

**TOWN OF ANDERSON**  
**Monthly Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall**

Call to order by Jeremy Gronski at 7:03 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by James Mielke.

Affidavit of Posting signed by Jeremy Gronski.

**Motion for Approval of Agenda**

James Mielke motioned to approved the agenda. Jim Loomis seconded it. Motioned carried.

**Approval of February 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Jim Loomis motioned to approved the February meeting minutes as written. James Mielke seconded the motion. Motions carried.

**Burnett County District 4 Supervisor update**

Ramona Moody presented the Burnett County District 4 update. Please see attached for details.

**Selection of estimate for the lean-to.**

Annette Bethke explained that the lean-to over the entry door to Town Hall was needed for safety for electors and other people using the door. The snow and ice fall off the roofs directly in front of the door and the ice build up due to that is very dangerous. Also, as people are more concerned with social distancing has the roof would give people coming in for elections a place to stand outside that is protected from the weather. It would also offer protection for those who want to read the bulletin board. This project has been talked about for 2 years. Unfortunately, the two estimates were for two different types of lean-tos. Jeremy Gronski has asked for estimates that have the same type. Annette Bethke will work with Jim Bethke to have the estimates redone by March 21, 2022 for a special meeting.

**Approval of Resolution to count elections ballots.**

After discussing how the new machine works and the time it will take to manually count ballots, it was decided that for the April 5, 2022 election, workers will count ballots to verify that the machine is working correctly and see how long it takes to count. For other election we will look at sample ballots to determine if we need to count everything on the ballot or just one item to verify accuracy.

**Treasurer's Report**

Patsy Tucker gave the treasurer's report. There is \$16,289.15 in the checking and \$230,727.08 in the money market for total assets of \$247,016.23.

**Fire Association Report**

Dutch Schultz emailed a copy of the February Fire Association report to Annette Bethke.

A motion was made to add Jeremy Gronski as a third signer on Fire Association accounts. Motion was passed. There have been 22 incidents for far this year. Currently there are 22 people on the roster. The Annual Banquet will be April 2 at Hummers. The DNR is doing training on April 2 and

the ice training has been postponed due to unsafe ice conditions. The annual equipment maintenance has been completed.

## **Chairman's Report**

Jeremy Gronski said that he is getting his email worked out. He has an email set up through the Town of Anderson. The Board members can have this as well if they want to.

## **Clerks Information**

The Board of Review training video isn't able to be ordered until March 15, 2022. The Town of Wood River is going to order it and will set up a time for whoever needs the training. This will cost us a lot less than ordering one for ourselves.

DNR – Beaver control contract is up for renewal. It will cost \$1,400 and run from April 11 to October 28, 2022. Jeremy Gronski motioned to approve the contract. Jim Loomis seconded it. Motion carried.

The Polk County Forest Administrator has asked if the Town of Anderson would be okay with a portion of Meadman Meadows fire lane, that runs through the Township, be used as a summer ATV/UTV trail connector. The Board is okay with this as long as we can revoke the privilege if it causes issues.

Annette Bethke reminded everyone that the Annual Meeting will be April 19, 2022. She will be working on the newsletter.

## **Forestry Report**

Nothing to report.

## **Land sale discussion, Oletjen Rd, parcel clean up**

There is a 3-acre piece of land that is land locked. The landowner who owns that land next to it is interested in buying it. Jeremy Gronski will look to see if we can do a private sale or if it has to go to a public bid.

## **Capital Plan**

Jim Bethke explained that the grader is having issues. He checked and it will cost about \$35,000 to fix or more. A new one right now about \$210,000. Jeremy Gronski asked Annette Bethke to check into the rules on debt service with the county. A meeting regarding capital equipment has been tentatively set for Monday, March 21 at 6:30 pm/

## **Road Maintenance Report/Projects for the Month**

Jim Bethke said that he reviewed a couple applications for the part time maintenance position and is going to offer the job to Walter Hills. The Board was okay with that decision. Jim Bethke also talked about an infrastructure grant for Carlberg Rd and will work with Mike, from the county, on this. He will also be looking into doing a grant for culverts. Jeremy Gronski asked that either Jim Bethke or Annette Bethke keep a list of the grants that we are applying for.

## **Public Comment**

Amanda Mielke suggested that if we were not able to get the lean-to up by the April election that we could possibly tent to use. She also said that her job is to design newsletters and flyers and said that she could look at our current newsletter and redesign it. It would cost the Town about \$400 the first year and the price would go down next year depending on the amount of changes that would need to be done. The Board said that they would need to think about it. It's too late to have her do it for this year.

**Administrative session**

Nothing to report

**Auditing of Bills / Approve Payment of February Bills.**

Jeremy Gronski motioned to approved the February bills. James Mielke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Agenda Items for Next Board Meeting / Date: April 12, 2022.**

Nothing to add.

**Motion to Adjourn**

Jeremy Gronski motioned to adjourn the Board meeting at 9:03 pm. James Mielke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Burnett County District 4 Supervisor Update 3/8/2022:

Health & Community Services committee was cancelled for March. Staffing continues to be an issue.

Public Safety: they will need to look at upgrading communication towers as the repair parts are becoming obsolete. Hoping to upgrade one at a time so as to use parts from the older towers to keep the others running so as to keep costs down.

The County just held an open house for the Public Safety new jail project to answer any questions the public may have.

Land Use committee has received a couple rezones and the campground work group continues to review the portions of the ordinance that was sent back to committee for review.

Natural Resources: There has been no timber sales year to date.

During the February committee meeting it was brought up that Polk County is requesting use of Meadman Meadows firelane for ATV/UTV trail in the Town of Anderson. They are also requesting a change in the open dates. I have provided the information that will go before the Natural Resources committee this Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

Someone was supposed to reach out to the Town of Anderson to see they the Town of Anderson feels about this usage.

Infrastructure Committee will meet for the first time this year.

The Highway Department has been busy with snow removal and ice control

CTH D reconstruction between N Williams Rd and CTH M (Town of Wood River), Bids received March 8th

CTH O reconstruction from Jimmy Carter Road to 3 miles west (Town of Anderson), Design ongoing. Paving tentatively scheduled for late June

2022 Planning and Engineering for 2023 and beyond Projects: CTH O Improvement from West River Road to the St. Croix River, Waiting to see if federal funding will be granted