

Bridgewater Township Project Meeting
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
June 25, 2018
Official Minutes

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: John Holden, Gary Ebling, Glen Castore, Frances Boehning

Guests: Jim Gleason, Dennis Brown, Kathleen Doran Norton

Noxious Weeds:

- Kathleen Doran Norton suggested that we pass a resolution to have people take care of sections of township roads to control noxious weeds.

Easement project:

- A discussion was held regarding the easement project on 115th street at Seeds Farm.
- The surveying will be done by the owner.
- The project will include:
 - Clean out the box culvert
 - Remove field drive and salvage culvert
 - Recut ditch
 - Add rip-rap, seed, and blanket
 - Complete water diversion
- Jim Gleason reviewed what is needed to make the repairs to the Central Pond to meet the DNR's request.
- Glen Castore will contact Todd Piepho with the DNR to confirm the timeline.
- Glen Castore made a motion to approve the project to redirect the water into the holding pond per the DNR request with a spending cap of \$25,000, John Holden seconded, all approved.
- Jim Gleason will begin the work as soon as possible.

Noxious Weeds

- A discussion was held regarding the general chemicals that can be sprayed on weeds in the fields.
- The noxious weed mapping, mowing, and spraying were reviewed. It was suggested that if we pass a resolution adopting the "ditch adopted by . . ." it would be nullified by the presence of wild parsnip.
- John Holden talked about Steve Albers spraying noxious weeds for the township.
 - Mr. Albers will be paid out of grant money.
 - Steve Albers is keeping track of his hours and will submit them when finished.
- The brush currently in the right of ways will need to be addressed. Gary Ebling will follow up with people will to remove brush.

Roads

- Following the last rain, the dust control is working on Decker Avenue.
- A short discussion was held regarding the new tractor, it will need some minor maintenance.
- Gary Ebling will work with Mike Groth to determine where "Bridgewater Township Permits Required" signs can be obtained.

Comp Plan

- The current comp plan was reviewed by the Supervisors.
 - It was determined that a meeting will need to be set to discuss what should be in the comp plan including what categories. Glen Castore will attend the Planning Commission on June 28 to review this with the Commissioners.

Future of Town Hall

- A short discuss was held with Dennis Brown regarding the possible purchase of some of his land. Mr. Brown will discuss this with his family and let the township know the outcome.

Adjourn