**ECKLES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

**JUNE 18, 2013**

Present: Dennis Zeto, Mel Milender, Ervin Blom, Cory Wilson, Mary Lou Milender, and Sandy Burgoon.

Visitors present: John Schocker, Fred Kelm, Thore Thorson, Russ Gustafson, Dennis Halverson, John Wingard, and Gary Coan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the May 21, 2013 meeting and the recessed meeting of May 29,2013 were read. Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Cory Wilson to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried unanimously.

The Treasurers Report for the month ending May 31, 2013 was read.

Beginning Balance: $ 113,254.50 General Savings: $ 1,006.38

Receipts: $ 150.69 Legal Fees Savings: $ 332.58

Disbursements: $ 11,726.61 Total of CD’s $226,151.46

Ending Balance: $101,678.58

Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Ervin Blom to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Subject to audit. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer informed the Board she researched the CD rates. First National did match the smaller two CD’s at .6% which the treasurer said State Farm/US Bank offered. After some discussion a motion was made by Cory Wilson, seconded by Mel Milender to keep the large CD with First National Bank because it is local and it will mature in 6 months at .6% as well. Motion carried unanimously.

Bills presented: Checks #4331 through #4346 in the amount of $66,585.06 were approved for payment. Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Ervin Blom to pay the bills as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

John Wingard, Project Engineer with MnDOT informed the board of a culvert which is not in good condition located south of Pete’s Lane. He said it is full of brush and dirt. He is afraid that when the new Hwy 2 and 89 project is completed that additional drainage from the road surface will make it difficult to flow through the culvert. Discussion followed. Cory Wilson thanked him for coming to the meeting and informing the board of the situation; however he feels that if the culvert needs to be changed to a larger culvert that it should be MnDot’s obligation and not the township.

Cory informed the board of the prices he found for road signs.

John informed the board the gravel is in place for the placement of chloride; however he may have to water and pack Eckles Road since it is losing its shape. Balsam from CSAH 9 to Northern Township also needs to be saturated.

Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Cory Wilson that stipulates that before we do any work on Birdsview and Dove Court for Dale Wilson that Mr. Wilson must have a signed petition by all the neighbors indicating they want and will pay for their portion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mel Milender informed the board the quote we accepted from Fred Kelm for the gravel does not include major road projects .We should have separate quotes for each major project. Accordingly, Fred Kelm submitted a separate quote for supplying gravel on Balsam Road between CSAH 9 and Northern Township. He also submitted a separate quote for supplying gravel on Jackpine Road between State Highway 89 and Grant Creek Road. Motion by Ervin Blom, seconded by Mel Milender to accept Fred’s quote for Balsam Road. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Mel Milender, seconded by Cory Wilson to accept Fred’s quote for Jackpine Road. Motion carried unanimously.

Cory Wilson heard some complaint that people were driving on the grass at the Eckles Cemetery at a funeral recently so he suggested we put up a sign along the driveway advising that cars stay off the grass.

Dennis Zeto heard from Roger Erickson regarding the letter Eckles sent to MnDOT about the design of the new Hwy 2 and 89 road project. He indicated that Senator Skoe would be a good person to listen to the complaints we have.

Mel Milender would like to request again that Beltrami County take over Balsam Road. Motion by Ervin Blom, seconded by Cory Wilson to give Mel the approval to address this issue to Mr. Hasbargen.

John Schocker reminded the board that Hollyhock Road still needed to be surveyed and staked. Mel Milender will contact Murray Surveying.

The clerk informed the board she attended an L&R meeting with Mel in St. Cloud where Becky Otto spoke about the new CTAS program. MAT is not requiring townships to purchase the new program but we would need something else for our reports. The cost to each township is a onetime charge of $300.00. Up to now we have not been charged at all to use the program. The state is hiring new vendors to rewrite the whole CTAS program. Motion by Cory Wilson, seconded by Mel Milender to purchase the program when it is ready at the beginning of 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ervin Blom, seconded by Mel Milender to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Milender Dennis Zeto

Township Clerk Chairman