

ANNUAL MEETING

MARCH 11, 2025

The annual meeting of Hutchinson Township, County of McLeod, State of Minnesota, was held at Gopher Campfire, County Road 7, Hutchinson, MN 55350 on Tuesday March 11, 2025.

The meeting was called to order by Clerk Craig Schmeling. 14 residents attended the meeting. The group was led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Joe Nagel & County Administrator Sheila Murphy handed out a McLeod County Update pamphlet and Joe mentioned that residents that have issues with their property taxes should contact the assessor's office right away and not wait as once things are passed a point, there isn't much that can be done. No further questions were asked

HFD – Brandon Vik said the burn permit system is working pretty well as long as people call in. He also stated that with the current dry conditions to make sure you call in prior to burning to make sure we aren't in a burning ban. No questions were asked

McLeod County Sheriff's Deputy Draper – Said there weren't any big crime sprees in the County at the time, but that can change. No questions were asked

Brent Uecker moved to appoint Mykensi Uecker as moderator. Second by Michelle Uecker. Motion carried on a voice vote.

The minutes of the 2024 annual meeting were read. Dan Gensmer moved to approve the minutes. Roger Fimon seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

The Board of Audit Report was read. Dan Gensmer moved to approve the report. Roger Fimon seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote.

The Road Report was read. Dan Gensmer made a motion to accept the Road Report as read. Roger Fimon seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

Levies for 2026:

After discussing the financial needs of the Township and that no extra work is known of, but everything is getting more expensive, Roger Fimon moved to set the Road and Bridge Levy at \$280,500.00. Dan Gensmer seconded the motion. Motion carried with by voice vote.

Discussion was held on the General Levy and that things are increasing in cost all over and that there will be elections in 2026. Doug Hanneman made a motion to set the General Levy at \$57,000.00. Dan Gensmer seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

Following discussion including that there is no upcoming new firetruck purchases set for 2026, and our annual fire fee was set at \$45,745.00. Dan Gensmer motioned to set the Fire Levy at \$46,000.00. Doug Hanneman seconded. Motion carried with a voice vote.

General Discussion:

Nothing was brought forward.

Franklin Svoboda moved to set the 2026 annual meeting for March 10, 2026 at 2:00 pm at Gopher Campfire. Second by Dan Gensmer Motion carried with a voice vote.

Elections – The Clerk mentioned that Hutchinson Township election polls will open shortly after the meeting with 1 Supervisor position and the Treasurer position up for election. Brent Uecker is running for Supervisor and Michelle Uecker is running for Treasurer both unopposed.

Good of the Township: - Roger Fimon mentioned the area near 210th St and north that is flooded and is concerned with the ditch banks eventually eroding. Brent Uecker stated there isn't much the Township could do until it affects the road. Brent suggested the land owners contact the County as a first step and see what they say as the DNR likes the higher water level.

- Doug Hanneman mentioned a group he is part of that is tracking accidents in our area and the state and they are increasing again. Doug suggested to the group that if they know reckless drivers to try to talk to them and tell them to drive safer.

There being no further business, Roger Fimon made a motion to adjourn. Dan Gensmer seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Election Judges:

Craig Schmeling

Cheryl Beilke

Craig Powell