

MINUTES

Town of Garden Valley Board of Supervisors Meeting
Monday, February 10, 2025
6:00 p.m.
Garden Valley Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chairman Casper. Chairman Ronnie Casper, Supervisor I Richard Larson, Supervisor II Tim Johnston, Treasurer Betty Janke and Clerk Ann Klieforth were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Casper.

Proper public posting was verified.

Minutes were read from the January 13, 2025 regular Town Board meeting. Motion by Tim Johnston, second by Richard Larson to approve minutes as read. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given. The Reconciliation Summary through 01/31/2025 was provided for review along with the most recent fund balance reports. Motion by Richard Larson, second by Tim Johnston to approve the Treasurer's reports. Motion carried.

Clerk provided Detailed Transaction Report for review.

Clerks Correspondence:

Clerk shared:

- Notification from the County Land Conservation Office asking for prior notification of construction sites for prior marking and protection of survey corners.

Chairman shared:

- Receipt of the same County Land Conservation notice.
- ATC/Public Service Commission communication.

Public Comment

Cindy Altman, Jackson County Clerk, was present to speak about the BEAD (Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment) Program and the current status in Jackson County. Chairman Casper asked that the agenda item be addressed under public comment to accommodate the schedule of the County Clerk.

11.a) Altman shared that the project scope is to expand access and provide high speed internet to the underserved and unserved residents, of which Jackson County has a major population. There are a few companies that are filing applications which are due on February 25, 2025. Altman mentioned that Jackson County has endorsed a local company, Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services who offer Swiftcurrent Connect Broadband, and will be working with Jackson Electric. A public service commission response regarding the selected applicant is expected in the early part of the summer.

11.d) Cindy Altman also contributed to the topic of Elk Management as the County is actively involved in the residents and land owners of the county and their growing concern about the management of the elk population and also lives in the affected area and has direct understanding of their impact. Discussion on current status followed before Altman left the meeting.

Patrolman's Report

- Work has been done plowing, sanding and brush cutting.
- Discussed recent work on the International truck.
- Discussion about purchasing online to save money on filters and potentially other parts and considering ordering in a larger quantity for cost effectiveness and the ability to have them on hand for faster repair work.
- Discussed the status/location of the installation of the fire number for the Mathy Construction pit.

Old Business:

- a) Deputy Clerk Cherry Koch-Danke discussed the response from Servicemaster regarding the remediation of the mold in the storage room and the expense involved. The Board discussed the cost being high, and after concerns about the expense versus doing the work in-house, considering the concern for safety and liability, Chairman Casper made a motion to move forward with Servicemaster. Richard Larson seconded that motion and the motion carried, with Tim Johnston being recorded as a 'No' vote.
- b) Chairman Casper updated Board on ATC Powerline information.
- c) Deputy Clerk Koch-Danke updated the Board on the status of the new computer, which is still being worked on prior to use.
- d) No other old business discussed.

New Business:

- a) Discussed earlier after Public Comment.
- b) Chairman Casper read the Road Bid Specifications and supplied the advertisement for bids for the Clerk to run in the paper. Chairman also spoke to the Board about including a Bidder's Proof of Responsibility form, which establishes the bidding company's ability to perform the work requested, and the Chairman stated that any reliable company will have no problem with completing it. The Board members were all in agreement agreed that this should be included within the bid documentation.
- c) Board discussed credit card charging and options for the Patrolman for ordering.
- d) Also discussed earlier.
- e) The Board discussed details of the recent Jackson County Unit Meeting.
- f) No other new business discussed.

Bills were reviewed and approved.

Next regular meeting is set:

Monday, March 10, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Tim Johnston, second by Richard Larson. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Klieforth, Clerk