

**MINUTES FROM TOWN OF LEON MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
LEON TOWN HALL, PINE RIVER  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022, AT 7:00 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Chris Sorenson.

**2. ROLL CALL, AUDIENCE PRESENT**

Present: Supervisors Russell Heise and Gordon Engel. Treasurer Christy Groskretz and Clerk Cindi Gotthart. Audience present: Jerry Bailey, Craig Hayes, Karen Syverson, Wayne Roemer, Sondra Rockwood, Mike Getchius, Mark Piechowski, and Patricia Denk.

**3. APPROVE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 9, 2022**

Motion by Engel, second by Heise to approve the minutes with the correction to the Poy Sippi agreement to \$2,550.00. All ayes, motion carried.

**4. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Groskretz gave the financial report for the month of February.

General Fund BOM balance is \$98,902.88, tax collection=\$128,976.78, an anonymous donation to the Library for electrical work=\$355.00, and EOM balance = \$201,699.21.

Cemetery Fund balance = \$3,287.50

Dam Fund balance = \$24,916.91

Pine River Community Park balance = \$13,013.03

Pearl Lake Enhancement Fund balance = \$2,000.00

Pine River Restoration Fund balance = \$29,487.27.

Poy Sippi Fire Dept. Retirement Fund balance = \$10,000.00

Poy Sippi Truck Fund balance = \$17,191.33

American Rescue Fund balance = \$75,989.37.

Road Work Expenses = \$8,653.89

Library \$19,301.75

Motion by Heise, second by Engel to accept the Treasurer's report for February, 2022. All ayes, motion carried.

**5. PRESENTATION BY CRAIG HAYES, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR, WILD ROSE SCHOOL DISTRICT, REGARDING UPCOMING SCHOOL REFERENDUM FOR APRIL 5, 2022 SPRING ELECTION**

Wild Rose School District Administrator, Craig Hayes, presented information on the two referendum questions on the upcoming April 5, ballot. Question 1 would authorize \$15,600,000 for both the Elementary and Middle/High school improvements, including classroom addition, safety and security improvements, building and site improvements, outdoor athletic facility improvements, and restroom upgrades.

Question #2 would authorize \$2,300,000 for HVAC upgrades, including air conditioning at the Middle/High School.

Design will begin if the referendum questions pass, with construction to begin Spring of 2023 and end in the Fall of 2024. The mill rate for Question #1 would increase .60 cents per \$1,000, and .18 cents for Question #2. If the referendum fail, it will be one year before they can come back. They are allowed on two referendum questions per year.

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### **6. PUBLIC INPUT**

Patricia Denk from the Pine River Restoration Association, indicated that the money from this fund from the chicken BBW, as they are no longer doing that, has been turned over to the Town.

### **7. ROAD REPORT**

The County is doing the brushing along Blackhawk Ave., 26<sup>th</sup> Lane, Ridge Rd. and Beechnut Ct. but nothing yet on Badger. The Board had agreed to go up to \$6,000K, and doing Badger would take this amount over. Chris said he needed to talk to Brian from the County. It was agreed by the Board to leave Badger Drive go for another year.

Supervisor Heise pointed out that he reviewed the seven different estimates given and found there were six different prices per hour quoted. The Town needs to clarify the different rates per hour on all these projects.

Chair Sorenson stated that the \$1,600 credit for Gabes needs to be straightened out.

Mark Mankowski had given an estimate for chain saw work of between 50-65 hours.

Sorenson indicated that we may need to get another crew to do the work as Hoover hasn't returned his calls.

### **8. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

### **9. DISCUSS/APPROVE ADDING CALEIGH LIPPERT AS AN OFFICIAL POLL WORKER FROM 1/1/2022 THROUGH 12/31/2023**

Motion by Sorenson, second by Heise to approve Caleigh Lippert as a poll worker for the Town from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023. All ayes, motion carried.

### **10. OLD BUSINESS**

Chair Sorenson will call Poy Sipp regarding the First Responder bill.

### **11. REPORT ON REDGRANITE AREA FIRE DISTRICT**

Supervisor Heise said there was no meeting in February.

### **12. ZONING LETTERS**

Sorenson reviewed zoning letters from the County, which included timber cutting for Rosenberg, an accessory building for Schuman, renting out on VRBO for too many people for Jelly, and an accessory building being lived in but is not zoned for that to be legal for Dunigan.

### **13. CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **a. ELECTION TRAINING UPDATE, SIGNS AND SUPPLIES**

Clerk Gotthart indicated that a training session for the poll workers was held on February 21, 2022, which went well. One item that will need to be looked at by the poll workers is the ability to allow the voter to see their vote on the machine, or enabling a view of the ballot. There will be five poll workers for this election, with the shifts being split between 10 people. An emergency plan was for the election was created with information in case of emergencies at the polls on the day of an election.

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**b. MANAGED FOREST LAND**

Clerk Gotthart reviewed the number of acres and the owners for land that is now classified as managed forest land.

**c. SET TIME/DATE FOR BOARD OF REVIEW, DATE & OPTIONS FOR OPEN BOOK**

The Board will allow for the Open Book to be held by phone between the taxpayer and the assessor, and it will be held on April 18 from 10:00am to noon, 12:00pm. The Board of Review will be Tuesday, May 10, at 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Town Hall.

**d FINANCIAL REPORT AND PERMISSION TO CONTACT JANSSEN ACCOUNTING**

Clerk Gotthart is allowed to contact Janssen Accounting for assistance doing the Annual Report.

Notices need to be done for the Annual Meeting on April 20, and for a Special Meeting on April 27 at 7:00 for a public hearing on the use of ATV/UTV on Town roads.

**14. DISCUSS/APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS/EXPENSES**

Motion by, Engel, second by Heise to approve the bills as presented for payment, checks #9863 through #9874. All ayes, motion carried.

<b>Paid after 2/09/2022 Meeting</b>			
Zachary or Sharon Allen		9864	\$10.49
	2/24/22 Refund tax OP, to replace CK# 9827		<b>\$10.49</b>
<b>Paid at 03/09/2022 Meeting</b>			
Adams-Columbia Electric	Utilities	9865	\$63.21
Alliant Energy	Utilities	9866	\$204.42
Associated Appraisals	Prof Serv	9867	\$696.17
Cindi Gotthart	Feb Monthly Sal	9868	\$615.67
Cindi Gotthart	Reimburse	9869	\$183.34
Board of Comm. Public Land	Loan Paymt	9870	\$23,633.09
Postmaster	Stamps-Elect	9871	\$232.00
Waushara County Highway	sand/salt	9872	\$1,822.63
WE Energies	Utilities	9873	\$202.79
			<b>\$27,653.32</b>
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$27,663.81</b>

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Heise, second by Engel to adjourn at 8:34 pm. All ayes motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Cindi Gotthart, Town Clerk

Next Meeting: Annual Meeting and Regular Board Meeting, April 20, 2022