

**MINUTES
TOWN OF PLOVER BOARD MEETING
MAY 20, 2026**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Garbe called the meeting of the Town of Plover Town Board to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Supervisors Bentley, Firkus, and Pavelski; Clerk/Treasurer Weller; Superintendent of Highways William Honaker; Town of Plover residents Priscilla Garbe, Thomas Haferman, Theresa Lasota, Michael Schoenholz, and Rex Weller; James Hopp of Best Excavating & Trucking, LLC, and Alex Wong of the Point/Plover Metro Wire. Auditor David Minch of KerberRose S.C. participated in the meeting via speaker phone. Supervisor Tuttle was excused.

2. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Chairman Garbe reported on non-compliance issues identified at the 110th Street railroad crossing and Local Small Structure Improvement Program funding updates. Clerk/Treasurer Weller mentioned that a Town of Plover plow truck driver is pursuing another job opportunity next winter and will only be available on an emergency basis.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

4. REPORT BY KERBERROSE REGARDING 2025 AUDIT:

Auditor David Minch of KerberRose S.C. presented highlights of Town of Plover audit results and financial reports and answered questions. He noted that KerberRose's clean or unmodified audit opinion is the highest level of assurance that can be given on a set of financial statements and recognized the Town's quality financial records and strong financial position.

5. SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARING DATE AFTER REVIEW OF PLAN COMMISSION RESOLUTION FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CHANGE REGARDING AL PAVELSKI REQUEST:

Supervisor Bentley made the motion to schedule the public hearing on the proposed amendment to the Town of Plover Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map for June 25, 2026, at 6:00 PM. Supervisor Firkus seconded the motion, the question was called, and the motion carried. Chairman Garbe and Supervisors Bentley and Firkus voted for the motion; Supervisor Pavelski abstained.

6. HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PURCHASES:

Superintendent of Highways William Honaker reported on crack filling and a melter repair, road patching on Harding Avenue near Kwik Trip, a project on Kennedy Avenue south of Porter Drive, tree removal on Biron Drive East, grading activities and retrieving shoulders, and a mechanical problem with the grader.

7. APPOINTMENT OF HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Chairman Garbe made the motion to appoint William Honaker as Superintendent of Highways for a one-year term, effective June 1, 2026. Supervisor Pavelski seconded the motion, the question was called, and the motion failed in a roll call vote. Chairman Garbe and Supervisor Pavelski voted for the motion; Supervisors Bentley and Firkus voted against the motion.

8. UPDATE ON 80TH STREET JURISDICTIONAL TRANSFER:

Chairman Garbe provided details of negotiations with the Village of Biron and Wood County regarding a possible new jurisdictional transfer and shared road agreement. The current proposal would involve the Town of Plover taking full responsibility for the maintenance and reconstruction of the roughly three-tenths-mile section of the former Wood County Highway U (80th Street) covered by the 2019 jurisdictional transfer agreement after Wood County replaces the culvert and reconditions the road; the Village of Biron would take full responsibility for the maintenance of the soon-to-be-transferred roughly nine-tenths-mile section of the former Wood County Highway U (80th Street) between North Biron Drive and State Highway 54, and future major improvement expenses of that section would be split equally between the Town of Plover and the Village of Biron. Going forward, each municipality would retain its share of General Transportation Aids, and the Town of Plover would control driveway permitting on the east side of the road.

9. PLAN COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

Michael Baumann, Jared Feltz, Richard Pingel, Robert Slovensky, and William Sniadajewski were previously appointed to the Town of Plover Plan Commission; Christopher Brooks was previously appointed as an alternate member. Baumann's term, Pingel's term, and Sniadajewski's term ended April 2026. Slovensky's term ends April 2027. Brooks's term and Feltz's term end April 2028.

