

**Watab Town Board Meeting Minutes**  
**October 5, 2010**

The regular monthly meeting of the Watab Town Board was called to order at 7pm on Tuesday, October 5, 2010 at the Watab Town Hall by Chair Ed Kacures Jr. All board members were present: Supervisors Ed Kacures Jr., Lloyd Erdmann, and Craig Gondeck; Treasurer Eileen Saldana; and Clerk Pat Spence. Audience members were: Jamie Huls, Angie Burg, John Haus, Roger & Chris Carstensen, Cheryl & Jake Chmielewski, Allen Saldana, Kevin Reiter, Marty Reker, Paul Schwinghammer, Brian Erdmann, Nancy Scott, Ron Burski, and Bob Helland.

Following the Pledge to the Flag, the board approved the agenda with the removal of "Railroad Crossing Report" by Supervisor Erdmann. Minutes of the September 7<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were approved on motion by Supervisor Gondeck, second by Supervisor Erdmann, and passed. Treasurer's Report by Eileen Saldana was approved on motion by Supervisor Erdmann, second by Supervisor Kacures, and passed. Authorization to pay the monthly bills was given on motion by Supervisor Erdmann, second by Supervisor Gondeck, and passed. Supervisor Gondeck abstained on payment of bill to Amber Schoenherr. Two bills were withheld for further review by the board.

Marty Reker appeared before the board requesting approval of his plat named River Bend Estates. The board felt that it was an appropriate property split and approved his request through a motion by Supervisor Kacures, second by Supervisor Erdmann, and passed. The board authorized the Clerk and Treasurer to refund the amount in Marty's escrow account for Paradise Plat in the amount of \$3862.50. All the road work is completed and he will not sign off on the SWPPP until the property transfers ownership.

Clerk Pat Spence presented the results of the bids for the two-year snow plowing contract. Bids were received by the 5pm, October 4<sup>th</sup> deadline from Marson Contractor's, Inc. for \$34,650; Burski Excavating, Inc. for \$32,850; J. R. Ferche, Inc. for \$38,500; and J & J Outdoor Contracting, Inc. for \$34,900. The bidders were thanked for their good bids, and following discussion, the contract was awarded to the low bidder, Burski Excavating, Inc. The Chair was given authority to sign the contract through a motion by Supervisor Erdmann, second by Supervisor Gondeck, and passed.

Nancy Scott and Jamie Huls appeared before the board to discuss payment of an NSF check received from Cold Spring Plumbing, Inc. in the amount of \$607 for mechanical and plumbing permits. Since the contractor has refused to cover the check, and following discussion, Jamie Huls agreed to reimburse the township for the permit amount and Nancy Scott agreed to refund the penalty amounts to the township. Jamie Huls is the homeowner and served as the General Contractor. Cheryl Chmielewski addressed the board regarding the shed on her property in Rockwood Estates. There has been a disagreement with the neighbor regarding placement of the shed, and Cheryl said that she will be removing the shed from the property. In the future, Nancy asked the board to refer all issues regarding permits to her.

The board discussed storm clean up. Burski Excavating will be continuing to clean up right-of-way trees and Supervisor Gondeck will work with the Sentence to Serve Crews. Most of the work has already been completed. Supervisor Gondeck reported that he is continuing to ask Chelle Benson, Benton Co. Dept. of Development, to investigate the junk yard that exists on Lakewood Shores Rd NW in the Circle Pines Plat 2; the sheriff's office has also been contacted. The next step will be to contact Commissioner Joe Wollak to follow up on the investigation. Following the storm on August 13<sup>th</sup>, it was discovered that many junk cars have been hauled in to the property and someone has been living in a shed with no sewer or water. There is no 911 sign at the property. Supervisor Gondeck reported that most signs have been replaced. He also gave a report that there is great interest and response for Watab

History Day, which is planned for October 30<sup>th</sup>. It is a reunion of all former King's Inn Supper Club employees. The public is invited and there will be a potluck lunch.

There was further discussion on the Fifth Avenue Road project, especially with concerns about the ditch shaping. Jason has been out working on them, and the board has also been on site to review progress. The wear course has been placed and was done well. The Clerk was authorized to request a loan transfer to pay the bills for the wear course to Tri-City Paving, Inc. and to Jon Bogart for engineering hours on the project this month. The board wants the project completed as soon as possible.

Supervisor Gondeck reported on the Emergency Notification System used by Benton County Emergency Management. Homeowners can call Jim McDermott and have their cell phones or home phones entered in the notice system, so that if there is an emergency they will be notified. The system was used recently for the flood threat and it worked well. The county did not get the grant for the emergency warning system.

Supervisor Gondeck said that Watab Township was included in the SCORE grant for the wood chipper, which is in partnership with the City of Rice and Langola Township. Rice and Langola had left Watab out of the grant request, but the county included our township. Discussion centered on how Rice and Langola would not have the authority to sell the previous chipper without our permission, since we were joint owners. We need a better sense of cooperation.

The Clerk presented Resolution 2010-6: Authorized List of Election Judges for the November 2, 2010 General Election. Motion was made by Supervisor Kacures, seconded by Supervisor Gondeck, and passed approving the resolution and authorizing the chair to sign it.

Bob Helland was present to discuss his mailbox on Ferry Point. He noted that it has been there for 14 years, and there have not been any accidents. He requested that if it is removed, all the footings be removed and a new mail box put in its place. Supervisor Gondeck was asked to follow up with this project.

Supervisor Gondeck reported on the Benton Co. Economic Development Meeting. A business interested in locating in Rice went to Melrose; they would have employed over 20 people. Supervisor Gondeck also reported on the Benton Co. Association of Township Meeting. Supervisor Kacures reviewed the process of sending a letter to the Rice Fire Board and Rice City Council members regarding our payment. It has been reviewed by the township attorney. The board agreed that Ed should proceed with the letter.

There were no other citizen issues. The meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Spence, Clerk