

EDNA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

September 20, 2011

Minutes of
8-23-11

Report of Board Meeting held on August 23, 2011

Next Scheduled Meeting is October 18, 2011.

Board Members Present

James Nigg, Chair

William Norris, Supervisor

Dennis Sazama, Supervisor

Carol Nelson, Clerk

Karen Marthaler, Treasurer

Others Present

Torey Sonnenberg

Dennis Anderson

MaryAnn Anderson

Mark Sanderson

Doug Ackling

Terry Marthaler

Jeff Stabnow

Lyle Smith

Odell Nelson

Dave Heyer

Darrell Nordick

John Loyas

Rosette Nordick

Bill Putnam

Allan Dammann

Pete Caron

Karen Dammann

Kathy Anderson

Larry Anderson

David Wenzel

Ralph Logan

John Haremza

Kevin Mickelson

David Squires

Richard Meyers

John Williamson

Evangeline Sanderson

Rich Birkeland

1. Chairman Nigg opened the meeting with Pledge Of Allegiance at 8:01

2. Agenda: add Sanderson/septic system replacement as 7a.

add Devil's Lake road and culvert issue as 8d,

add Wolf Lake Road including culvert & vent as 8f.

Nigg made motion to approve the agenda. Norris 2nd. Agenda approved 2/0 with the above additions.

Sazama arrived just after this motion.

3. Gopher bounty - none requested at this time.

4. Sonnenberg Road Maintenance - no concerns were brought up by any member of the audience. The most recent performance review was done before 7/19/2011 meeting. It is on file and available upon request from Clerk Nelson.

5. Clerk's report - no corrections or additions were necessary. Norris made the motion to approve, Sazama 2nd. Approved 3/0

6. Treasurer's report - income for the past month was \$7.75 in bank interest. Year-to-date expenses total \$171,940.54. Norris moved to approve the Treasurer's report, 2nd by Sazama. Report approved 3/0

7. a. An updated septic system is needed at the Evangeline Sanderson property. A new drain field will be built up to the road right of way. The property is on the lake side of Big McDonald Lane. The old drain field has to be dug out & replaced. Chuck Watkins is the contractor. Norris moved to grant this request. However, Edna Township &/or any persons working for or within the Township right of way are not responsible for any damages to said septic system. Sazama 2nd. Motion approved 3/0.

b. Certify levy for 2012 - the form must be sent to County Auditor, Wayne Stein, by 9/15/2011. Norris made the motion, "We are to certify the levy adopted at 2011 annual meeting, payable 2012". Sazama 2nd. Motion approved 3/0

8. ROAD CONDITIONS

a. Engstrom Beach Road - Lake Improvement District for Little McDonald, Kerbs & Paul Lakes requests the placement of a culvert. This culvert request is to stabilize the existing infrastructure, at no cost to Edna Twp. All costs will be paid by LID. The rough estimate of cost is \$8,000-\$10,000. If O.T. County Commissioners deny LID's request for access to Ditch 25, this culvert will not be needed. Nigg made the motion "Edna Twp board approves the installation of culvert for Engstrom Beach road if LID's request for Ditch 25 access is approved". Norris 2nd. Approval 3/0.

b. Beaver dam on Turtle Lake - Sonnenbergs removed everything, with DNR permission

c. JamieLind road - the needed road repairs have been marked. The borrow will come from the same area. Norris made the motion "Edna Township will proceed with JamieLind Road repair, pursuant to a

promise made in 2010. This will make the shoulders safer. They are fairly steep." Nigg 2nd. Motion approved 3/0. This project is expected to cost less approx \$5,000.

d. Big McDonald Lane - the supervisors have met with FEMA, regarding this road. Edna Twp has to work under the restrictions developed for FEMA applications. FEMA standards work best when looking at river flooding. FEMA language is very specific. The Supervisors are trying to follow FEMA's format in order to get reimbursement with FEMA money. A clay berm was installed. Now, Walde Lake has gone down, so berm will be taken down.

e. Devil's Lake Road

1) culvert request - the supervisors have consulted with the Otter Tail County Attorney. Four Federal Statutes refer to issues regarding draining wetlands; 103F.515, 103G.222, 103G.2241, and 103G.2242. The corp. of engineers operates under a very strict federal program. Edna Twp will not be allowed to drain the wetlands. "Wetland" means land that has a predominance of hydric soils and that is inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, or that periodically does support, a predominance of hydrophytic vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions.

