

February 18, 2026

Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Chairman Darrel Lind at 6 p.m. Pledge to the flag and open in prayer. Roll call: Gary Siebert, Dean Johnson, Darrel Lind, Myrna Holmquist, treasurer and JaNelle Nelson, clerk present. Notices verified posted.

Public attendance: 2

Motion by Dean and seconded by Gary to approve the January 13, 2026 meeting minutes as read, carried. Myrna had a correction to the CD number.

Financial report: As of February 18, 2026 there is a bank balance of \$276,585.36. Motion by Gary and seconded by Dean to accept the financial report as presented, carried. Myrna explained that there were some difficulties with tax payments through Point and Pay this year due to hackers. All the incidents have been properly addressed and taken care of.

Recycling update: \$668.50 was turned in for trash collections. The Town of Spirit recycling ordinance was revised and adopted.

Public input: Lance Meier wants to know what the procedure is for requesting sand on a town road. He was doing a logging project and it was icy on the town road when coming off of a private driveway. He contacted the road boss, but didn't get a response from him. Lance talked with other towns and they informed him it is the town's responsibility to keep the road sanded for the loggers. Lance would like to know the steps to take to get Apple Ave widened where it meets German Settlement Road. He asked about where the placement of a stop sign should be on a town road. He asked about weight limit postings. Gary said if the truck is empty, it shouldn't be a problem. Lance also asked about the 6 p.m. start time for the meetings. He explained it's hard to get to at that time. The board explained that if he came in later and had a concern, the board would accommodate him.

Road report: Jody has been checking roads and sanding. Someone hit the guardrail on Meier Road bridge. Sign was laying in the creek, wood railing was broken and yellow and black sheet metal was laying off the road. Gary called the Price County Sheriff's dept and no one had reported it. Gary told them that he thought it could possibly be a school bus from Tomahawk that had done the damage. Price County Sheriff's department contacted Tomahawk bus service and reported back to Gary that the driver had reported it to her employer, but that the bus service neglected to report it to the Sheriff's department. The bus service will pay for damages out of pocket if the estimates are under their insurance deductible. Darrel will talk to the highway commissioner and see if he can send someone out to inspect the bridge and get estimates for damages. Darrel also updated on the culvert inspections done last year and the

town has one culvert on German Settlement Road by Cherry Ave. that is rated a 3. If it was rated a 1 or 2 it would need to be closed. The town will plan on replacing it this year. Dean asked about trailers, wood, equipment, etc., being in the town right of way. The State Statutes say that they right of way has to be kept clear of debris. Town can request it be removed.

Fire update: There was a meeting on January 20, 2026. Daytime staffing has been tight and Ogema fire dept has a mutual agreement with Prentice to help out during the day. No problem staffing during the night. The fire chief explained that the new website to report fire calls is not user friendly. There were three fire calls last quarter and then lift assists. Needed to shuffle some finances due to unexpected expense, but finances are in good shape. Next meeting is April 21, 2026.

Future equipment purchases: Tabled until next month.

Emergency election plan: If the town needs to relocate, for whatever reason, the Spirit Baptist Church has offered their building. The town is also looking at getting a hook up for a generator in the hall. Gary contacted Glenn Young of Thunderhill Electric and he came out and gave us two options. Option#1: Put a box in the hall entryway to tie into the breaker box in the office. Then run conduit in basement and set up outside the basement door on cement. Cost: \$3418. Option #2: Put a new box in office and then it could run everything in the hall. Cost \$5225. He needs 50% down to start the job. Motion by Gary and seconded by Dean to verify option#2 to run everything in the hall for \$5225 for generator hook up, carried.

Transportation resolution recommended by WTA: Motion by Darrel and seconded by Dean to adopt the Transportation Resolution 1/12/2026 from WTA, carried.

Internet speed: a new modem was received from Brightspeed and needs to be installed.

Town hall porch and ramp: It was decided to just concentrate on the porch first. Drop the ramp for now.

Wake Surf Ordinance: Haven't heard from Bob Kneeland from the DNR as of yet.

.gov email: the email is set up, but need to talk to Heikki yet about the transfer process of emails.

Gravel bids: Tabled until next month.

Land Use Plan: Motion by Gary to stay under the county sub division zoning to renew the comprehensive plan for 10 years. Darrel seconded, carried.

Future agenda items: gravel bids, town equipment, town hall electric for generator hook up.

Correspondence: Gary received a response from a resident on Johnson Road after Gary had emailed him options for the resident's concerns. Letter from Property Assessment office that the town is now in compliance. Jewell engineering letter. Letter and check from Gail Govan.

Motion by Gary and seconded by Dean to pay claims presented plus 2 extras, Jody and Monroe Truck Equipment, carried.

Motion by Darrel and seconded by Dean to adjourn at 8:44 p.m. carried.

JaNelle Nelson, Clerk

Town of Spirit