

BRUCE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
APRIL 8, 2025

Chairman Becker, Supervisor Gray, Supervisor Mollner, Clerk-Treasurer Eggerth, Rick Jones, Representatives of Stearn Electric and Great River Energy were present.

Great River Energy: Conditional Use Permit to build approximately two miles of new 115,00-volt (115-kilovolt) overhead transmission line in Bruce Township, southern Todd County. The transmission line is needed to enable Stearns Electric Association to improve the reliability of their existing Pillsbury Substation to be able to reliably serve their members' electrical power needs.

An environmental review was completed, and no landowner had raised any issues. Supervisor Gray made a motion to grant the Conditional Use Permit, Supervisor Mollner seconded.

Stearns Electric : requested a land split, purchasing two acres of land from Karen Hoelker that adjoins the existing transfer station. A survey has been completed. Supervisor Gray made a motion to grant this land split, Supervisor Mollner seconded.

Stearns County Electric Conditional Use Permit to do additional work on the existing substation, utilizing the newly purchased land from Karen Hoelker. Supervisor Mollner made a motion to grant the Conditional Use Permit, Supervisor Gray second.

Minutes: Minutes of the March meeting were read. Chairman Becker made a motion to accept as read. Supervisor Gray seconded.

Agenda: Chairman Becker asked to have land use permit signs added to the agenda. Supervisor Gray made a motion to accept the agenda as written with the addition of the land use permit signs. Supervisor Mollner seconded.

Financials: The checking and saving account statements, CD information, list of checks written and payroll, a copy of the receipts, disbursements, and balances for each account were reviewed. Supervisor Gray made a motion to accept the financials as presented; Chairman Becker seconded.

341st Ave. Chairman Becker met with the three landowners, Tschida, Sutton and Repp on the controversy on this road. Tschida wants nothing done. Paperwork on what was vacated on this road was handed out. This problem will be tabled to a later date.

Janke: Mr. Janke feels he is being unfairly picked on by having to fix the culvert in his driveway. This was a problem long before he bought the place. Discussion was held between Mr. Janke and the Supervisors. He will need to give the township a slope easement and he will need to pay for the culvert. Supervisor Mollner will get a slope

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easement and have him sign and then discussion on how he is going to pay for the culvert that will take place at the May meeting.

Schmitz property: A copy of the map showing what buildings were on this property, (drawn by the person applying for the permit, and the drawing from the last time a permit had been issued) was reviewed. There had been more buildings added without permits. Chairman Becker will contact Mr. Schmitz on this matter.

Rick Jones: Rick had done more work on his shoreline than was on his shoreland alteration permit. The township has requested a letter from the DNR and one from Todd Soil and Water with their findings of fact on this. It will be discussed again at the May meeting.

Air Bed and Breakfast: Planning and Zoning received a call for information on starting a Air B&B on Little Swan (Pillsbury Lake). This person has not bought the cabin but is considering the purchase if he could do this. He will need to work with the Department of Health and was asked to send this information to the township.

Och Property: Mr. Och is interested in splitting the land his mother owns on Lake Beauty. He was advised he would need a survey. He will get back to the board when that is completed.

Zoning Ordinance Fee: Annual review of the fees charged. Supervisor Gray made a motion to adopt the county fees, except leave septic fees at current rate. Chairman Becker seconded.

Gravel Bid: Supervisor Gray made a motion to advertise for bids for gravel, same as last year. Supervisor Mollner seconded.

Contract with Ziegler's for maintenance of Grader: Two contracts were presented. Discussion of both took place. Supervisor Gray made a motion to have Chairman Becker meet with Ziegler's and decide on which is the best for the township. Supervisor Mollner seconded.

Land Use Signs: Discussion on having land use permit signs posted on roads coming into township. People claim they did not know they needed a permit or where to go for a permit. Chairman Becker made a motion to have Supervisor Mollner look into the cost of these signs. Supervisor Gray seconded.

Roads: Roads are in as good of condition as can be expected. Frost is coming out.

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Bills: Supervisor Mollner made a motion to pay all bills presented. Chairman Becker seconded.

Public Comment: Rick Jones asked if the potholes on Iris Trail could be filled. Some of the landowners want to have dust control done and they would like the holes filled before they do this. Mr. Jones also asked if there is any way the township can do something about the feedlot on 315th Ave. Some of the landowners had done a garbage pickup and there was a lot of trash by that place, some were fed bags that had been left to blow around. Chairman Becker did not know of any way the township could enforce this. Before you contact someone about littering, you have to be able to prove it is their litter.

Adjourn: Supervisor Mollner made a motion to adjourn, Supervisor Becker seconded.

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