

**OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING OF Thursday, May 14th, 2026.**

The Grant Valley Town Board of Supervisors met for their regularly scheduled monthly business meeting on Thursday, May 14th, 2026 at the Grant Valley Town Hall.

Board Members present were, Chairman Hiltz, Supervisor Hiltz, Supervisor Eckman, Treasurer Slough, Clerk Stevens and Road Supervisor Christianson.

Chairman Hiltz welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order with the pledge to the flag at 7:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Eckman made a motion to approve the April 9th, 2026, Regular Meeting, April 22nd, 2026, with one correction, Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion and it carried on unanimous roll call vote.

Supervisor Hiltz made motion to approve April 22nd, 2026, Board of Review minutes seconded by Supervisor Eckman, the motion passed unanimous roll call vote.

May 2nd, Road Tour minutes- on hold until the board talks about roads

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Slough read Treasurer Slough report of fund balances as General \$47,782.65, Road and Bridge \$1,146,224.40 Fire Fund \$70,654.77, with outstanding items of \$2,132.00 for a total cash on hand balance of \$1,266,793.82, Supervisor Eckman made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report subject to audit, Supervisor Hiltz seconded motion and it carried on unanimous roll call vote.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

The bills were reviewed and discussed. Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to pay bills as submitted, motion seconded by Supervisor Eckman seconded unanimous roll call vote.

VISITOR/CITIZEN COMMENT:

Andy Olson lives on Country View, he has lived there since 2017, has a blue house on east side of field. He has some kids and is concerned about the speed that people are driving. He is hoping to put signs out for SLOW CHILDREN. Discussion of where to put signs, East of the hill and on the corner were discussed.

Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to purchase SLOW CHILDREN signs and install two signs on Country View, seconded by Supervisor Eckman motion, passed unanimous roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Road Tour- Matt Boyer- NO UPDATE on Fern Lake Rd/Countryside. Clerk Stevens will follow up with the gal that we sent PDF's too. Chairman Hiltz has been trying to contact Matt Boyer, Chairman Hiltz will also contact Paul Bunyan telephone to move the phone box prior.

The Board is discussing putting the road out for bids in the meantime. Should the board wait until June to put out bids and open them in July? Or put out for bids in May and open in June? The board would like to wait one month. Bid would be for paving and alternate bid for overlay, also need to overlay Hidden Trail rd.

Road Tour-

Chairman Hiltz made a motion to send letter to 1873 Buchanon Ct clean up garbage on other side of road, send letter to Bemidji Township about the brush on their side of road. Ask Bemidji their thoughts about crack sealing on South portion on road. Send Rockwood a letter that we are getting complaints about their portion of Beltrami Line Rd-needs to be bladed more. Send letter to resident and to Beltrami Co in 872 Shamrock Ct, send letter to County that Sarius, Pollux, Capella intersection signs are bent and need to be fixed. Clerk Steve send Jeff Dickson plus 2 more residents on Annalee Ln NW, Seconded by Supervisor Hiltz, passed unanimous roll call vote.

Supervisor Eckman made a motion for Keith Christian to do his work on the list, motion seconded by Supervisor Hiltz, passed unanimous roll call vote. (Sportsmans Rd- Slow children sign, Stone Lake Rd- crushed concrete, Grant Lake Rd- remove tree, Grant Wood- chewed tar, Grant Valley- fix bolt, patch spots, Quincy, Kennedy & Adams- stop sign, figure out cost to fill cul-de-sac, Johnsville- tree, Carmen Dr- Keith sign, Little Field- fix tar, Boot Lake Rd- fix corner, move mailbox, 15th st- fix hole. Check signs in garage.

Supervisor Hiltz made motion for Dale Vogt to deliver class 5 on the 9 spots that are needed, will be coordinated with Wade Thoring, motion seconded by Supervisor Eckman, motion passed on unanimous roll call vote. (Buchanon, 16th st, East Fern Lake Rd, Leonard way, Whisperwood, Balsam Ridge NW, Juneberry, Melby ln, Stone Lake Rd NW- South end)

Discussion of gate on Archery Road, should the gate be removed or moved back? Should there be a Private Dr sign? Decided to leave the gate as is for. Discuss again next year.

Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to approve road tour minutes on May 2nd, seconded by Supervisor Eckman. Passed on unanimous roll call vote.

Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to adopt *Grant Valley Township Road Improvement and Maintenance Policy*, motion seconded by Chairman Hiltz, post to website, Supervisor Eckman would like to thank Tommy and Chad for all the hard work and help, motion passed unanimous roll call vote.

Supervisor Eckman made a motion to approve *Development Agreement by and Between Grant Valley Township and _____* motion seconded by Chairman Hiltz, passed on unanimous roll call vote.

Chairman Hiltz made motion to adopt Snow and Ice Removal Policy, motion seconded by Supervisor Eckman and passed unanimous roll call vote.

Insurance- update from Keith in June. Interior is done; exterior will be finished soon.

June 4th, meeting at Bemidji Township with Attorney from Minneapolis, he is coming up to give presentation to townships in Bemidji township, Eckles township is putting this together. This is about annexation- becoming a city, and learning about what you can do to keep the city out of your township. They would like us to take care 1/3 of the cost of the Attorney. Discussion of joining and paying for the meeting share, Clerk Stevens will post that we will be there. (Presentation on Planning & Zoning and annexation). This the attorney that Northern Township used and won the court cases against the City of Bemidji.

The Board is choosing to do this in the best interest of the community.

Supervisor Hiltz made a motion for the board to attend the meeting, pay \$1000, pay board members to attend and post at the hall. Seconded by Supervisor Eckman passed unanimous roll call vote.

OLD BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE:

Pera- no update- Treasurer Slough will work on this in June.

Supervisor Hiltz made motion to purchase 10, 8ft tables from Menards (\$79.98 each) and clean out the garage, motion seconded by Supervisor Eckman motion passed unanimous roll call vote.

Supervisor Eckman has hydrangeas at her house and would like to dig some up and plant at the hall with Clerk Stevens. Keith will trap gophers, and dig 2 feet, add black dirt and edging on the front of the building.

REPORTS:

Fire- No update

Animal Control- Meeting April 28th, Sheriff's Deputy there, portal ORI issues resolved. Discussion of dog/chicken issues.

BATO- April 28th, Northern Townhall, Beltrami County engineer spoke, he oversees solid waste program- incorporating an organic waste program. Gave out the 5-year transportation/road improvement plan- Co Road 16 is on the plan for 2027. \$14 million targeted for projects this year alone. Mandy Peterson- spoke briefly Augst 22nd is meeting and discussion about scholarships through BATO, Craig Gosvick- jail project going well, may sell some County land but needs approval for DNR. 3.6% Co taxes are due to mandates. A \$10, 607.10 cash balance. Lammer's Clerk is going to be the new BATO Clerk, Bemidji Township will be the new location and meeting will be in Aug.

Comments on map- County rd 32 is on map to be done in 2027- road is worse than Trengrove. Comment on recycling in Beltrami County, it is odd that they do not separate the recycling.

JAZAB- Adapted new by-laws, March 15th 2027 is next meeting. Two formal appointments from Grant Valley- send to Kyle.

Chairman Hiltz to appointed Supervisor Hiltz and Supervisor Eckman to be appointed as the representatives from Grant Valley Township.

ROADS:

Little dry. Fuel is up \$.60 since last meeting. The township and Wade will revisit this in June. Leave current fuel charge.

As there was no further business, Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to adjourn at 9:33 PM, seconded by Supervisor Eckman and carried on unanimous voice call vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Kayley Stevens, Clerk