

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

Chairman Gary Thomack called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Board members: Chairman Gary Thomack, Supervisor Ken Genskow (arrived at 7:35PM), Supervisor Sean Shumaker, Treasurer Tammy Adams, and Clerk Karen Habeck

Public included: Brain Westfahl, Bill Korth, Vern Kratzke, Curt Korth, Larry & Dawn Bretzel, Richard Briske, Dotty Nolan, Arlyn Tober, Lynn Tober-Steinke, Joe Loesl, Bernie Hintz, Geoffrey Brei, Duane & Jamie Buettner, Allen Heling, Tom Teske, Wheeler Teske, Le Teske, Greg Teske, Gerald Teske, PJ Courchaine, Roy Kleisch, Max Kleisch and Susan Conalas.

The Clerk read the agenda that had been posted in three public places, put on the website, and published in the Marion Advertiser. The minutes were read from the August 11, 2025, Board meeting. Motion was made by Thomack/Shumaker to approve the minutes as read. Motion was carried by voice vote with both in favor.

Public Input: County Supervisor Lynn Tober-Steinke reported that the County Board reviewed input from Sheriff George Lenzner and Grant Bystol of the Hwy. Dept., concerning violations of speeding and drinking intoxicants while operating ATV and UTVs. As there were no rules consistent with driving a motor vehicle for these violations, officers were not able to incur fines and enforce regulation on ATV/UTV drivers/occupants. A county ordinance was presented to the County Board giving the law enforcement opportunity to site those that are in violation. The vote was 20 yes, and 4 voting no....the ordinance passes and will now be enforced.... Mike Trinko has been appointed to fill the County Board seat that was vacated for Raymond Rigsby to accept the County Clerk job.

Supervisor Shumaker reported that he is in contact with six companies for what information a consulting firm could give the town about the hydroelectric plant operation and possible costs of hiring a consultant to help the Board decide how to proceed, be it with Roy Kleisch, the town operating it, or abandoning the project all together. More information is forth coming.

As the Clerk will be attending the WTA Convention in October, **the regularly scheduled Board meeting for October will be Tuesday, October 14, at 7:00PM.**

Zoning: Nothing to report.

Roads: The Board had done an on-site inspection of the water issue on Angle Road. Mr. Howard installed a large culvert on his property....this will have to be monitored over the winter for freeze up in the ditch, which deters the flow of Spring runoff; with part of the problem stemming from the spring fed pond across the road.

The Treasurer reported that the August bills totaled \$28,735.68, leaving a balance of \$855.62 in the checking account and \$506,012.64 in the Premier Savings Account. Motion was made by Shumaker/Thomack to approve the August report and pay the September bills. Motion carried by voice vote with three in favor, zero against.

The Board reviewed the three-year contract that would begin in January 2026 with Larry Pruess, town assessor. The costs include doing a re-evaluation of the Town in 2026. Costs are as follows: Maintenance cost for 2027 being \$8000, with a 3% increase in the following year of 2028...The 2026 cost for market update of 1247 parcels is \$24,940, to be paid in 12 monthly installments. The Town will pay for the cost of the yearly software needed. Motion was made by Shumaker/Thomack to approve the contract as presented. Motion carried by voice vote with three in favor, zero against. Be it noted, a resident reported that he was not happy with his visit with Mr. Preuss at Open Book in May concerning his tax bill. He **did not** fill out paperwork and come to the Board of Review that was held at the end of May. Residents can fill out paperwork which must be filed with the Clerk at least 48 hours prior to BOR, the filer then states their case at that meeting for the BOR to hear. Burden of proof falls totally on the filer. The BOR reviews the evidence and decides if a change should be made one way or the other.

The Clerk presented the information concerning a conditional use permit that had been issued by the Zoning Committee in Nov. of 2004 for placement of a mobile home at N3804 County Road D, Marion, WI. Up until about 12 years ago, permits were approved by the zoning committee alone and not brought to the Board for approval, as is the case now. The stipulations included that the owner, Gerald Teske's son Tom, was to be the only occupant. With the death of his mother, Tom is planning to move into her house, and the mobile home would be unoccupied....He requested that an amendment be made at this time for him to possibly rent out the mobile home until he is able to remove it from the property. Motion was made by Shumaker/Thomack to allow Tom the option to rent out the property or leave vacant for a period of one year, to Sept. 8, 2026. Upon which time this will be reviewed again for further action as needed by the Board. Motion carried by voice vote with three in favor, zero against.

The DNR has requested an update be made to the "Responsible Unit" ordinance for recycling for all municipalities in the State. This is to be completed by April of 2026. The Clerk typed up the ordinance for the Board to review before the October Board meeting, at which time it will be on the agenda for review and approval.

With no further business, motion was made by Shumaker/Genskow to adjourn the meeting. **The next meeting will be TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025 7:00PM in the Pella Town Hall.**