**Town of Dekorra**
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**608-635-2014**

**Minutes** **Town Board Meeting**

Meeting Date: Thursday **August 13, 2026**
Time: **6:30 pm**
Meeting Location: Dekorra Town Hall – W8225 County Road JV

FIXED AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance.
   **The August 13, 2026, Town Board meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair Kyle Knuteson.**
2. Roll Call
   **Present: Kyle Knuteson, Robb Strommen, Chris Crawford, Blake Young and Michelle Hartley.**
3. Approval of Agenda
   **ACTION: Motion (Strommen/Hartley) to approve August 13, 2026, Town Board meeting agenda. Motion carried.**
4. Approval of previous TB minutes.
   **ACTION: Motion (Strommen/Young) to approve July 14, 2026, Town Board Meeting minutes. Motion carried.**
5. **Town Officer Reports**
   - Clerk's Report
     **Elections went well, the clerk will be at the WMCA conference Aug 18-21, 2026.**
   - Constable's Report
     **A written report is on file in the Clerk's office.**
   - Treasurer's Report
     **Tomlinson reviewed the accounts; all are all are tracking well. A full report is available in the Clerk's office.**
6. Payment of bills
   **ACTION: Motion (Hartley/Young) to approve August 13, 2026, bills as presented. Motion carried.**
7. Committee and Commission Reports
   - Law Enforcement
     **A written report is on file in the Clerk's office.**
   - Town Roads
     **Palmer reported that there was no meeting. Work for the year is nearly done, shouldering still to be done. Delmore will be starting their work later this month. Stebbins went over on tonnage used. Second mowing is complete. A turnaround was established on Earnie Road.**
   - Safety Committee - **No meeting**.
   - Parks Commission - **Crawford noted that there was a meeting that was held in July.**
   - Plan Commission – **two items on tonight's agenda**.
   - Ad hoc Pier Committee – **No meeting.**
   - Fire Commission – **Knuteson reported that there was a meeting held, the approved budget will be on this agenda.**
8. Open Public Comments

BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS:

**7:05 pm Young recused himself for item 9.**

9. Bourbon Ridge/Blake Young – Parcel 11010-1725.05; Smith Road, Town of Dekorra, Columbia County, WI. Application to create a 3-acre lot to be zoned RR-1 Rural Residence with 27.31-acres to be rezoned to A-1 Agriculture with A-4 Agricultural Overlay to restrict it from further development and a Certified Survey Map review.
   **Blake Young reviewed the proposal, noting that the 1 house per 35 acres density was met in the original rezone of the adjacent parcel. Knuteson noted that the Plan Commission recommended approval.**
   **ACTION: Motion (Strommen/Crawford) to recommend County Board approval of a rezone of Lot 1, 3-acres to RR-1, and Lot 2, 27.31-acres zoned A-1 with A-4 Agricultural and of a Certified Survey Map dividing said 3-acre parcel (Grothman file 1125-703, dated 06.22.26) subject to the three conditions recommended by the Dekorra Plan Commission on July 23, 2026. Motion carried. Young abstained.**

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10. MOH Holdings, LLC/c/o Jay Mittelstaedt – Parcel 11010-486.A and 486.B, N3098 and N3089 Smokey Hollow Road, Town of Dekorra, Columbia County, WI. Site Plan Review.
    **Jay Mittelstadt was present to review the application. Crawford questioned joining the utility district. They did investigate the process, and it would be costly considering potential usage.**
    **ACTION: Motion (Strommen/Young) to approve the site plan (Vierbicher project 260159 dated 6.26.26) for Jay's Power Center – Lake Wisconsin with conditions of a revised plan with a turn lane, landscaping plan as presented and conditions recommended by the Dekorra Plan Commission on July 23, 2026. Motion carried.**
11. 2027 Fire/EMS Budget
    **Knuteson noted that there was an increase, but he feels that it is a responsible budget. The biggest increase was for technology improvements. Brian Small was present to explain portions of the budget and answer questions. Discussion of proposed increases which include vehicle replacement funds and building maintenance. The budget reflects a 5.7% increase.**
    **ACTION: Motion (Crawford/Hartley) to approve the 2027 Poynette/Dekorra joint fire/EMS budget. Motion carried.**
12. Speed limits on Town roads – Dunning Road, Phillips Road, others
    **Roger Palmer noted that the speed sign will go on Dunning Road next to gather data. Hartley will gather information on speed limit processes.**
13. Beach Garden Plat roads – legal opinion
    **Discussion of correspondence from Matthew Fleming, Town Attorney regarding the determination of public versus private roads within the Beach Garden Plat.**
14. Notice of public hearing received for Midcontinent Grid Solutions BECI 765-kV Transmission Line Project.
    ***This item was discussed after agenda item 8.**
    **Sara Simplot N3947 Wildcat Road. Wants to make people aware of the BECI 765-kV Transmission line project. She recommended that the Township should adopt a resolution rejecting the project. Knuteson noted that the Columbia County meeting will be August 25, 2026, at Whispering Pines in Poynette. Tomlinson requested that all Board members attend one of the informational meetings. Sara noted that if anyone wants to get involved with the Columbia County coalition, contact Kyle Knuteson for information.**
15. Next Regular Town Board Meeting Meeting/agenda items for September 8, 2026.
    **Proposed to have an agenda item on the transmission line.**
16. Adjourn
    ACTION: **Motion (Young/Hartley) to adjourn. Motion carried.**
    **The meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted by Holly J. Priske, Clerk-Town of Dekorra**
**Approved: 09.08.2026**