DRAFT MINUTES
TOWN OF PLOVER BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**
   Chairman Garbe called the meeting of the Town of Plover Town Board to order at 5:45 PM. Also present were Supervisors Bentley, Firkus, Pavelski, and Tuttle; Clerk/Treasurer Weller; Superintendent of Highways William Honaker; and job applicant Quade Travers.

2. **MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO CONDUCT INTERVIEW FOR EMPLOYMENT IN PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, PURSUANT TO WISCONSIN STATUTES SECTION 19.85(1)(c): CONSIDERING EMPLOYMENT, PROMOTION, COMPENSATION OR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION DATA OF ANY PUBLIC EMPLOYEE OVER WHICH THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY HAS JURISDICTION OR EXERCISES RESPONSIBILITY:**
   Chairman Garbe made the motion to go into closed session at 5:46 PM to conduct an interview for employment in the Town of Plover Public Works Department, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 19.85(1)(c). Supervisor Pavelski seconded the motion, the question was called, and the motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

3. **MOTION TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION:**
   Supervisor Bentley made the motion to reconvene in open session at 5:58 PM, Supervisor Tuttle seconded, the question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

   Chairman Garbe called the open session portion of the meeting of the Town of Plover Town Board to order at 6:01 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Joining the meeting were Town of Plover residents Thomas Haferman, Theresa Lasota, Michael Schoenholz, and Lillian Schotten; resident and Plover Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors President Christopher Brooks; and Plover Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Executive Director Christopher Skowronski.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS:**
   Supervisor Pavelski mentioned drivers mudding on Kennedy Avenue while it has been closed due to flooding. Chairman Garbe noted that Wisconsin Public Service Corporation will need access soon for natural gas pipeline construction.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
   There were no public comments.

6. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PLOVER AREA CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU INTRODUCTION:**
   New Plover Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Executive Director Christopher Skowronski introduced himself and, along with Board of Directors President Christopher Brooks, provided updates on tourism promotion efforts and answered questions regarding communications and upcoming events.

7. **DIRECTIVE FOR BRUSHING/CLEARING OF OBSTRUCTIONS AND GROWTH ON POPLAR DRIVE:**
   Board members and meeting attendees discussed roadside brushing.

Chairman Garbe made the motion to accept the offer of Christopher Brooks to take care of Poplar Drive tree trimming on his own, refrain from operating rented equipment on the road this year, and reevaluate the situation when brushing equipment is contracted again in the future. Supervisor Pavelski seconded the motion, the question was called, and the motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

8. **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PURCHASES:**
   Superintendent of Highways William Honaker reported on limbing in subdivisions, patching on Forest Drive, heavy truck traffic detouring on Town of Plover roads while railroad crossings are closed on State Highway 54, planned weight limit sign installation, removal of solar traffic signage, and a stop sign repair.

9. **AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYMENT:**
   Supervisor Bentley made the motion to offer part-time snow plowing employment to Quade Travers in the Town of Plover Public Works Department. Supervisor Tuttle seconded the motion, the question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

10. **PERSONNEL POLICY AMENDMENT TO CONSIDER GUARANTEED HOURS FOR SNOW PLOW DRIVERS:**
    Board members and meeting attendees discussed possible incentives to recruit and retain snow plow drivers such as a guarantee of forty hours of wages during a winter season and additional call-in pay. They also suggested advertising employment opportunities on the Town of Plover website and various Facebook pages.

11. **AUTHORIZATION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF LSSIP GRANT FOR BIRON DRIVE EAST BRIDGE PROJECT:**
    Chairman Garbe explained the need to accept the 2026-2027 Local Small Structure Improvement Program (LSSIP) State Municipal Project Agreement to proceed with engineering work relating to the replacement of the bridge over Crooked Rift Creek on Biron Drive East next year.

    Supervisor Bentley made the motion to accept the Wisconsin Department of Transportation 2026-2027 Local Small Structure Improvement Program (LSSIP) State Municipal Project Agreement. Supervisor Pavelski seconded the motion, the question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

12. **DOUBLE YELLOW LINE STRIPING ON THE CURVE AT BIRON DRIVE EAST/80TH STREET:**
    Board members supported applying two hundred yards of double yellow line striping on the curve at Biron Drive East and 80th Street, anticipated to cost less than $400.00, after previously installing signage to mitigate safety concerns.

13. **FIVE-YEAR ROAD PLAN:**
    Chairman Garbe noted the addition of chip sealing on Forest Drive and wedging on Meehan Drive to 2027 projects, as well as answered questions about potential grant applications and the impact of future revenue from solar farms.

14. **MINUTES OF TOWN BOARD MEETINGS AND ANY OTHER MINUTES TO BE PRESENTED:**
    Supervisor Pavelski made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2026, town board meeting as presented. Supervisor Firkus seconded the motion, the question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

15. RECONCILED BANK STATEMENTS AND CASH SUMMARY:

- **RECONCILED BANK STATEMENTS:**
  This item will appear on the next town board meeting agenda.

- **CASH SUMMARY AS OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2026, AT 9:00 PM:**
  Town of Plover cash totaled $1,266,303.74 consisting of $225,367.39 committed funds and $1,040,936.35 uncommitted funds. **Supervisor Bentley made the motion to approve the cash summary as presented, Supervisor Tuttle seconded, the question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.**

16. BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:
There were no budget adjustments presented.

17. 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 $16,445.43 to cover Checks 28516 through 28527 and electronic funds transfer EFT083Q26. Supervisor Firkus seconded the motion, the question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Bentley made the motion to preapprove payments to Best Western Plover Hotel and Kafka Road Materials, LLC. Supervisor Firkus seconded the motion, the question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

18. FUTURE MEETING DATES AND AGENDA ITEMS:
The next regular town board meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, October 6, and Tuesday, October 20, at 6:00 PM. Future agendas will include 2027 budgeting and consideration of engineering work pertaining to the replacement of the bridge over Crooked Rift Creek on Biron Drive East.

Supervisor Tuttle submitted his letter of resignation, effective immediately, due to recent changes in his personal life. Board members recommended filling the vacancy rather than leaving the position open until the spring.

19. ADJOURNMENT:
Supervisor Tuttle made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 PM, Supervisor Pavelski seconded, the question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Patricia Weller, Clerk/Treasurer
Approved: