

Township of Bloomington
Thursday, January 15th, 2026
Special Town Board Meeting Minutes

A Special Town Board Meeting of the Town of Bloomington was called to order on Thursday, January 15th, 2026 by Chairman Bill Erdenberger. Roll call was taken; other members present were Supervisor I Mike Patterson, Supervisor II David Mergen, Clerk Jane Patterson and public member Steve Morgan (Grant County Highway Commissioner). Motion (Bill Erdenberger) seconded (David Mergen) was made to approve the posting of the January 15th Special Town Board Meeting and Agenda, motion carried.

Grant County Highway Commissioner, Steve Morgan, explained the Wis DOT state inspection report for the bridge on Texas Road. The bridge shows deterioration that didn't elevate the rating to severe/critical condition but stated that the bridge should be added to the list for repair/replacement as soon as possible. It was advised in the report that the board should consider posting weight restriction signs for the bridge. With a rating scale of one to ten, the bridge was rated a five (5) overall. The board and Steve also discussed the Wis DOT assistance programs that are available to help finance bridge/road reconstruction and said getting a head start on this project before something happens to the bridge is the right way to proceed.

Motion (Bill Erdenberger) second (David Mergen) was made to reduce the weight limit on the bridge to 20 tons, on a voice roll call, yes-3, no-0, motion carried. Four weight restricted signs will need to be placed: one at the Maple and Texas intersection, one at the County A or Cottonwood and Texas intersection and two at the bridge. The bridge on Ohio Road was also inspected and was given a rating of six (6).

Motion (Mike Patterson) second (David Mergen) was made to move ahead with the Texas Road Bridge Project, on a voice roll call, yes-3, no-0, motion carried. Motion (Mike Patterson) second (Bill Erdenberger) was made to finance the project through the Wis DOT ARIP program or any other Wis DOT program(s) that help finance bridge reconstruction, on a voice roll call, yes-3, no-0.

The board held a teleconference call with Scott Whitsett of Jewell Associates Engineers, Inc to discuss a Professional Services Agreement presented to the Board by Jewell. After a brief discussion, motion (Mike Patterson) second (Bill Erdenberger) was made to accept and approve the Professional Services Agreement presented by Jewel to provide initial project scoping, structure sizing for various options, roadway profile and alignment changes, project cost estimates for each option and an ARIP application prepared and submitted, on a voice roll call, yes-3, no-0, motion carried.

Motion (Bill Erdenberger), second (David Mergen) was made to adjourn the Special Town Board Meeting, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted
Jane Patterson-Clerk
Town of Bloomington