

MINUTES

July Regular Board Meeting

Village Office, Wednesday, July 15, 2026 5:33 p.m. – 6:25 p.m.

Regular Village Board meeting for the Village of Cobb was called to order at 5:30 pm by President Liz Lenz.

Members Attending: President – Liz Lenz, Trustees – Kristen Schoville, Marlin Harms, Renee Linscheid (arrived at 5:36 p.m.), Alisha Martin, Nick Klaas, and Alaina Benton

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Village Clerk – Lisa Riley, Public Works Director – Mark Flanagan

Public Present: Jim Smith on behalf of the Cobb-Eden Fire District

Public Notices: MOTION (Schoville, Klaas): motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve posting of agenda at the following four places: Cobb Post Office, Cobb Food Mart, Royal Bank, and the Village Office on Monday, July 13, 2026, and compliance of the open meeting law.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes: MOTION (Harms, Martin): a motion carried by voice vote to approve the Regular Village Board June 17th meeting minutes, as presented.

Treasurer's Report: MOTION (Martin, Benton): a motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the June Treasurer's report and approve transferring funds to LGIP for a better interest rate.

COMMITTEE & COMMISSION REPORTS

Library Board – The May 19th agenda, minutes and May statistics were reviewed, along with the June 16th agenda. Alaina Benton updated the Board that the Library Summer Programs have had a lot of attendance. She also stated that Carrie Jewell had gotten a library sign quote from Signs2Go out of Platteville. Liz Lenz commented that she had sent pictures of the Village Office sign, along with the Library sign to the company working on the Village Welcome signs. They are hoping for a final design by Corn Roast for approval, with sign completion 2-3 weeks following in about September.

Cobb-Highland Recreation Commission – The July 8th, 2026 agenda was provided. No June meeting minutes were available, as no meeting was held due to lack of quorum.

Fire District Board – The Open House is this Saturday, July 18th from 11am-2pm. They will be serving hamburgers and hot dogs. Med Flight will be landing and they will have the Fire House available. Members went door to door with flyers about the event.

Splash Pad- Renee Linscheid stated the last Summer Rec game is being held tonight. There were less games held in Cobb this year than anticipated. Livingston may purchase the remaining food items, since they host most of the games.

Entrance Sign Committee- Since they were unable to find a meeting date to get together, feedback was sent by email. Information was compiled and sent to review design.

CITIZENS AND DELEGATIONS- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Future Cobb Community Center Rent Amount/Cobb-Eden Fire District – Jim Smith, representing the Cobb-Eden Fire District, was in attendance for this agenda item along with the next one. Discussion followed regarding potentially rolling out a 5-year plan for rent amounts, to assist with budget preparations. Board members commented they felt the Village did not hold up on their end of the deal for some improvements that were going to be done to the building – roof, cracked floor (area closest to the bathroom). They would also like to see the actual costs for the Village to maintain the Community Center/Fire Station. Discussion followed regarding repairs of the floor in the Fire Station and the need to trust advice from the professionals.

MOTION (Linscheid, Klaas); motion carried by unanimous vote recommending keeping the Fire District flat for 2027 (\$19,000) and effective in 2028 the committee will meet to create a five-year plan of rent amounts to assist with long-term budgeting.

Agreement Continuing the Joint Fire District of the Village of Cobb & Town of Eden—Jim Smith addressed the Board regarding the current agreement and wanted to update the members that the District has been deficit spending the last couple of years and the need to eventually increase the levy amounts to the municipalities. An annual meeting is not required. Discussion held regarding emergency crisis, if it were to arise, and the option of borrowing monies if a piece of equipment fails or some other type of emergency occurs. He stated that verbiage should be included in the agreement to address the procedure of large expenditures. The Village should work with Fire Chief Steve Linscheid to get language updated to include a provision for large unexpected expenditures. It was agreed that the current relationship is good and want it to continue.

MOTION (Linscheid, Martin); motion carried by unanimous vote recommending the agreement names and dates be updated, along with emergency spending verbiage to be included in the agreement by working with Fire Chief Steve Linscheid.

NEW BUSINESS

Cobb Volunteer Fire Dept – Temporary Class B Retailer’s License for Cobb Corn Roast August 4-9, 2026 at Scheper Park /Cobb Community Center, 109 Gard Way/404 Motel Street–

MOTION (Klaas, Schoville); motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the Temporary Class B Retailer’s License for Cobb Corn Roast August 4-9, 2026 at Scheper Park /Cobb Community Center, 109 Gard Way/404 Motel Street.

Cobb Corn Roast Event August 4-9, 2026 – Temporary Operator Licenses for John Wienkes, Jerry Spurley, Renee Linscheid, Mark Flanagan, and Elizabeth Lenz –

MOTION (Klaas, Martin); motion carried by unanimous vote to approve the Temporary Operator Licenses for John Wienkes, Jerry Spurley, Renee Linscheid, Mark Flanagan, and Elizabeth Lenz for the Cobb Corn Roast Event August 4-9, 2026 as presented.

Renew 2-Year Operator License for Brent Rider (Ends June 30, 2028) -

MOTION (Linscheid, Harms); motion carried by unanimous vote to approve a 2-Year Operator Renewal License for Brent Rider (Ends June 30, 2028)

Personnel Committee – Establish Timeline for Public Works Hiring/Planning for Mark’s Upcoming Retirement –

Discussed the need to establish a timeline for the hiring process for a public works employee as Mark’s upcoming retirement is quickly approaching.

Consider/Approve Replacing Village Office Toilets

MOTION (Schoville, Martin); motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote (Benton – Aye, Linscheid – Aye, Schoville – Aye, Martin – Aye, Harms – Aye, Klaas – Aye, Lenz – Aye) to approve replacing both toilets at the Village Office with high rise toilets.

New 2-Year Operator Licenses for Victoria Fritsch and Logan Eastman (Ends June 30, 2028) -

MOTION (Klaas, Benton); motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the New 2-Year Operator Licenses for Victoria Fritsch and Logan Eastman.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Board of Review training materials are available. Reminder that it is required by law to have at least one person certified, but she is recommending all board members go through the training since this is a revaluation assessment year.

- Attorney Eric Hagen is out on paternity leave until August 14th
- Cobb Corn Roast will be August 4th – 9th
- Clerk Lisa Riley informed the Board about new election expense charges the Village will now be billed for from Iowa County per the County's 2027 budget that were previously covered by Iowa County
- The first hail damage insurance claim check of \$171,900.26 has been received. Additional documentation will be forthcoming from the insurance adjuster.

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR THE MONTH: MOTION (Linscheid, Martin) motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote (Benton – Aye, Linscheid – Aye, Schoville – Aye, Martin – Aye, Harms – Aye, Klaas – Aye, Lenz – Aye) to approve the monthly bills including the reimbursement payment to Jared Yager for the desk.

Adjournment: MOTION (Linscheid, Klaas); The motion carried by unanimous voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Riley, Village Clerk/Treasurer