

**ECKLES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 10, 2023**

The regular Eckles Township Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Acting Chairman Cory Wilson as Don Hazeman was absent. Other Supervisors in Attendance were Beth Hendricks, Darren Baumgardner and Mel Milender. Treasurer Deb Larson and Clerks Becky Moe and Mary Lou Milender were also present. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Paul Cronemiller, John Schocker, Dale Wilson, Mark Fuller, Lynda Ponting, Chris Gilbertson, Brandon Erickson, Gary Coan.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Supervisor by Baumgardner and seconded by Henricks to approve the agenda with two additional items added to the Announcement Section:

- D. Shooting Sports Reports
- E. Fire Report

Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Supervisor Milender and seconded by Baumgardner to approve consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

VISITORS: Nothing to report.

ROAD REPORTS:

Cartway - Work has been completed. May need to look at completing an erosion blanket in the future.

Sousa Petition - Mel acknowledge Brandon Erickson for doing such a great job on the Petition for the Sousa Road Improvements. Petition is now complete and the verification of signatures will need to be completed at the Court house by the November Townboard Meeting. Mel will contact attorney Mike Couri to begin the establishment of a Subordinate Service District.

Wild Rose Road was also discussed and there is a grant that can be applied for to try and get this road paved. It was decided that if the grant request does not go through that the Township should proceed with the improvements to this project. It was stated that the grant request needs to be submitted by 01 Dec and would not be considered until March 2024.

Monte Plata Acceptance: Mel reported that there was necessary tree removal on this road and we still have not received the quit claim deed for the three(3) ft easement between the plat and Sousa road. Freeburg and Grund also reported that there is inadequate bituminous on approximately 920 ft of the NW corner of the road. Options were discussed but no action was determined. This will be discussed further at the November 14, 2023, meeting. Discussion was held on the fact that there is no road agreement established with Eckles Township and the road was privately paved in three different increments. Milander made a motion to table Monte

Plata Road for further discussion at the November 14, 2023 meeting. Seconded by Hendricks and unanimously passed.

LRIP Application – Mark Fuller was instructed by the Board to go ahead and complete the application process.

A motion by Milander and seconded by Hendricks to give Mark Fuller permission to move forward with the TOPO and Budgets reports for both SOUSA and Wild Rose roads before freeze up. Unanimously passed.

FIRE REPORT: Mel reported that he was at a meeting at City Hall today just before coming to this meeting to hear a presentation by the State Fire Marshall regarding potential establishment Of a Fire District. The proposed process could take five years and we might learn that we have a good system now. A new law makes a fire district easier to establish than in the past. The Rural Fire Board will meet on 26 October at its regularly scheduled meeting and discuss it further.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. November 7th there will be polls open from 7am to 8pm for the purpose of selecting the funding source of the new Beltrami County Jail to be constructed. Public is encouraged to vote.
- B. Mr. Milender reported on the research completed on establishing a Post Office Box for Eckles Township. It is a yearly cost of \$192.00 for the rental of a medium-sized mailbox at the Post Office. The UPS store estimate for a rental box was \$240.00 per year. A motion by Milender and seconded by Wilson to go ahead with the purchase of the rental post office box. Unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Supervisor Milender and seconded by Baumgardner to adjourn at 8:45 pm.

Approved and Respectfully Submitted:

Don Hazeman
Chairman

Becky Moe
Clerk