Supervisor Bentley made the motion to appoint Supervisor Pavelski as the Town of Plover Town Board representative on the Town of Plover Plan Commission and to appoint Supervisor Pavelski as the Town of Plover Plan Commission Chairman with a term ending April 2027, to appoint Christopher Brooks to the Town of Plover Plan Commission with a term ending April 2028, to appoint Michael Baumann to the Town of Plover Plan Commission with a term ending April 2029, and to appoint alternate Robin Spindler to the Town of Plover Plan Commission with a term ending April 2029. Supervisor Firkus seconded the motion, the question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

10. MERCHANT SELLER'S PERMIT FOR SNAP FIREWORKS:

Supervisor Bentley made the motion to approve the Merchant Seller's Permit Application for Michael Callaway of R and M Enterprises, Inc., DBA Snap Fireworks, operating at 5261 State Highway 54 East. Supervisor Firkus seconded the motion, the question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

11. RESOLUTION ADDRESSING DIRECTIVE OF ANNUAL MEETING ELECTORS REGARDING TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

There was discussion but no action.

12. OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO TOWN BOARD TO ASSIST CLERK/TREASURER:

There was discussion but no action.

13. CONSIDERATION OF EXPENDITURE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE:

There was discussion but no action.

14. TIMELINE FOR INFORMATION TO BE AVAILABLE TO THE BOARD PRIOR TO BOARD ACTION AT TOWN BOARD MEETINGS:

There was discussion but no action.

15. AUTHORIZATION FOR LEGAL EXPENSES FOR PORTAGE SOLAR JDA COMPLIANCE ISSUES:

Chairman Garbe reported on concerns about Portage Solar, LLC, financial assurance to Portage County in support of decommissioning, including the lack of a communicated decommissioning plan.

Supervisor Bentley made the motion to authorize Chairman Garbe to engage legal counsel to address Portage Solar, LLC, financial assurance issues related to decommissioning. Supervisor Firkus seconded the motion, the question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

16. SNOW PLOWING POLICY/PROTOCOL:

The Town of Plover Snow Plowing Policy was reviewed and discussed.

Supervisor Bentley made the motion to approve the Town of Plover Snow Plowing Policy as presented with recommended changes. Supervisor Firkus seconded the motion, the question was called, and the motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

17. MINUTES OF TOWN BOARD MEETINGS AND ANY OTHER MINUTES TO BE PRESENTED:

Supervisor Bentley made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2026, town board meeting as presented. Supervisor Pavelski seconded the motion, the question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Garbe made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2026, town board meeting as presented with changes. The motion was not seconded.

Chairman Garbe made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2026, town board meeting as presented with the removal of the first sentence under agenda item eight. Supervisor Bentley seconded the motion, the question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

18. RECONCILED BANK STATEMENTS AND CASH SUMMARY:

- **RECONCILED BANK STATEMENTS OF APRIL 30, 2026:**

The Portage County Bank NOW checking account reconciled at \$43,223.19 on April 30, 2026. **Supervisor Bentley made the motion to approve the Portage County Bank statement reconciliation as presented, Supervisor Firkus seconded, the question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.**

The Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) committed and uncommitted accounts reconciled at a total of \$1,416,357.99 on April 30, 2026. **Supervisor Bentley made the motion to approve the LGIP statement reconciliation as presented, Supervisor Firkus seconded, the question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.**

- **CASH SUMMARY AS OF MAY 19, 2026, AT 5:30 PM:**

Town of Plover cash totaled \$1,460,883.03, consisting of \$222,603.75 committed funds and \$1,238,279.28 uncommitted funds. **Supervisor Bentley made the motion to approve the cash summary as presented, Supervisor Firkus seconded, the question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.**

19. BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:

There were no budget adjustments presented.

20. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT, SIGNING OF VOUCHER LIST, AND AUTHORIZATION OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS:

Supervisor Bentley made the motion to approve the payment of \$37,823.11 to cover Checks 28338 through 28356 and electronic funds transfer EFT042Q26. Supervisor Firkus seconded the motion, the question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

21. FUTURE MEETING DATES AND AGENDA ITEMS:

Open Book will be held on Thursday, May 28, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM; Board of Review will be held on Thursday, June 4, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

The next regular town board meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, and Thursday, June 25, at 6:00 PM. Future agendas may include the fire and emergency medical services contract with the Village of Plover, consideration of a permit application for the use of fireworks, merchant seller's permitting for a second fireworks vendor, alcohol licensing, and the proposed amendment to the Town of Plover Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map.

22. ADJOURNMENT:

Supervisor Pavelski made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM, Supervisor Bentley seconded, the question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Patricia Weller, Clerk/Treasurer
Approved: 06/09/26