

TOWN OF GALE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
May 12, 2026

The regular board meeting for the Town of Gale was held on May 12, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. Town board members that were present were Paul Halderson, Jim Larson, Kevin Duch, Mike Oslie, Matt Andersen and Sue Henderson the Clerk-Treasurer was also present. Others present were Kevin Evenson, Randy Mickelson, Nick Knutson, Jim and Jamie Stetzer, Jack Ditmar, Tim Johnson, Fred Brown, Bruce Reedy, Dan Truax and Terry Wagner.

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.

Under specific matters for discussion which was agenda item four:

The bids were opened for the chip sealing projects. Fahrner came in at \$106,819 and Scotts at \$98,480 and Trempealeau County at \$121,541. Matt Andersen made a motion to accept all bids but have not decided on which roads. Jim Larson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The bids were opened for the paving projects. Trempealeau County bid \$54,945 on Irvine and \$31,180 for Hill Lane. Oium bid \$74,550 on Irvine and \$44,680 on Hill Lane. Mike Oslie made a motion to accept the paving bids and the board will discuss what to do. Kevin Duch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Lake District presentation was moved up on the agenda. Dan Truax gave a presentation on the progress so far on the project. They are working with Davy Engineering and also the DNR. \$188,000 has been spent since 2023. The goal is to get Lake Marinuka to a depth of six feet. The project will take 7.2 million dollars to complete; this is the funding goal. The spoil site will be inside the walking trail. The Lake District board wants to get half of this money raised before the talk of a referendum. The Noles Nelson stewardship program in Madison was mentioned as a resource.

The proposed road projects were discussed again after reviewing the amount in the highway expense. Mike Oslie made a motion to go ahead and proceed with Scott doing the chip sealing for \$98,480, Trempealeau County doing the paving on Irvine Lane for \$54,945 and Trempealeau County doing the paving on Hill Lane for \$31,180.; Mathy will do Grant Rd for \$149,564. There is \$21,020 co aid available on Grant Road. Kevin Duch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Matt Andersen made a motion to approve the operator licenses as presented. Jim Larson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The salt shed was discussed. The Town has received a check for 50% of the cost. Once the repairs are done the other 50% would be received. There was discussion on rebuilding the salt shed to a size of 30 x 56. Pricing was given for poured walls and also pre cast walls with a hoop roof. The bottom will be blacktopped. Kevin Duch made a motion to go with the pre cast walls from Weiser with the hoop roof. Matt Andersen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Under citizen appearances there were none.

Under the machinery report it was reported that the cylinder on the grader was repaired. A power steering leak was also fixed on Kevin's truck.

For the road report it was reported that they have been working on cutting trees.

Under correspondence the internet safety presentation that is coming up at the Town of Trempealeau on June 23rd was discussed; this is being co-hosted by the Town of Gale. The WTA unit meeting will be held at the Town of Caledonia on May 18th.

Sue presented a listing on the building and driveway permits that were issued since the last meeting. These include an addition for Blake Woestman, a shed for Jaxon Seufzer, a new house for Jess Medema off of county K.

A report was given on the STCSWC monthly meeting. As part of the update, it was stated the Steve Hogden had given a report on the La Crosse County policy board meeting. Disposing of latex paint was discussed along with mattress recycling. Xcel Energy was also discussed. The STCSWC board will be doing a tour in June of Hilltopper, the land fill and RDF facility.

There will be a special town board meeting on May 26th to review the feedlot permit for Ann Weltzien. Notices have been mailed out.

Mike Oslie made a motion to approve the financial report. Kevin Duch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Matt Andersen made a motion to approve checks #28420 through #28450 Jim Larson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kevin Duch made a motion to adjourn. Matt Andersen seconded it. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.