

The Cormorant Township Board meeting was held on **Tuesday, October 14th, 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, and Treasurer Cindy Wipperling.

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

B. **Minutes** from September 30th, 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** - None

D. **Old Business**

- 1) **115th Street Deposition** – Claudia updated that the depositions were completed on October 8, 2025. The township attorney, Ken Bayliss, advised a mediation meeting was held next day on October 9th, but no agreement was reached. Mr. Bayliss will be out of the country for a couple of weeks and will resume discussions and negotiations when he returns.

E. **Recycling**

- 1) **Burn Pile** – John stated the brush pile was burned successfully on a conducive day with favorable weather conditions. However, there has been a lot of additional activity in more dumping of brush and tree limbs, leaves, etc. as people are getting last minute lawn clean up done before winter. John would like to move around spots where items are being left, for easier maintenance of the site.

F. **Roads**

- 1) **Road Blading** – As the road grader has significant repair issues, Board discussed and decided to contract out this work until have the township grader repaired or consider buying a new grader. John has two providers who have been doing some temporary work lately, and Board agreed to use Arntson Construction LLC and Brummer Performance to grade gravel roads for the time being. They both have their own equipment to blade roads. Tony motioned, seconded by Steve to approve these contractors. Carried 3-0.
- 2) **Corn Rows** – John suggested we ask local farmers near troublesome snow-catching roads to leave some corn rows up for the purpose of a winter snow fence. The farmers

would be John Nord, Tim Erickson, and Mark Erickson. Board agreed with motion by John, seconded by Tony. Carried 3-0.

- 3) **N Ida Heights Road Driveway Drainage, Cheri Jaeger** – John will reach out again to Cheri Jaeger.
- 4) **Posts on E. Lake Ida Lane** – John added these leftover posts in the road right of way have been removed.
- 5) **Mileage certification** – Claudia and John have finished this.
- 6) **Noxious Weeds on Wermager Beach Road** – John will send out form to owner of property.

G. **Other Business**

- 1) **Flu Shot Clinic Friday, October 3rd**- Claudia advised there was a very good turnout but only nine Moderna Covid shots were available for the nurse to administer. However, everyone who signed up did receive a Flu shot.
- 2) **Trunk or Treat Sunday, October 26th 3:00-4:30 p.m.**- Barb Maasjo , Laurie Wanke and Ila Mae are coordinating this event.
- 3) **Becker County Association of Townships Meeting** - This is at the Becker Cty . courthouse on November 20th 7:00 p.m.
- 4) **Slow Flow Yoga** – This will start up again Tuesday, Oct. 14th with same terms as last year for fees, and meet weekly every Tuesday night.
- 5) **Elevator** – Ila shared elevator experience where it was not working, buzzing, door would open but does not move between floors. After contacting Todd Burke at Otis Elevator, Ila was advised that the sensors may be the issue, which simple dusting of the sensors did fix the problem.
- 6) **Data Request** – Claudia has been corresponding with person and she has reduced what data she is looking for substantially, to just having a copy of the annual report and a couple of months of Treasurer’s reports. Requestor states she would like data for educational purposes for her child. Cindy Wipperling also offered to met with requestor to explain township finances. Claudia will maintain contact on setting up a time to meet or provide copies of reports.

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

Beginning Balance	\$215,754.83
Receipts	+ \$ 1109.72
Disbursements	- \$ 66,819.76
Ending checking acct. balance	<u>\$ 150,044.79</u>

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

I. **Adjournment** - The township meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. with a motion from Steve, seconded by John. Carried 3-0. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on October 14th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia M. Hanson, Clerk