

**Bridgewater Township Flood Mitigation Meeting**  
**County of Rice, State of Minnesota**  
**December 12, 2016**  
**Official Minutes**

Call to order – 1:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Gary Ebling, John Holden, Kathleen Doran-Norton, Glen Castore, Frances Boehning

County Road 1 Meeting

- Kathleen Doran Norton reviewed a recent County Road 1 project meeting.
  - Rice County requested that Bridgewater Township increase Resolution 2016-09 from \$25,000 to \$30,000. John Holden made a motion to approve this increase, Kathleen Doran-Norton seconded, all approved.

Noxious Weeds

- Kathleen Doran-Norton discussed the list of proposed weeds that the township will be focusing on for 2017; Wild Parsnip, Canadian Thistle, buckthorn, and others. The township will use the scientific knowledge from MNDOT as a basis.
- The township agrees to spray and mow as suggested by MNDOT for the weeds that we are focusing on.
- Kathleen Doran-Norton will create a resolution that can be shared with other government agencies.
- A suggestion was made to hold a training session in March for local landowners regarding:
  - Noxious weed identification and treatment
  - Options regarding the township spraying vs landowners managing their own property.
- Landowners will have the option to manage their own property if they agree to post a sign (to be provided) and sign a resolution to eliminate noxious weeds on their property.
- Bridgewater Township will discuss and confirm hiring Scott Bailey to spray the township for noxious weeds.

Resolution 2016-11

- NAFRS resolution to upgrade facility
- John Holden made a motion to approve resolution 2016-11 to upgrade the fire services facility, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.
- Kathleen Doran-Norton made a motion to recommend having the bond and lease cleaned up before moving forward with construction, John Holden seconded, all approved.

Central Pond

- Gary Ebling reviewed the work currently being done on the Central Pond.
  - The project will be almost 2/3 done this winter, along with work on the Carlson and Bauer farms. The remaining work will be done in spring 2017.
  - Glen Castore and Gary Ebling will meet with Jim and Dan from Barnett Bros. prior to shutting down for the winter.
  - Adam Parker submitted a review of the project; an executive summary will need to be added prior to sending to Northfield and Rice County.

Edgebrook

- The Gill land will be leased to the Petersons.
- Steve Pahs has agreed to submit funding approval for \$99,000 to Bridgewater Township.

Annexation

- Gary Ebling reviewed local control initiatives in the legislature currently.
- A suggestion was made to work on creating a piece of legislation to force annexation agreements between townships and cities.

- A suggestion was made to hold a work session with the four local townships to create a draft of what should appear in the legislation. This could also encompass road agreements and annexation tax repayments.
  - This proposed meeting could take place in January.

#### Roads

- Gary Ebling will create an organizational chart detailing the road duties and who is responsible.
- A road meeting will need to be held to review:
  - New shoes on the snow blade
  - Future staffing needs
  - The future of the road grader as it nears the end of the warranty

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