

**TOWN OF LEON
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
LEON TOWN HALL, PINE RIVER
TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2024**

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Sorenson @ 7:00 pm.

Roll Call, Audience Present

Board Members Present: Chairman Chris Sorenson, Supervisor Gordon Engel, Supervisor Russell Heise, Treasurer Lisa Sorenson and Clerk Lois Jewell

Audience Present: Karen Syverson, Mark Piechowski, Mike Getchius, Bill & Cheryl Luzinski

Approval of June 11, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2024 Board Meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sorenson gave the Treasurer's report from June 2024.

General Fund Beginning Balance: \$119,471.69 Ending Balance: \$148,028.93 May Interest=\$20.74

Cemetery Fund=\$3,752.50 Dam Fund=\$2,156.22 Pine River Restoration Fund=\$9,837.27

American Rescue Fund=\$44,881.17

CD: Pine River Restoration Fund=\$10,476.74

Road Work to date \$59,759.28

Motion was made by Engel, seconded by Heise to approve the treasurer's report. All ayes, motion carried

Opening of Bids for TRIP Program

A bid from Scott Construction was opened and reviewed by the board for Bighorn Drive, east towards 26th, one half mile long and twenty feet wide for 660 ton. The bid differed from previous discussions with Scott Construction so Chris called and was told that Scott would redo the bid. A motion was made by Sorenson, seconded by Engel to approve the bid from Scott with an open dollar amount while Scott refigures their bid. All ayes, motion carried.

Opportunity for those in attendance to address the Board

Karen Syverson expressed appreciation for the mowing of the roadsides.

Mike Getchius thanked Chris for attending the Lake Association meeting and shared that they would like the sign for the boat landing to be replaced. Chris asked them to put together a proposal for the cost of a new sign.

Road Report

Roadside mowing is not completed as some roads were missed. A list is being put together for the mowers to come back and finish. Trees on Badger Road have been cut and there are two trees on Pearl Lake Road that will need to be cut soon.

A motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve the proposed road work for 660 feet on Bighorn after the LRIP portion is completed and the full width wedge from Cty Hwy E to curve on Beechnut Lane of 2600 ft x 20 ft. All ayes, motion carried.

Old Business

a. Kayak lift

The kayak lift has been installed at the mill pond and is available for public use.

b. Cemetary repair issues

There are some holes in the back corner at the cemetary that will need to be filled in. It was suggested by Heise that excess fill from possible future graves be used to fill these holes. Engel also suggested that the cemetary driveway would be a possible spot to utilize any ground up asphalt from the county project that we may receive.

New Business

a. Discuss change of date for August Board Meeting

Due to the election on the second Tuesday of August, it was agreed to move the August Board Meeting to Wednesday, August 14, 2024.

b. Approve picnic licenses and additional operator licenses

Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve the proposed picnic licenses, temporary operator licenses and annual operator licenses for the Golden Nugget and Pine River Winery, pending completion of classes. All ayes, motion carried.

c. Review/approve service contract from Associated Appraisal Consultants

Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve the service contract. The board answered "No" to posting of assessment information to their website. All ayes, motion carried.

d. Pearl Lake request for change in wake times

Current wake times are 11 AM to 4 PM and they would like to extend the hours till 7 pm for the single day of August 3rd, 2024 for a ski show. Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to approve the extension of the wake time to 7 pm for the date of August 3rd. All ayes, motion carried.

e. Approve additions to the list of election poll workers

Motion was made by Engel, seconded by Heise to approve the proposed additional four names to the list of election poll workers.

f. Discuss purchase of the new truck for Redgranite Fire District

The new truck should be delivered possibly by the end of July. A payment of \$97,364.90 will need to be made. Sorenson reported that he has checked into the Board of Commissioners site and their current interest rate is 6%. A motion was made by Engel, seconded by Heise to proceed with application for a loan from the Board of Commissioners. All ayes, motion carried.

Redgranite Area Fire District Report

Heise reported on the recent Fire District meeting. The new engine will be completed shortly and the Auxiliary approved the usage of funds for additional equipment for the fire trucks.

Zoning Letters

One timber permit was reviewed for the Joe Bird Revocable Trust.

Correspondence

Chairman Sorenson shared that he has reached out the the Wild Rose Tech Ed teacher regarding a proposal for the construction of new picnic tables for the town hall.

Discuss/Approve Payment of Bills

Motion was made by Engel, seconded by Heise to approve the payment of the bills as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Heise, seconded by Engel to adjourn meeting at 8:02 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lois Jewell, Clerk