# Town of Breed Regular Board Meeting Minutes

## Tuesday February 11, 2025, 7:00PM

## 11155 State Hwy 32, Suring, WI 54174

The Town of Breed Regular Board meeting was called to order at 7:00PM; ten electors, 2 visitors present.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Phil Christenson, Supervisors Mark Quandt and Tim Mitchell, Treasurer Ethel Firgens, and Clerk Kristen Telford all present.

Agenda was reviewed. Motion to accept the agenda made by Quandt, seconded by Mitchell. Carried.

Clerk Telford read the correspondence report touching on recent tax filings, the primary election, and a new transport service for Breed residents. A flyer for that service will be made available on our town website.

Treasurer Firgens presented the financial report of expenditures/receipts for the month of January showing a balance of $107,985.91 in checking; $800,633.86 in money market. Motion to accept the treasurer's report made by Christenson, seconded by Quandt. Accepted.

Mike Beyer, Oconto Co Board Supervisor, presented a proposal for an atv/utv trailhead site on county land west of the ballfield on AA. The site would be approximately 2 acres, graveled, have lighting and a vault toilet. Access for atvs/utvs would be off Hwy AA, in the winter, a snowmobile access trail would run behind the ballfield and exit/enter off Becker Rd to join the railroad grade trail system. Implementation wouldn't begin until 2026-27. Board and electors present were in general favor of it.

Rural Mutual quoted $68 to insure the buildings at Breed Family Park for $60,000. Motion to insure the buildings with Rural Mutual at the quoted price made by Mitchell, seconded by Christenson. Carried.

The minutes from the 2018 Annual Meeting were located specifying a 3% increase in salary for board members after each local election. A lawyer from the Wisconsin Towns Associated was contacted regarding it. It was voted on by town electors at an annual budget meeting making it valid.

Discussion was made about part time employees, the hours that can be worked and still be considered part-time(34hrs), and participation in the WI retirement system (not mandatory). The town will pursue hiring supervisors as part time employees to be paid at a rate determined by electors at the next elector's meeting. More discussion about safety gear for workers and the need for a part-time helper at the recycling center during summer or as an alternate worker. Motion to

hire James Telford as a part time worker at the recycling center to be paid $13/hr made by Christenson, seconded by Mitchell. Carried.

Chris Hellem gave the road report highlighting signpost replacing, grading and brushing with the tractor. A caution to drivers to slow down when there's less traction on the road. Tractor boom cylinder has been repaired and will be installed when warmer weather returns.

Com2 is now picking up the electronic recyclables for free. They picked up 3 gaylord boxes and dropped off another 7. A list of electronic items accepted will be available on the website and at the recycling center. Free online training for hazardous materials awareness, waste disposal and handling is being offered to our municipal employees for 2025. It is a 4-part series of 2-hour classes in April, registration is required.

The Wisconsin Elections Commission is holding a Clerks Conference in Rothschild September 30th-October 1st. Motion to allow town clerk to attend the conference and to pay for cost to attend made by Christenson, seconded by Quandt. Carried.

Updates/Correspondence: PSC grant is on hold until further notice. The CDL exemption for smaller municipalities was a popular topic at the WTA District meeting in Carter.

Public Comment: Ahren and Kristen Telford recorded a promo video with TEDCOR highlighting the short-term rentals and activities the Town of Breed has to offer to draw in people from the NFL draft and tourist season. Dale Mohr provided free training for the members of our Plan Commission. Training was excellent and very educational. TEDCOR is hosting an educational breakfast in Gillett on February 27. Registration is required.

A review was made of the monthly bills. Motion to pay bills made by Christenson, seconded by Mitchell. Carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Christenson, seconded by Quandt. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:41PM.

Next meeting is Tuesday, March 11th, 2025, at 7:00PM.

Unapproved Minutes by

Kristen Telford, Town of Breed Clerk