

Edna Township
Regular Board Meeting
September 16, 2025
Dent Community Center, 201 Birch St, Dent MN 56528

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bucholz at 7 pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Ben Bucholz, Keith Brokke, Echo Dockter and Debbie Tiegen were present. Kenny Moenkedick joined the meeting a little later. The sign in sheet for other attendees is included with these minutes.

The agenda was reviewed. Bucholz motioned to accept the agenda with a few changes. Brokke 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously.

Bucholz motioned to accept the clerk's report of the August meeting. Brokke 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously. The Treasurer's report showed receipts of \$1,626.55, disbursements of \$6,654.46, and working capital of \$334,220.16. Bucholz motioned to accept the report as presented. Brokke 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously. At this time the Board signed the signature cards from the bank to add the Deputy Treasurer, Debbie Teigen, to the account. There were no bounties.

The claims were reviewed. Bucholz motioned to pay the claims as presented. Brokke 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously. Bucholz motioned to approve the transfer of \$19706.45 from the money market account to the checking account. Brokke 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously.

Roger Fenstad was at the meeting to present an updated estimate of the cost to overlay Engstrom Beach Road and recommendations to improve the road. He was under the impression that this road was scheduled for work in 2026. There was a lengthy discussion. There are several large trees in the road right of way that need to be removed, or at least severely trimmed to allow road work and even snow removal. Mr. Fenstad offer to obtain the required written permission from the property owners to remove these trees. He has already obtained an estimate for the tree work needed. The Board was appreciative of the information provided. At this time the major road work the township has planned is 460th St. Mr. and Mrs. Genereux were present to discuss Big McDonald Trail. A portion of this road is a township road. The township portion ends with a cul-de-saq. The road that continues is a private road. The township is not able to help with maintenance or snow removal on a private road.

Russ Berstler and Larry Hoffmann from Hobart Township were present to discuss the 460th St project. This is a town line road that was proposed to be redone in 2025 but had to be pushed back to 2026. Edna had suggested doing the project without hiring an engineer. Hobart was not willing to move forward without an engineer. Mr. Fenstad, who is a retired civil engineer, was very helpful and informative. After discussion the Edna board agreed that it would be beneficial to hire an engineer.

Bucholz motioned to proceed with this project as follows: to send letters to 3 prospective engineers or firms, Moore Engineering, Apex Engineering and Jeff Stabnow, asking for an interview, to call a special meeting on September 30, 2025 at 7 pm at the Hobart Townhall, 49046 370th Ave, Frazee, to interview and hire an engineer for the 460th St project. This is assuming that Hobart township would agree to this at their special meeting scheduled for September 23, 2025. Brokke 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Fenstad volunteered to help with the letters to the engineers. The Edna and Hobart clerks will work together to get this done. The objective is to hire an engineer soon so that both townships will have good information for their annual meetings in March and to be ready to call for bids at the optimal time.

The Hobart representatives also discussed the road work that was done on the town line road to the east of the asphalt portion. According to the town line agreement Hobart is responsible for the normal maintenance of this section. Additional work was done, grading, reclaiming and additional gravel and grading. Hobart forgot to bring this to Edna for approval before the work was done. The Edna Board, with a little teasing and gentle reminders to talk about these things ahead of time, agreed to pay for half of the cost of the work done. Bucholz motioned to pay the claim from Hobart for \$8,341.13. Brokke 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.

Bucholz motioned to amend the motion for the money transfer to the change the amount to \$28,047.58 to cover the claim from Hobart Township. Brokke 2nd and it passed unanimously.

At this time Torey Sonnenberg was present. The Board asked if Sonnenberg would agree to having another contractor remove the identified problematic trees on Engstrom Beach Rd if Roger Fenstad gets written permission for the removal. The estimate was for \$8,750.00. Sonnenberg agreed. Bucholz motioned to approve this expenditure depending on the township receiving the written permission letters. Moenkedick 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the tree trimming and brushing that needs to be done before freeze up. This includes East Paul Lake, 380th and other areas as specified during the Spring Road inspection. Sonnenberg agreed to the deadline of November 1st. note that brush has been cleared near Cozy Cove Rd.

The issue of the Tobkin cartway was clarified. Each property owner along the unused, never developed cartway must vacate the portion of the cartway that crossed their property individually. The township is not involved.

The request from Bruce Hoekstra for a replacement of the Stop Ahead sign on East Paul Lake Dr was denied. The township has been informed that these signs are no longer recommended. Bucholz will talk to Mr. Hoekstra.

The quote from APC to seal coat Stony Hills Dr and Wood Duck Loop for \$26,700.34 was accepted. It was noted that no other quotes were received. The seal coating should be done next week.

Noted that Amundson has given verbal permission for tree removal on Berger Lake Rd. Written permission must be received. Moenkedick motioned to accept the quote of \$16,185 from L & M to spray the township ditches. Bucholz 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.

Moenkedick will view the approach application for Ryan Hendrickson. The Board reviewed the approach application from Andrew Seibenick. There were concerns about 2 approaches on the same property, the amount of space between them and the probable snow issues. Brokke will propose the elimination of the walkway.

Fifteen letters regarding expired permits have been mailed.

Bucholz gave a quick update on the current EMS issue. Bucholz motioned to approve the August 19, 2024 amendments to the EMS Joint Powers Agreement clarifying definitions, updating language, and revising meeting information to reflect current processes. Moenkedick 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously.

Bucholz motioned to approve the August 18, 2025 amendment to the EMS Joint Powers Agreement, requiring 60 days notice, a two-thirds majority Board vote, and two-thirds ratification by the Parties for future amendments. Moenkedick 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously.

There was no correspondence. No candidates for the clerk position have been identified.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eowyn G. Brokke". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Eowyn" on top and "G. Brokke" below it.

EDNA TOWNSHIP MEETING 9-16-2025
@ 7:00 PM

Name:

Louise Gneux
Francis Gneux
Roger Fenstad
Jim Yost
Russ Berstler
Larry Hoffmann

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