

TOWN OF GALE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

March 14, 2023

The regular board meeting for the Town of Gale was held on March 14, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. Board members present were Paul Halderson, Mike Oslie, Sharon Spahr, Kevin Duch and Matt Andersen. Also, present were Jim Stetzer, Jamie Stetzer, Kevin Evenson and Sue Henderson

Paul Halderson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The open meeting law requirements had been met by posting and publication.

Sharon Spahr made a motion to approve the minutes as printed. Matt Andersen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Under citizen appearances there were none

Under the machinery report it was reported that a main plow hose was replaced on Randy's truck. Kevin's truck also had repairs.

There was an update on the replacement for the white ton truck. Paul has been looking at a Ford 550 or 600. If one was gotten off of a stock order it would be here by Fall. Paul also got pricing from Michaels for the box, hoist, sander and plow with hydraulic wing extensions for \$41,674. For an additional \$3400 it would all be stainless steel. ARPA funds could be used for this purchase.

Under the road report it was discussed that the crew has been plowing and sanding. They have also put gravel in dips in town roads. Road ban signs were also put out yesterday. The road petition form for 2024 was signed for \$28,000 for Hogden Road.

The correspondence was next on the agenda. A motion was made by Sharon Spahr and seconded by Kevin Duch to not vote on the Riverland Energy board position, Motion carried.

Building permits were signed for additional storage units for John Shephard and also for a garage for Darrell Travis in Skunk Coulee.

The maintenance employees have been asking for a steam cleaner. Paul has checked pricing and they are \$2500 through Northern Tool. Matt Andersen made a motion to approve the steam cleaner purchase. Mike Oslie seconded it. Motion carried.

Mike Oslie asked about a cement pad between the town shop and town storage building. Mike will bring back pricing to the next meeting.

Randy Mickelson went on a different cell phone plan other than United States Cellular to get better service. Matt Andersen made a motion to reimburse Randy Mickelson \$30 a month retroactive back to January of 2023. Kevin Duch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Lake District meeting did not have a lot to report on. Samples have been sent in.

The Fire Board meeting update including that the department is applying for a grant to get new air packs. It was also reported that the fire department fundraiser will be at the Trempealeau County Fairgrounds this year.

Mike Oslie gave a report on the STCSWC meeting. 1000 gallons of oil was sold as well as six hauler licenses were approved. The 2022 recycling and solid waste numbers were gone over. The buildings at the center will be painted this Spring.

Mike Oslie gave a report on the WTA district meeting. Mike stated that for ARPA good records will need to be kept. The ARPA funds could also be used for equipment and roads. The next ARPA report is due April 30th. The money needs to be allocated by December 2024 and used by December 2026. Broadband was also discussed at the district meeting.

Kevin Duch made a motion to set the time for noon on the Saturday before the regular board meeting to have items to the clerk-treasurer for the agenda. Matt Andersen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mike Oslie made a motion to approve the monthly financial report. Sharon Spahr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sharon Spahr made a motion to approve #26896 through #26934. Mike Oslie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The April meeting will be held on Tuesday April 18th at 7:30 p.m. with the Annual meeting being held at 8:00 that evening

Mike Oslie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kevin Duch seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Sue Henderson Clerk-Treasurer Town of Gale

