

Wacouta Township  
June 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Following is the written text of the business transacted by the Wacouta Board of Supervisors at its monthly meeting held on June 13, 2022. Board members present were: Supervisors John Plehal and Daryl Franklin; George Thoma was absent. Also, Laan Dommer, Clerk/Treasurer was present. The meeting was held at the town hall, 27700 Grace Trail, Red Wing, Minnesota.

- 1) John Plehal called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- 2) Approval of the minutes for the May 9, 2022, monthly meeting. Plehal suggested that technically we use the term Jones Trust, instead of Jones Land Trust. Plehal made a motion to approve the amended minutes; seconded by Franklin. The motion carried.
- 3) Old Business:
  - i) Knudsen project: Plehal reviewed that physically there has been no change in the structure. However, Fred Plaas has indicated that there has been a building permit applied for by Knudsen. To date the clerk/treasurer has not received the \$100 application fee or a copy of the permit.
  - ii) Ash tree removal: Plehal has indicated that several trees have been removed on their land next to the trail on Grace Trail.
- 4) New Business
  - a) Roads and Trail:
    - i) Review bids for advertised project: Plehal reviewed the bids received for the three road projects submitted by public notice. One bid has been for each of the projects from Monarch Paving. A note was made that each of the Monarch projects may not be completed in the 2023 paving season. However, the bids would be honored once started and completed.
      - Plehal made a motion to accept the bid from Monarch for the Kaffitz culvert repair at \$24,183.45; Franklin seconded. The motion carried.
      - Plehal made a motion to accept the bids from Monarch for reclaiming/shaping of (a) Lakeview and, (b) Sevastopol Road at a total of \$13,383.20; seconded by Franklin. The motion carried.
    - ii) Town hall parking areas: Plehal has contacted Bruce's Backhoe to place gravel at the town hall. The estimate received was \$1250 and should be completed before the end of June.
    - iii) Wildwood Lane railroad crossing options: Plehal reviewed the history of the Wildwood Lane crossing and the attempts to place a railroad crossing there for public safety. After speaking with Canadian Pacific railways and MnDOT he

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indicated that the records show Wildwood Lane as a farm road and not a public road. If it is dedicated as a public road then the state will review the road for funding, the next available funds being in 2026. This option of placing a crossing would be estimated at about \$220,000, 10% of the cost would be borne by the township.

Another option is to close this crossing and open the other outlet on Wildwood Lane. Plehal was told that the state and CP would fund this.

Either of these previous options would require public notice and meeting.

The last option would be to do nothing.

b) Planning and Zoning: No considerations were presented

c) Town Hall, Cemetery, & adjacent areas:

i) Franklin indicated that he gave approval for a Sunday. This part of the cemetery policy may need review.

ii) Plehal made a motion to allow an additional payment of \$10 per mowing, in 2022-23, to Larry Holst (*as a gas surcharge and for the extra acreage he is mowing in the cemetery*); seconded by Franklin. The motion carried.

iii) Our cleaning service has resigned and a new cleaning service will need to be hired. A couple services will be interviewed.

d) Elections: Dommer reviewed the elections coming up in the August Primary and November General Elections, with the training and expenses that are expected.

5) Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 2022.

Dommer asked for approval of four (4) voided checks: A motion was made by Franklin, seconded by Plehal, to approve the voided checks. The motion carried.

Dommer also asked for approval to pay an additional meeting to the Supervisors, for the Road Tour in May. Franklin made a motion to approve the additional meeting, seconded by Plehal. The motion carried.

Bills were presented in the amount of \$ 3,480.81 to be paid for the May 2022 checks (*disbursements & payroll*).

Franklin made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report and bills for \$ 3,480.81; Plehal seconded it. The motion carried.

6) The next scheduled monthly meeting is Monday, July 11, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Franklin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Plehal. Motion carried at 7:49 PM.

-Submitted by Laan Dommer