

**STANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**OCTOBER 2, 2024**

**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Supervisor Marty Rajala called the monthly meeting of the Stanton Township Board to order at 6:00 PM at the Stanton Township Hall with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: Trustee/Mike Pionke, Trustee/Mark Haataja, Supervisor/Marty Rajala, Treasurer/Lori Anderson and Clerk/Mary Durocher.

All present read over the Meeting Minutes from September 4, 2024. Lori **motioned** to approve the meeting minutes as read. **2<sup>nd</sup>** by Mark. **Approved Unan.**

All present read over the Special Meeting Minutes from September 11, 2024 meeting. Marty **motioned** to approve the meeting minutes as read. **2<sup>nd</sup>** by Mike. **Approved Unan.**

Lori read the Financial Statements. Mike **motioned** to approve the financial statements as read. **2<sup>nd</sup>** by Marty. **Approved Unan.**

Mary presented Bills to be paid. Amendments of \$500 to go the Agate Beach repair budget, Liminga Cemetery to \$3500, Redridge Dam changed to \$138,000 and \$200 for Elections contracted services and \$300 moved for the Kenner Dome to maintenance from contracted services. The bill from Barr was reviewed Lori **motioned** to pay all the bills. **2<sup>nd</sup>** by Mike **Approved Unan.**

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Lori set up a new category for income and expenses for the Redridge Dam funds. All payments will come out of these accounts. We will pay the bills to Barr. Barr will send the bill to the other partners and they will reimburse us. After reviewing and discussing the bill presented by Barr, Lori **motioned** to pay Barr with 1 check for 20,583.50. **2<sup>nd</sup>** by Marty. \$6600.50 will be reimbursed by GLFW. We are still waiting for the agreements from GLFC and EGLE to be processed.

Work orders #2, #3 and #4 were signed to allow the start of some of the wetland delineation by Barr and the topography/boundary survey work done by TES. Work on the started Monday, September 23, 2024. All the neighboring property owners did give trespass easements.

There has been no word from Ken Vrana on possible grant funding opportunities from NOAA to address the funding for upstream rehabilitation portion of the project.

JP @ TES and Stan Vitton will final out the FEMA project. The Administration costs have not been billed to the Township. The Township cannot bill FEMA until we get the costs. Stan Vitton stated that on October 15, 2024 he will submit the final report. It should be finished then.

There has been no word on the Federal Community Funding Project Grant for road work in Stanton Twp has made it through the Appropriation Committee. It has gone to a full budget hearing to be held sometime between August 2024 and March of 2025. This is a possible 2026 project completion.

The RFP for the North Canal Park operator that was advertised by KEDA resulted in no operator bid packages being offered. Keda feels the timing was wrong. A suggestion was made that the township

could develop the campground on its own. A DNR grant maybe available and KEDA would assist the township with options. Marty and Mark will meet with Sam (KEDA) to explore options. Further action was tabled until spring. Lori will lock the gate at the park depending on the weather.

The cameras signs for Boat Launch are here and will go up.

There has been no response from the MDNR or MOLPUS regarding an easement of shared language for use of the Old North Spur ROW. Marty did find out that the large washout is on Township property. For now, the Freda Loop Snowmobile Trail will remain as it is.

Work on the parking lot project at the Hall, for this year, will start on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> and will be completed by October 30. The paving will be done in spring. Notices have been posted on the website, the doors and in the absentee ballots.

Bids for the 2024-25 plowing were opened: Bids were read from Turner Construction, Julio, and Phil Anderson. Marty **motioned** to award the bid to Phil Anderson, **2<sup>nd</sup>** by Mike. Motion **Approved**. Lori Abstained.

The water at Agate Beach will be shut off after October 8<sup>th</sup> depending upon the weather. There is a need for signs regarding loose dogs, for next season. John will look into a new mower in spring.

The Presidential election is Tuesday, November 5, 2024. A camera has been installed per state order to prevent tampering with ballots being dropped off.

#### **BOARD COMMENTS:**

Marty stated that everyone still has an account in Brighthouse and in Gleaner. Rollovers maybe possible, if you want.

Lori presented a letter to the Banks stating that she could start CD's for us at any time. Mike **motioned** to sign the letter. **2<sup>nd</sup>** by Marty. **Approved Unan.**

Mary stated that two groups were interested in Make a Difference Day projects. On October 14, a group from Superior National Bank will work at Agate Beach. On October 26, A group from MTU will work at N. Canal. Both caretakers will be notified.

Mike mentioned a meeting in Calumet that the Representatives are invited to attend. He has ordered new flags for outside the Hall.

#### **ROAD COMMITTEE:**

Mike said the AARPA monies have to be committed by the end of this year, December 24. Mike went over the road committee funding.

**STANTON VFD**—Per Anthony: The MFR are looking for a new vehicle, they have applied for new 800 radios through a multidepartment grant. They have 2 new members taking fire school training and they will do a Fire Prevention program at E. B. Holman.

**TOIVOLA VFD**---Per Garry: They are looking for a truck. They have a grant for replacement air tanks, and are involved with the South Range department projects.

**FREDA SEEWER**—Jim reported that it is working good. He has an agreement with A1 to have the tanks pumped.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**— It was reported that the Welcome sign at Misery Bay is missing. There were questions concerning the traffic count results and the rec area at Redridge Dam.

Marty motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark. Approved Unan.

Submitted by: Mary Durocher Mary Durocher, Clerk

Approved by: Marty Rajala Marty Rajala, Supervisor