Approved
TOWN OF LITTLE RICE BOARD MEETING
August 18, 2026

Meeting called to order at 4:31pm

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 August 14, 2026 at 12:12pm by John Hendrickson. Second by Sup. Mathein. All in favor. Motion carried.
Motion by Sup. Mathein to approve the July 14, 2026 minutes. Second by Sup. Albright. All in favor. Motion carried.
Motion by Sup. Albright to approve the Treasurer's Report. Second by Sup. Mathein. 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 sweeping and grading roads, mowing ditches and patching potholes. They have been doing sign work and equipment repair.

2. Transfer Site Update by Sup. Mathein:

   There have been 280 permits issued.
   Work on the recycling grant has started.

3. Develop Moratorium and Subdivision Ordinance: Motion by Sup. Mathein to table this item. Second by Sup. Albright. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Approval/Denial of Specs for Salt Shed:

   Per John Hendrickson this is ready to go to bid. It is a class 2 notice. The board set the date for the bids to be returned and opened at a meeting on September 15, 2026 at 8:00am.

5. Felser Road Maintenance:

   a. Clarify where the end of the town road is located: Per state records, the town is getting paid for .3 miles of road. The original amount the town thought we had was .25 miles. The exact portion of the road the town is responsible for needs to be clarified. The town needs to know this in order to clarify where the turnaround should be located. Then the appropriate landowner can be contacted for permission to lay out the turnaround.

   b. Approval/Denial to hire surveyor to lay out turnaround: Motion by Sup. Mathein to contract with a surveyor to properly lay out the road and determine the existing turnaround plan with the surveyor to lay it out in the survey. Second by Sup. Albright. All in favor. Motion carried.

   c. Approval/Denial of landowner letter maintenance plan: Motion by Sup. Mathein to table this item. Second by Sup. Albright. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Old 8 Road:

   a. Open Bids: There were two bids received. Chairman opened both bids and stated the prices for each of the 3 options. This proposed project is on Old 8 from Friendly Drive south to the corner on Hess Road. Per John H. Option #1 is to gravel and grind the whole section. Option #2 is to pave 1511' from Friendly Drive south. Option #3 is to continue paving another 440'.
   Pitlik & Wick: Option #1 $ 55,412 Option #2 $ 44930 Option #3 $ 11861 (but only if done with Option #2)
   American Asphalt: Option #1 $ 66,827 Option #2 $ 53,977.50 Option #3 $ 16,409.25 (again, only with Option #2)

   b. Approval/Denial of Bid: Motion by Sup. Mathein to table this item to review the bids. Second by Sup. Albright. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. Letter of Resignation from Town Clerk: Motion by Sup. Albright to accept the letter of resignation from the town clerk. Second by Sup. Mathein. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. Set Dates for Budget Meetings: The meetings were set for September 15, 2026 at 8:00am and September 29, 2026 at 8am.

4. Applications for Road Crew Position:

   a. Open Applications: There were 3 applications turned in. Per Sup. Albright, one applicant does not have a CDL. This applicant will not be interviewed at this time, as he does not meet the minimum criteria listed.

   b. Select Applicants to Interview: The board will interview the two remaining applicants.

   c. Set Date for Interviews: Interviews will be held Tuesday, August 25, 2026 starting at 6:00pm.

5. Review assessor's contract that ends December 31, 2026:

   a. Set plan for new contract: The Chairman will contact Todd Anderson asking for a new contract.

6. Approval/Denial of Propane Contract:

   Motion by Sup. Mathein to approve Tripoli Propane's $1.49 contract. Second by Sup. Albright. All in favor. Motion carried.

7. Fire Department by the Fire Chief:

   It has been a busy month, including a few MABAS calls.
   Volunteers are needed.

8. Correspondence: None

9. Oneida County Board Update: Presented by Chris Schultz.

   The County Board signed a moratorium on data centers for one year. This gives the board time to set criteria for requests to build data centers.
   Sup. Mathein asked if there is any information about the Willow Road project.
   The Chairman asked when the meeting is in Nokomis in regards to them doing an addition on their building to assist the ambulance service. The meeting is on August 29, 2026.

10. Public Comment (2 minutes per person):

    Debbie Martin asked what the process is for the work on Old 8 Road? She also asked if any bids were requested to pave the whole road? And can the road have a weight restriction?
    Craig Lang asked how the dust will be controlled?
    Jerry Marquardt asked if the road can just be paved and skip the grind and gravel part? He also asked if the weight limits can be on longer in the spring? Is there a plan to pave it in the future?
    Richard Hott asked if there would be a tax evaluation on the property owners?
    Debbie Martin asked about all the new lots in the township and doesn't that bring in extra tax money to the town?

11. Adjourn: Sup. Mathein made a motion to adjourn. Second by Sup. Albright. All in favor. Motion carried.
    The meeting adjourned at 5:32pm.

Christine Sully – Clerk August 31, 2026