

EDNA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 17, 2012

Report of Board Meeting held on DECEMBER 20, 2011

Next Scheduled Meeting is February 21, 2012.

Board Members Present

James Nigg, Chair
Carol Nelson, Clerk
William Norris, Supervisor
Karen Marthaler, Treasurer
Dennis Sazama, Supervisor

Others Present

Doug Ackling
Linda Nigg
Terry Marthaler
Odell Nelson
Dave Heyer
Rick Sonnenberg
Lynette

Report of 12/20/2011

1. The Meeting was declared open and the Pledge of Allegiance was said at 8 p.m.
2. Agenda – Motion made by Norris, and 2nd by Sazama to accept the agenda as written. Motion approved 3/0.
3. Gopher bounty nothing at this time.
4. Anderson Land Surveying had a representative to present information on Duane Mischel's plan for platting property on Big McDonald Lake. There is 1 back lot & one back lot with lake lot attached. This second property can only have one owner/builder. This project has received approval from Otter Tail County. Planning Commission. Norris moved to accept the plat as presented. Sazama 2nd. Approved 3/0. Nigg signed the forms indicating board approval.
5. Road Maintenance – 1 year ago at this time, Edna Twp. had already paid considerable plowing costs for snow removal. This year, road sanding has been done, one day only. There was a planned performance review for tonight. However, Sonnenbergs had a conflict. Performance review will be rescheduled, before the January meeting.
6. All people present had a copy of the Clerk's Report. Norris moved to approve clerk's report as written, Sazama 2nd. Report approved 3/0.
7. Treasurer report - revenue to this date is \$275,175.71, expenses paid to date are \$250,220.62. Norris would like to see Edna pay back at least part of the \$39,000 borrowed from Farmer's State Bank, Dent, MN. Edna Twp may receive some revenue from the State in February. Edna does have a flexible loan contract with Farmer's State Bank & can borrow as needed. Norris moved to pay \$20,000 of the loan tonight. Nigg 2nd. Approved 3/0. Edna Twp intends to pay off remaining balance as soon as possible.
8. Citizen concerns:
 - a. Ed Wegscheid has made a phone call to the Clerk and to Supervisor Nigg. He would like to be annexed from the city of Dent. into Edna Twp. He does live on a road that is maintained by the City of Dent. He is not in attendance tonight. He most likely would have to go to the City of Dent for permission to leave the City. Dent would most likely need to create a resolution taking care of this.
 - b. Setting a place for absentee voting for the annual election would be at clerk's house on a date to be determined. Nigg made to motion to approve this location, Norris 2nd. Motion approved 3/0
9. Road repairs
Many township roads are rough, may need repair in the spring. Roads are in great shape right now. The Supervisors will need to determine which roads will need repair starting in 2012.
- 10 FEMA
Supervisors did receive notice that their request for extension for completion of projects has been accepted. No other FEMA action has taken place. Congress has acted on funding for gov't projects Nigg asks the FEMA letter to be placed in the Clerk's file
- 11 Retro reflectivity - Heyer has started the sign inventory Norris has copies of existing town road agreements & will give copies to Heyer.
There are incorrect signs in many places. Heyer's contract will be ready for signing at January meeting. In order to have posted speed limits lower than 55 mph, there must be a Twp resolution. There may be 3 years of construction seasons available to phase in all the new signs. If drivers can see a stop sign at a distance of 1/10th of a mile, that road does not need, Stop Ahead sign. Shoulders & ditches must be kept clear so this visibility remains. Edna Twp would like to recover the old signs for recycling or reuse.
- 12 Hobart Twp's. request to split the cost of the survey of the shared road.

a. Norris spoke with Hobart Supervisors. There does not seem to be any benefit of sharing this cost for Edna Twp. Norris will let Hobart know Edna isn't interested.

b. Web site is decently up to date at this time.

c. Noxious weed inspector position for Dennis Sazama, has 4 requirements. Clerk will copy the resolution & send a copy to Sazama. When they are doing the road work, Sonnenberg's could notify Edna Twp of visible noxious weeds.

In 2011, no notices were sent to landowners concerning noxious weeds. One family was spoken to about purple loosestrife. Two sites were in road right of way & were sprayed by Edna Twp. Numerous sites were visited.

13 Claims List

Norris made the motion to approve the claims as listed, plus paying \$20,000 to Farmer's State Bank. Sazama 2nd. Motion was approved 3/0.

14 Annual election notice filing affidavits for filing are available from January 3, 2012 until January 17, 5 p.m. Call the current Clerk to pick up the form & pay the \$2.00 filing fee.

The legal notice was published in the E. O. T. FOCUS and posted in the bulletin box outside of the Township meeting building.

Edna Twp say thank you to Steve Ehnert for his Christmas card

15 Norris made the motion to adjourn this meeting. Sazama 2nd. Approved 3/0

Meeting was completed at 8:45 p.m.

CLAIMS APPROVED & PAID December 20, 2011

Sonnenberg Road Maint.	grading roads	\$ 2,342.50
Ackling Construction	Devil's Lake Road-560 yards of Fill	\$ 3,640.00
Swanston Equipment	Crack sealing materials	\$ 4,770.00
	work done by Arntson Construction May, 2011	
Farmer's State Bank	Interest on loan EFT payment	\$ 192.45
Farmer's State Bank	New check blanks EFT payment	\$ 77.91
Farmer's State Bank	Payment on Loan	\$ 20,000.00
MATIT	Insurance Protection	\$ 229.00
	worker's comp & bonding	
U.S. Post Office	100 Forever stamps	\$ 44.00
P.E.R.A.	retirement fund/ Twp & Board contribution	\$ 288.70
Carol Nelson	Salary & meeting	\$ 247.91
Karen Marthaler	Salary & meeting	\$ 177.74
James Nigg	Meeting & claims	\$ 116.94
		\$ 32,127.15