TOWN OF RIVER FALLS – REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, October 5, 2026, River Falls Town Hall

The meeting was called to order by Chair Terry Kusilek at 7:03pm. Elected officials and staff present: Terry Kusilek, Chair; Mary Foster, Siri Smith, Joe Mahoney, Jerome Rodewald; Supervisors; Rita Kozak, Treasurer; Sarah Meyer, Clerk; Don Rodewald, Zoning Administrator; Guests present: Victoria Rader, Wendy DiPeso, Kristin Nyquist, Maureen Ash, Mary Merta

Siri made a motion to approve the agenda as posted. Joe seconded. M.C.

Joe moved to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2026, Regular Board meeting. Jerome seconded. M.C.
Joe moved to approve the minutes of the September 30, 2026, Special Board meeting. Jerome seconded. M.C.
Financial Report/Fire Call Report: Treasurer Rita provided the Treasurer's Report. The current available balance is $661,160.38. Joe moved and Siri seconded to set up a fire call payment plan with Daniel and Olivia Fossun. Joe moved, and Siri seconded to accept the financial and fire call reports. M.C.
Public Comments & Requests: none

Zoning Administrator Report: Zoning Administrator Don Rodewald provided the zoning report (attached). Joe made a motion to accept the Zoning Administrator's report. Mary seconded. M.C.

Plan Commission Report: Siri reported that the Plan Commission approved the dwelling site for Brian and Kate Bergseng, N8821 790th Street, for a new farm dwelling. The Plan Commission also approved the Alex Miller dwelling site on 988th Street. The Plan Commission also created a subcommittee to review the Conditional Use Permit list and get it updated. Siri Smith, Kristin Nyquist and Brad Peterson will serve on the committee. The Plan Commission has requested that the Board review the updated draft of Chapter One and provide feedback to the committee.

Set Date for Budget Hearing and Town Elector Meeting: Joe made a motion to hold the budget hearing and elector meetings on Monday, November 9, 2026, starting at 6:45pm. Siri seconded. M.C.

Resolution 2026 – G: Resolution of Town Board Proposing to Set Total 2027 Town Levy: The Board has elected not to exceed the 2027 levy limit.

Resolution 2026 – H: Resolution of Town Board Proposing to Exceed Levy Limit via Town: Unnecessary until the Elector meeting.

Review and Update Employee Handbook: Feedback was shared and Sarah will work on updates to the employee handbook.

Discuss and Take Action on Town Hall Building Repairs: Still awaiting a structural engineer to inspect and give opinion.

Review Burn Permit Form and Process: Rita is working on a draft of a refreshed burn permit.

Consider Clerk/Treasurer Appointed or Elected Transition: Mary is still working on updating position descriptions, action will be taken at the 10/19 meeting.

Discuss Moratorium on Hyperscale Projects in the Town: Jerome and Don are working on this.

Board and Staff Communications: Jerome said that the Facilities Committee accepted a revised quote for insulating the shop from Advanced Foam for $16,276.00. Rita shared that the leftover root beer and ice cream from the 125th celebration was donated to the River Falls Fire Department. Joe said that new signs have been installed at the recycling center. He also thanked those who worked at e-cycling packing. Sarah reminded the Board of the employee review session scheduled for Monday, September 12. Don is scheduling a meeting with

the City Planner and Don/Terry/Siri. Terry, Rob and Don attended Smart Salting Workshop. Rob and Dalton have been mowing ditches. Terry also shared that the chip sealing is done. Terry and Sarah met with City Utilities Director to learn more about the City purchasing St. Croix Gas. Terry will be attending a meeting with mayor and 5 town chairs later in October. Don and Rob are working with Martell to install a turnaround on 730th Ave.

Audit and Pay Bills Siri moved to audit and pay bills, Mary seconded. M.C.

Future Agenda items:

- Approve Agenda
- Minutes from October 5, 2026, Regular Board Meeting
- Financial/Fire Call Report
- Public Comments and Requests
- Zoning Administrator Report
- Plan Commission Report
- Set Date and Discuss Plans for Holiday Reception
- Discuss Town and Country 4H Club Donation
- Start Planning for Fall Tax Newsletter
- Discuss and Take Action on Printing and Sending Tax Statements
- Review and Update Employee Handbook
- Discuss and Take Action on Town Hall Building Repairs
- Review Burn Permit Form and Process
- Consider Clerk/Treasurer Appointed or Elected Transition
- Discuss Moratorium on Hyperscale Projects in the Town
- Board and Staff Communications
- Future Agenda Items
- Audit and Pay Bills
- Adjourn

Joe moved to adjourn. Mary seconded. M.C. Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.