

**ECKLES TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES – August 12, 2025**

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Mel Milender at 7:00 pm. Supervisors Cory Wilson, Ralph Felts, treasurer, Deb Larson, clerk, Colleen Oestreich via zoom and deputy clerk, Doreen Felts were present. Sup. Milender led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Others present: John Schocker, Dale Wilson

Agenda – 4.5 Clerks report, 7c – Mailboxes, 7d Payroll were added. Motion by Sup. Wilson, second by Sup. Felts to approve the revised agenda. M/C

Consent Agenda – 7/8/25 minutes from regular board meeting, Claims 6922-6935, EFT, DL, DB reimbursements =\$48,117.88. Motion by Sup. Wilson, second by Sup. Milender to approve. M/C

Clerks Report – County notified election precincts of plans to purchase new poll pads. Technology upgrade is making this necessary. Cost for a new poll pad will be \$367.50. Eckles Twp currently has 1298 registered voters and had 128 election day registrations. County will purchase one poll pad per precinct – additional pads can be purchased by the township. Motion by Sup. Wilson, second by Sup. Felts to purchase two additional poll pads. M/C

Treasurers Report – Deb Larson provided a status summary of accounts. Motion by Sup. Wilson, second by Sup. Felts to approve of the treasurers' report subject to future audit. M/C

Proposed SSD – Attorney, Couri is preparing the resolution. It should be ready for the September board meeting. Community group is obtaining signatures from impacted landowners.

BATO Meeting – unknown whether a July meeting was held. No notice was received.

BRFA Meeting – held on 7/24/25. Fire Chief provided an update on emergency management from the June 21st storm. They had approximately 80 calls due to gas leaks, 9 million trees lost and still dealing with logs/brush in roadways.

June 21st Storm – Sup. Milender and Sup. Bumgardner attended the EOC meeting and opened a file to request reimbursement for clean-up costs, estimated to be \$25-30K in Eckles Township. Aggregated, County damage did not reach the 10.7 million thresholds so federal funds would not be available. State funds could cover 75% of actual, documented expenses.

Resolution that Eckles township will clean and haul away any storm damage from the 6/21/25 storm found in the road right of way on their township roads. Motion by Sup. Wilson, second by Sup. Felts to approve the resolution. M/C

Road Report – Grading has been occurring on regular basis. No major issues at this time. Right of way on a section of Magnolia needs to be surveyed. Sup. Wilson will follow-up.

Freeberg/Grund has completed preliminary assessments on two sections of Radar Rd that may need a berm &/or ditch. Results/recommendations will be provided at a future meeting.

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Cemetery – Ley’s Painting plans to complete the gate painting project by the end of August. Mowing per contract is being completed.

Wild Rose Base – Final invoice has been submitted for payment.

Emergency Response Plan – tabled to October work session.

Mailboxes – Sup. Felts contacted post office regarding the placement of the multi-unit mailbox (CVU) on the Sam Klish development. Developer placed the CVU in the wrong location for the PO route. PO and developer agree to leave it that way if the developer places another CVU in that location to accommodate the mailboxes currently located on Scribner Rd.

Payroll – effective September, 2025 – include on agenda.

MAT District 12 Meeting – 8/26/25; Location has been changed to Ada, MN

Eckles Township Regular Board Meeting – 8/12/25, Eckles Community Center @ 7 PM

MAT Annual Conference 12/11-13/25; St Cloud, MN

Correspondence – received a thank-you card from Let’s Go Fishing; Family Service Tree Expert notice; MATIT dues notice= \$1,070.80 due 1/1/26

Resignation – Board received a resignation letter from Sup. Ralph Felts and Deputy Clerk, Doreen Felts. Due to their relocation to Virginia later this month they must resign from their duties to Eckles Township. Motion by Sup. Wilson, second by Sup. Milender to accept their resignation. M/C

Adjourn – Motion by Sup. Felts, second by Sup. Wilson to adjourn at 8:00 pm. M/C

Colleen Oestreich, Clerk

Mel Milender, Chairman