

**ECKLES TOWNSHIP  
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 10, 2015**

1. Meeting called to order at 8:20 p.m. by Mary Lou Milender, Township Clerk.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.
3. Motion by Don Hazeman, seconded by Roy Antle to have Dennis Zeto be Moderator. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Roy Antle to dispense reading the Annual Meeting Minutes from March 11, 2014 and also to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
5. The 2014 Annual Treasurer's Report was read. Motion by Roy Antle, seconded by Dan Mrazek to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Motion carried unanimously.
6. The clerk prepared to read the Annual Audit Report however, a motion was made by Dan Mrazek, seconded by Roy Antle to accept the report as written because the audit was accepted by the Board of Supervisors at the Board of Audit. Clerk did post the report. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Cory Wilson presented a Road Report. He informed the township residents of what we had accomplished in 2014 and what is proposed for road projects for 2015.
8. Mel Milender detailed the history and establishment of Balsam Trail. A motion was made by Dan Mrazek, seconded by Randy Forseth to create a 66 ft. road along the existing trail and to discontinue pursuit of a road along the ROW that was described in the petition that was presented to the Town Board in December. Motion passed unanimously.
9. Motion by Roy Antle, seconded by Russell Gustafson, to establish a 66 ft. E/W road along the section line between Section 17 & 21 (Mayflower Road) from Nature Road west to ½ mile west of Highway 89. Motion passed unanimously.
10. Randy Forseth informed the township that he would provide a roll-off-truck for the road clean-up this year scheduled for May 13, 2015.

11. Mel Milender presented a Rural Fire Association Report.

12. Cemetery Report

Cory Wilson informed the townspeople we are planning a cemetery clean-up day for May 3<sup>rd</sup> and at that time we will also pull up the old fence in preparation for the new fence we will have erected to complete the perimeter of the cemetery. The board also informed the electorate that they raised the purchase prices for lots when they are sold to non-residents of Eckles Township.

13. Don Hazeman informed the residents he is the Weed Control person for Eckles Township and asked that they call him if they see or have a weed problem so it can be addressed.

14. Recommended Budget & Tax Levies for calendar year 2016 were reviewed and set as follows:

\$35,300.00 was set for the General Fund; \$225,000.00 was set for the Road & Bridge Fund; \$40,000.00 was set for the Fire Fund; and \$800.00 was set for the Cemetery Fund. Motion by Roy Antle, seconded by Russell Gustafson to approve the levy. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Motion by Roy Antle, seconded by Dan Mrazek to set the next Eckles Township Annual Meeting for March 8, 2016, at 8:15 p.m. at the Eckles Community Center. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Motion by Roy Antle, seconded by Russell Gustafson to keep the posting places at the Community Center and Pete's Place West as well as the Web Site and to publish in the Buyline because it reaches more residents than the Bemidji Pioneer. Motion carried unanimously.

17. There was a discussion regarding the Annual Eckles Potluck Picnic. A suggestion was made to have it in the winter rather than the summer. Thore Thorson and Russell Gustafson will take this information back to the Eckles Community Center Committee and ask what their thoughts are on this. When a decision is made we will publish and post the date and time.

18. Motion by Roy Antle, seconded by Mel Milender to keep the bounties on the pocket

gophers at \$1.00 each if they bring in both front feet and the tails. \$40.00 bounties will be paid on beavers. Beavers need to be approved by the Beaver Control Person or the Board of Supervisors. Motion carried unanimously.

19. Election Results were announced as follows:

Supervisor A = Cory Wilson – 27 votes

Supervisor B = Dennis Zeto – 16 votes; Randy Forseth – 4 votes

Ervin Blom, Thore Thorson, Merlin Vold and Russell Gustafson each one vote

Clerk = Sandra Burgoon – 27 votes

Announcements:

Board of Review is scheduled for Tues, May 5, 2015 @9:00 a.m. at the Eckles Community Center

Annual Beltrami County Weed Control Meeting – April 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Board Room

20. Motion by Roy Antle, seconded by Mary Forseth to adjourn meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Milender  
Township Clerk

Dennis Zeto  
Moderator