

COTTON TOWN BOARD MEETING

May 24, 2005

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:30 p.m. in the township office, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were, Chair Terry Nelson, Supervisor Dennis Olsen, Treasurer Debbie Leppala and Clerk Sandi Nelson. Resident and guest present were Ginger Kinsley and Pete Malherek.

The clerk read the minutes. Olsen motioned, supported by Nelson to approve the minutes of the May 12th town board meeting as read. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Kinsley informed the Board that the 4-H Club went to CC Riders and was given \$750 for the community garden. Kinsley discussed the grant she is writing for the Cotton park. Plans are to have a blacktop multipurpose area to include parking, a basketball area and a tennis court behind the rink.

Malherek discussed his property on the Whiteface River. Malherek purchased land on the Whiteface does not have enough property to build by the St. Louis River Board plan which is 9 acres of land and 600 feet of river frontage. Malherek would like to know what the Board thinks of seeing if Cotton could be exempt of the zoning regulations of the St. Louis River Management Plan. The Board discussed this issue at the May 12th meeting and an article will be written for the Chronicle. A letter will be written to St. Louis County Commissioners. Malherek is glad that the Board is working on this issue.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Hall rental discussion was tabled to the June 9th town board meeting. T. Nelson motioned, supported by Olsen that Leppala may spend up to \$200 for flowers for the hall area. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

T. Nelson motioned, supported by Olsen to send free issues of the Chronicle to all in the military from the Cotton area. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Dust control discussion was tabled to the June 9th town board meeting. Rodda's road notes were read and filed.

Tuhkanen will dig for the water line coming from the old well and Triebwasser will help. Leppala has taken pictures at Leuelling for the FDR grant. Leppala will contact Justus Peterson.

Cemetery: Planters have been placed by the flag pole. Some trimming has been done. Will check on the old well.

CPSSD discussion was tabled to the June 9th town board meeting.

Dennis Olsen gave an update of the Cotton web site. Olsen went to the Cotton school and DAT meeting and they were impressed. Things are going well. The home page can include a place to sell the history book, documentary video, centennial cookbook, parks & rec fund raiser info, fiddle weekend, photo gallery for parks & rec, etc. Suggested ideas for business advertising (\$20 a month)

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and links (\$5.00 a year). There has been about 3000 hits to the web site. Discussed e-mail addresses for the town board. Leppala will take pictures for the web site.

PTSO tile fund raiser was tabled to the June 9th meeting.

Discussed why Cotton township has never passed a local ordinance. As there is no local constable to enforce the ordinance, no ordinances have been passed.

Discussed the construction taking place on highway 53 and the 4-way stop planned.

As there was no further business, T. Nelson motioned, supported by Olsen that the meeting be adjourned at 9:10 p.m. Terry Nelson aye. Dennis Olsen aye. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk

Approved:

Town Chair

Date