2) letter from Attorney Svingen - proposing to create a plat, based on the engineer's survey & then, have every property owner give written permission to do repairs to Devil's lake Road. Time line --- start work early 2012, after seeing how the roads perform this winter. Wetlands are defined by soil conditions & vegetation. Engineer David Heyer & Attorney Kris Svingen, will work together to develop the plat. Norris made the motion, "Edna Township does instruct Heyer & Svingen to get plat produced". Szama 2nd. Motion approved 3/0

f. Little McDonald Lake

1) North Drive - has a blister (sand hill/bump) over a 4" pipe that was used to pump water. The pump caught fire, & burned up. Water is again coming over the road. Taking the blister out would be best. Sonnenbergs will repair the silt fence & add fill. Sonnenbergs need to keep very detailed records on trucking, fill, for FEMA. There are 2 miles of road with water on, or over the roads surrounding Little McDonald. To elevate the entire 2 miles, 2 feet higher, would cost over \$200,000. Temporary fix would be to fill in the wet spots now. Land & Resource Management has been requested to approve using up to 1500 yards of fill that exists on the hill, where a house is going to be relocated. Two Perham public school students live on the North road & need busing to school. The buses will not drive the roads with the blisters at this time. Supervisor Nigg notifies Tim Stoll, Dent Fire, of dangerous roads. Fire Chief Stoll passes the message on to many additional agencies.

2) East Drive - There are real concerns about taking this road into the winter. The expense of raising the road 6/10's of a mile, 2 feet = 8000 yards of fill, put down = \$51,000. 16 feet wide 2' wide = \$40,000, 16 feet wide 1.5 high = \$30,000. These residents need some guidance as to what can be done. Right now, Sonnenbergs could not move snow in that area. At this time, Edna Twp has 2.5 million in property tax reductions due to the high water levels. The berms will be an issue when snow removal starts. Anything done now, will be reactive only. Residents want something done, anything that could help. A road that is 16 feet will work for fire & safety purposes. However, Sonnenbergs would not be able to turn their plows around on 16'. They would have to back up the length of the road. This would now be a one lane road. There is a bog on the swamp than moves around. Right now, it is pushing against the berm. If the water rises, this would cause major flooding. Supervisors will look at the road on Monday, August 29, 2011.

3) West Little McDonald may need to be raised also. There are low spots.

4) Wolf Lake Road - Any venting project is on hold. Permission would need to be requested from Otter Tail County. Edna Twp could put a culvert in between the E & W Wolf Lakes. DNR may give permission. 9. Property values are going down due to water damage. There may also need to be tax adjustments due Francine Gleason, Assistant Tax Adjustor for Otter Tail County is assigned to Edna Twp.

10 Complaint against riprap contractor.

A local contractor created a road in the right of way to bring in rock. He was slow to remove this road, causing an altercation between neighbors. Could there be a written resolution requiring contractors to place a pad when crossing roads/driveways so they do not break off asphalt or concrete

11 Recent correspondence - none

12 Changes in Edna road policies or job description - none

13 Norris made the motion to approve current claims, Sazama 2nd. Approved 3/0.

Norris requests approval to purchase approximately 1000 pounds of cold mix for filling in pot holes.

Norris moved, Sazama 2nd. Motion approved 3/0.

14 Meeting adjourned 9:35. Larry Anderson made motion to thank the supervisors.

Submitted by Edna Township Clerk

Carol Nelson