when he has stopped by the property.
- 4) **Mileage Certification** – Claudia advised that the mileage certification is due in November. John noted that Royal Oaks needs to be added and that it appears a few roads are short on miles noted.
- 5) **Noxious Weeds on Wermager Beach Road** – John stated there are thistles near Wermager Beach, as a call was received regarding this from a concerned citizen. He clarified there is an entire field of thistles that needs to be dealt with.

G. Other Business

- 1) **Flu Shot Clinic Friday, October 3rd**- Claudia advised the sign-up sheet for the Flu Shot Clinic at the community center is now available. The hours will be from 9:00-11:30 a.m. and contain 15-minute increments. Therefore, there are 24 slots available.

- 2) **Trunk or Treat Sunday, October 26th 3:00-4:30 p.m.**- Ila reminded everyone about this event and has been organizing it.
- 3) **Playground Park Items – Lions** – Ila added the swing set has been repaired by the Cormorant Lions Club. She noted the rocking horse is still need of repair.
- 4) **Rick Julian – Lake Ida Easement** – Steve advised that he left a voicemail message for Mr. Julian but has not connected with him.
- 5) **Becker County Association of Townships Meeting November 20th 7:00 p.m., Becker Cty. Courthouse** – Claudia advised of this meeting which Kyle Varberg will discuss the upcoming county cannabis ordinance.
- 6) **Rainfall Monitoring Volunteer for Becker Soil and Water District** – Claudia advised she received a letter from Becker County Soil and Water District that they are looking for volunteers to monitor rainfall. Rick Julian does rainfall measurements for local TV stations so Board advised to ask if he would be interested in this.
- 7) **Great River Energy Transmission Line Upgrade Meeting September 16th at 6:00 p.m. at the Pelican Rapids Library** – The township received a letter from Great River Energy regarding 16 miles of overhead lines that need to be upgraded.
- 8) **Clerk Not Filing for Position 2026** – Claudia advised that she does not intend to file for the township clerk position in 2026, would like to semi-retire, has been the clerk since 2003. This position would require strong organizational skills, excellent communication/writing skills and familiarity with current technology, along with Microsoft Office skills. This position would also entail event coordination, web site management, in addition to several other duties.
- 9) **Yoga Through Community Ed Starting in October** – Claudia received an email regarding yoga classes to be held at the community center in October. She will clarify the starting date of these classes and which day of the week they will be held.

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

Beginning Balance	\$254,264.90
Receipts	+ \$ 1,052.09
Disbursements	- \$ 39,562.16
Ending	<u>\$ 215,754.83</u>
checking acct. balance	

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

I. **Adjournment** - The township meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m. with a motion from Steve, seconded by Tony. Carried 3-0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on September 29th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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