

Town of Springwater
Annual Meeting
April 21, 2026

Meeting called to order by C/Hernandez.

Motion by S/Baitinger, Second by S/Johnson to accept the 2025 minutes as read. Motion carried.

Clerk Yeska presented the 2025 Annual Financial Report

Motion by Joe Herman, Second by Kim Rose to vote by raising of hands. Motion carried.

C/Hernandez reminded the audience that only qualified electors in the Town of Springwater are allowed to vote. C/Hernandez also shared that per State Statutes, while the Annual meeting allows electors to vote on certain matters, the Motions may only be advisory and the Board may or may not act on them.

Joe Herman spoke in regards to the Walk-In Public Access sites. Joe shared since the realization that the Town is not liable for injury that could occur on the Public Accesses he did not feel they should be sold. Electors questioned what the DNR has said on this matter, if the Town truly is not liable for injury on the said properties and if the sale of the access sites has to be "all or nothing". Some felt the properties should be sold and put the properties on the tax roll. C/Hernandez said his response from the DNR has been slow as people he's been in contact with have retired and he hasn't gotten a clear answer on this matter. He was told that if we sell an Access Point on a Lake we have to replace it with another site. Motion by Joe Herman to rescind the previous resolution that authorized the Board to sell the properties and feels it's in the Public's best interest and the entire Town of Springwater population that those access points remain available to them. Second by Mary Seibel. Motion carried 12 yay, 3 nay.

Discussion surrounding the sale and management of the Covered Bridge House. Suggestions were to hire a private management company or raise the building and put in a pavilion and parking area. Motion by Joe Herman (revised) to consider other options rather than selling the Covered Bridge Park House and buildings. Second by Deb Geirach. Motion carried 12 yay, 3 nay. Motion by Kim Rose, Second by Susan Herman to explore other opportunities to enhance the Covered Bridge House property. Motion carried 10 yay, 3 nay.

Motion by S/Johnson, Second by S/Baitinger to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted to the Board by Clerk, Carolann Yeska