

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Ford Town Board
August 14, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall

1. Present: Doug Bassett, Kim Johnson, Katie Kerr, Edna Cole, Sarah Berry
Citizens Present: Dave Kanz, Keith Simar, Ron Swanson, Rosa Swanson, Tim Marion, Carl Johnson, Dave Pauly
2. Set and approve agenda: M/S/C by Johnson and Bassett to approve the agenda as printed with the addition of DNR Briefing by Keith Simars under Citizen Comment and Get-Together under Old Business. DNR briefings can be moved up. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Citizen Comment: Keith Simars of the DNR briefed the Board on the trail plans for the Snake River State Forest. There will be a meeting on August 23rd at the Mora High School from 6:00-8:30 to hear what the public wants in the state forest. They will be asking for written comments on the accuracy and the completeness of the inventory of the roads within the forest. They will then bring in local managers of the area and one by one make a decision about each of the roads within the forest. A plan will be developed and then they will come back to the public with a second open house at which time they will show the plan and offer an open mic. for comments. After the second open house the team will review the plan and make the final decisions.

Tim Marion—acting area wildlife supervisor briefed the board on a land acquisition that they would like to make. Ronald and Rosa Swanson are willing to sell to the DNR 40 acres of land that is located next to the Bean Dam Wildlife Management Area. Marion was asking the Board for their approval of the sale. M/S/C by Johnson and Kerr to approve and support the sale of the Swanson land to the DNR as Wildlife Management Area only. Legal description of land is: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 24, Township 42, Range 23. Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Review and Approval of Minutes: M/S/C by Kerr and Bassett to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2007 board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Treasurer's Report: Clerk's verification of the treasurer's report will be added to the minutes each month. An updated credit card policy was distributed to the board. M/S/C by Johnson and Bassett to approve the treasurers report.
6. Claims Presented for approval: M/S/C by Kerr and Bassett to approve the claims as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Payroll checks # 1877-1885 totaling \$1,045.75; claims #6229-6243, paid by checks # 1886-1898 and automatic withdrawals eft 69 & 70 for a total of \$4,218.82.

7. Old Business:

- a. North TH 65 Corridor Coalition: Kim attended the last meeting on July 31st. Members from Kanabec County worked in a group and identified areas they see as areas of improvement on the 65 corridor within Kanabec County.
- b. October meeting will likely fall on the same date as the Kanabec Township associations meeting. Ford Town October Board meeting will be changed to Monday, October 15th.
- c. Road and Bridge: Road signs are up—Doug will check on Noxious weeds with the county.
- d. Planning Commission: They have a preliminary town map.
- e. Fire Service: No new information on the Open House dates.
- f. Neighborhood Watch: Cole talked to a few people at the Get-Together about the Neighborhood watch. M/S/C by Bassett and Johnson to have Edna Cole set up a meeting with the interested citizens and Steve Schulz, Kanabec County Sheriff. It will then be up to the interested group to continue with the neighborhood watch.
- g. Website: Clerk will respond to the e-mails that are received from the website.
- h. Snake River State Forest Motor Designation: M/S/C by Johnson and Bassett to approve resolution 2007-08-01. Motion Carried unanimously. The clerk will forward the resolution along with the resolution from the annual meeting on to Keith Simars of the DNR for them to consider in their preparation of the trail plans for the Snake River State Forest.
- i. Road Recording: M/S/C by Johnson and Bassett to approve the Revised Resolution Establishing Ford Town Roads and Authorizing the Recording of Same(2007-08-02). Motion carried unanimously. Berry will record in the County Courthouse.
- j. Get-together—60 in attendance.

8. New Business:

- a. Polling Place Accessibility Grant: Resolution (2007-08-03) was presented by Cole to apply for the polling place accessibility grant. M/S/C by Johnson and Bassett. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Dry Well: No action
- c. MATIT Insurance Policy: Berry and Cole will update and send in.

9. Mail brought to the board: Mail reviewed by the board.

10. Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 9:20.