TOWN OF GALE REGULAR BOARD MEETING April 15, 2025

The regular board meeting for the Town of Gale was held on April 15, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. Town board members that were present were Sharon Spahr, Paul Halderson, Mike Oslie, Kevin Duch, Matt Andersen and Sue Henderson the Clerk-Treasurer was also present. Others present were Randy Mickelson, Kevin Evenson, Jim Stetzer, Dan Beck and Randy McCutchen

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

Matt Andersen made a motion to approve the minutes as printed. Kevin Duch seconded the motion. Motion carried. Oaths of office were signed by Paul Halderson, Kevin Duch and Mike Oslie.

Under specific matters for discussion which was agenda item five:

There was discussion on making Linden Road a co-aid road. Sharon Spahr made a motion to petition Trempealeau County to make Linden Road a co-aid road. The length of the road is .97 miles. Matt Andersen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Trempealeau County Ag Society has requested a picnic license for May 31, 2025 and July 16-20, 2025. Mike Oslie made a motion to approve the picnic license and the temporary operator licenses for May 31st and also July 16-20th. Matt Andersen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2025 road plans were discussed. Paul went through what he has planned. Ads will be put in the Trempealeau County Times for the roads that we plan to chip seal and also grind and repave. Finalized road work will be discussed at the May 2025 meeting.

Two proposals for a mini excavator. There is carryover money from last year of \$33,979.81 and there is \$45,000 in the equipment line item for this year. Komro gave a price of \$76372.94 and Bobcat of the Coulee Region gave a price of \$74,663.95. Discussion was held. Mike Oslie made a motion to purchase the mini excavator from Bobcat of the Coulee Region for \$74,663.95. Kevin Duch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kevin Duch made a motion to adjourn the regular board at 8:04 p.m. to start the annual meeting. Sharon Spahr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sharon Spahr made a motion to reconvene the regular board meeting at 8:16 p.m. Kevin Duch seconded the motion; motion carried and the meeting reconvened at 8:16 p.m.

The capital day request attendance by Mike Oslie was next on the agenda. Mike is asking for two per diems. Matt Andersen made a motion to pay Mike Oslie two per diems if he attends. Sharon Spahr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Under citizens appearances Randy McCutchen asked about what he could do with a washout along the back of his property on Gilbo Lane. He was directed to call Land Management at Trempealeau County.

Under the machinery report it was reported that a new chain needed to be ordered for Truck #2.

For the road report it was reported that we have been cutting trees in Skunk Coulee and River Road. Pot holes have also been patched. The plows and sanders have been taken off and put away. Culverts were checked after the frost went out.

Correspondence was presented as listed.

There was a building permit signed for Lance Remus and Ana Kloster.

There was no Lake District meeting to report on.

Mike Oslie gave a report on the WTA District meeting that he attended. There was a legislative overview, the fuel tax and the LRIP program and GTA were discussed. Board of Review training was also held.

The annual report from Engelson and Associates was handed out to the board members for their review.

Matt Andersen made a motion to approve the financial report. Kevin Duch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sharon Spahr made a motion to approve checks #27907 through #27952. Mike Oslie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Matt Andersen made a motion to adjourn. Sharon Spahr seconded it. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.