TOWN OF LITTLE RICE BOARD MEETING
July 14, 2026

Meeting called to order at 4:30pm

Present: Steve Margitan – Chairman Ted Albright – Supervisor Larry Mathein – Supervisor
Ruth Wohlers – Treasurer Chris Sully – Clerk

Motion by Sup. Albright to approve the agenda as posted on July 10, 2026 at 7:56am by John Hendrickson. Second by Sup. Mathein. All in favor. Motion carried.
Motion by Sup. Albright to approve the June 9, 2026 minutes. Second by Sup. Mathein. All in favor. Motion carried.
Motion by Sup. Albright to approve the June 24, 2026 minutes. Second by Sup. Mathein. All in favor. Motion carried.
Motion by Sup. Mathein to approve the Treasurer's Report. Second by Sup. Albright. All in favor. Motion carried.
Motion by Sup. Mathein to approve the Disbursements as written. Second by Sup. Albright. All in favor. Motion carried.

PREVIOUS BUSINESS

1. Roads Update by Sup. Albright:

   The crew have been cleaning up trees on the road shoulders, sweeping roads and patching potholes. They installed 4 culverts. Three on Willow Dam Road and one on Old 8. They have been doing sign work and working on ditches. They dug out a clay pocket on Willow Dam Road. And they have been grading gravel roads and mowing ditches.
   The crew also hit a deer. There is not yet an estimate for repairs. The truck is still drivable.

2. Transfer Site Update by Sup. Mathein:

   Everything is running smoothly. On average, there have been 3 dumpsters filled per week. But lots of recyclables.
   There have been about 280 permits issued.

3. WVIC Request for Repair of the Guardrail at the Crest of the North Dike on Willow Dam Road:

   The town got a letter saying they are satisfied with the current situation.
   Motion by Sup. Mathein to remove this item from the agenda. Second by Sup. Albright. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Develop Moratorium and Subdivision Ordinance:

   Sup. Mathein is working on a letter regarding public safety related to this.
   The clerk will send the road ordinance and the land use plan to the town attorney.

5. Approval/Denial of Specs for Salt Shed:

   Per John Hendrickson there is a rep. coming this week to review this project.
   Motion by Sup. Albright to table this item. Second by Sup. Mathein. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. Felser Road Maintenance:

   a. Clarify where the end of the town road is: The town needs clarification of where the town portion of the road ends. This needs to be done by either Delmore or a title search by the town attorney. A letter needs to be sent to the landowner showing what is being proposed for a turnaround and asking for approval to proceed.
   b. Approval/Denial to hire surveyor to lay out turnaround: The town needs to hear from the landowner first before hiring a surveyor.
   c. Approval/Denial of landowner letter maintenance plan: The clerk was asked to email the letter to the board for comments.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval/Denial of Operator (Bartender) License:

   Roni Kay Scherer submitted an operator license application for use at the Burrows Lake Sports Club events.
   Motion by Sup. Mathein to approve the operator license application for Roni Kay Scherer. Second by Sup. Albright. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. Approval/Denial of Amendments to Ordinance # 2015-1 Truck Route: Motion by Sup. Albright to approve amendments to Ordinance # 2015-1 Truck Route. Second by Sup. Mathein. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. Approval/Denial of Amendments to Ordinance # 2015-2 Special Weight Limits: Motion by Sup. Mathein to approve the changes as presented on Ordinance # 2015-2. Second by Sup. Albright. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Update Road Plan:

   The road plan needs to include:
   Felser Road - Reconstruction in 2026 or 2027
   Old 8 Road - Grind and gravel 4556 ‘ and repave 1551’ in 2026
   Willow Dam Road – South end - Repair sink area 270’ in 2027
   Willow Dam Road – North end – Grind and gravel 711’ in 2027
   Willow Dam Road – Double chip seal in 2027 or 2028
   Motion by Sup. Mathein to adopt the road plan. Second by Sup. Albright. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. August Board Meeting Scheduled for August 18, 2026 at 4:30pm: Just a reminder. Changed due to election on August 11th.

6. Review Public Access to Town Water:

   Sup. Mathein asked who is allowed to use the town water supply and how much can be used. After discussion, the board decided to create a sign that states this is for property owners and residents of Little Rice only and use at your own risk.

7. Accept Resignation of Public Works Staff: Eric Hopp submitted his resignation on Monday, July 6th.

   Motion by Sup. Albright to accept resignation from Eric. Second by Sup. Mathein. All in favor. Motion carried.

8. Set Timeline and Requirements for New Hire for the Public Works Department, including Rate of Pay and Benefits. The Board anticipates going into closed session per Wis. Stats; 19.85 (1)c. to determine rate of pay and benefits. Immediately following closed meeting the board will go into open session for a motion to set employee rate of pay perimeters and benefits for new hire:

   Motion by Sup. Mathein to go into closed session. Second by Sup. Albright. All in favor. Motion carried. Went into closed session at 5:06pm.

   Motion by Sup. Mathein to end closed session. Second by Sup. Albright. All in favor. Motion carried. Back in open session at 5:29pm.

   Motion by Sup. Mathein to set the pay range for a prospective employee at $22 to $28 per hour. Second by Sup. Albright. Two in favor. One opposed. Motion carried.

   Post on the boards and on the town website. Also, publish for 3 weeks in the Tomahawk Leader, the Lakeland Times and the River News.

9. Fire Department by the Fire Chief:

   It has been a busy month with EMS calls. Also, a structure fire in Merrill.

10. Correspondence:

    a. There is a letter from Frontier about the upgrades they have planned in the near future.
    b. WVIC has a recreational facilities assistance program grant.
    c. Wisconsin Towns Association unit meeting is July 22, 2026 in Pine Lake.

11. Oneida County Board Update: Chris Schultz not present.

12. Public Comment (2 minutes per person): None

13. Adjourn: Sup. Albright made a motion to adjourn. Second by Sup. Mathein. All in favor. Motion carried.
    The meeting adjourned at 5:41pm.

Christine Sully – Clerk July 22, 2026