

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on **Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 September 9, 2025, regular meeting was read. Motion to approve minutes made by Tony, seconded by John carried 3-0. The claims/bills were signed as presented.

C. **New Business**

- 1) **Brandt Bigger Septic Design – Permit N Ida Heights Road** – Brandt Bigger provided the Board with the septic system design for the Kent Espeseth property. Mr. Bigger explained to the Board that a new drain field will be installed in the backlot of the property, and part of it will be located in the road right of way. The Board reviewed the materials provided by Mr. Bigger. John made a motion to accept the proposal and Tony seconded it. Carried 3-0.
- 2) **Pickeball Court Bug Spraying** – Claudia received a phone call from a pickleball player wondering if the area around the pickleball court be sprayed for bugs. Ila Mae mentioned the yard crew was asked to begin spraying around the pickleball court, and Board agreed to have this done.
- 3) **DNR Parcel Sale** – Claudia received notice from the DNR that they intend to sell a parcel they own on the corner of Rosman-Erickson and Leek Road.
- 4) **Dale Larson Call, Right of Way Issue Lake Idea Beach Road** – Claudia received an email from Mr. Larson questioning if a small road on the north side of Lake Ida behind Evenson Electric/Nelson Plumbing was being resurveyed. He had left phone message with Steve Sorenson. Steve asked John to call Mr. Larson for more details.

D. **Old Business**

- 1) **Calendar Items: BIO Girls & Yoga** – Claudia indicated that the BIO Girls program would like to begin their program again in January 2026. The 12-week program will be held on Sundays from 3-5 p.m. which is usually not a high demand time to have any space rented out. The Board agreed to host this again as last year.

Claudia noted Slow Flow Yoga would also like to begin classes again as last year on Tuesday nights at 6 pm. The instructor would provide the township with a 10% donation of class proceeds per session for the use of the community center. Claudia added that a fee of \$15 per class per student will be charged for yoga. Board agreed to have this class restart again for the winter months.

- 2) **SAIL Program** - Claudia noted that the SAIL class would like to adjust the time of their program from 10:00-11:00 a.m. to 9:30-10:30 a.m. to beginning in October 2025. Ila noted that if the time is moved, it would interfere with Line Dancing that usually starts up in the spring, so it was suggested that the time should remain the same.
- 3) **115<sup>th</sup> Street Deposition** – Claudia and John have a preparation meeting on October 6 and the deposition will be held on October 8, 2025. The township attorney will be present on both days with Claudia and John.

#### E. Recycling

- 1) **Junk at Turtle Lake Site** – Claudia received phone call from recycling patron who noted someone else dumping floaties and other toys at the recycling site. John indicated that some of the plastic may be recyclable, so it was not removed from the recycling bins. We will watch if the township will be charged extra for these items. Two chairs were left at the recycling center also. Ila advised Becker County is accepting computers, other technology equipment, and televisions for recycling for free for the next couple of days.

#### F. Roads

- 1) **Snowplow Servicing**– John advised that the white snowplow “Betty White” is almost completed. The red snowplow “Clifford” will be completed next.
- 2) **Ryan Olson** – Claudia spoke to Ryan Olson of Olson Excavating recently to provide any gravel service bills to us sooner than at the end of the year, for better budgeting purposes.
- 3) **N Ida Heights Road Driveway Drainage – Cheri Jaeger** – John noted that he has not spoken with Ms. Jaeger yet.
- 4) **Mileage Certification** – Claudia advised that the mileage certification is due in November which John and Claudia will work on this task together.

- 5) **Noxious Weeds on Wermager Beach Road** – John noted that many trees have been planted in this field and will notify owner to cut down the thistles and to spray around the baby trees.

**G. Other Business**

- 1) **Flu Shot Clinic Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**- Claudia noted that 30 people signed up for the Flu Shot Clinic. The Covid related vaccine is the Moderna shot. Both will be provided by Homeland Health, which is based out of the Twin Cities.
- 2) **Trunk or Treat Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 3:00-4:30 p.m.**- Barb Maasjo , Laurie Wanke and Ila Mae are coordinating this event.
- 3) **LPA Community Ed** – Initially Claudia was contacted by Roz with Community Ed to start another Yoga class, but after Claudia advised a yoga class was already being offered here, Roz would look for another location to hold this.
- 4) **Lakes Country Connection Ad** – Claudia spoke with Tammy Odegaard regarding the township ad in the Lakes Country Connection and that she will continue to publish the township/community center calendar for free in the newspaper but no other ads are necessary (previously discussed by the Board) as the township website provides the community with information about the township and community center. A second ad could be reconsidered in May of 2026.
- 5) **Becker County Association of Townships Meeting** - This is at the Becker Cty . courthouse on November 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.
- 6) **No Variance for October 14, 2025**
- 7) **Sick Leave** – Cindy advised that she is working on this subject for the township employees.
- 8) **Data Request** – Claudia advised she received an email today from someone requesting township data. Claudia consulted with MAT township attorney regarding the Data Practices Act and also informed the requestor what our MAT attorney stated, Tony noted that some township information can be found on our website. Claudia will ask the data requestor where information can be found and ask for more insight on her request to what she is looking for. Cindy advised a fee can be charged for making copies.

9) **Township Financial Comparison** - Cindy provided a statement of receipts, and disbursements, comparing last year to this year, for budgeting purposes. Motion to accept this financial analysis was made by John and seconded by Tony. Carried 3-0.

H. **Adjournment** - The township meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. with a motion from Steve, seconded by John. Carried 3-0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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