

**OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING OF Thursday, April 9th, 2026.**

The Grant Valley Town Board of Supervisors met for their regularly scheduled monthly business meeting on Thursday, April 9th, 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 Hiltz made a motion to approve the March 19th, 2026, Regular Meeting, Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion and it carried on unanimous roll call vote. Clerk Stevens will fix typo under visitor/citizen comment.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Slough read Treasurer Slough report of fund balances as General \$51,426.73, Road and Bridge \$966,469.11 Fire Fund \$70,343.82, with outstanding items of \$2,690.00 for a total cash on hand balance of \$1,090,929.66, 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:

Scott Kinnane is here to discuss his property taxes; he will be here on April 22nd for the Board of Appeal. He has already contacted Kaleb Bessler as well. Scott has been advised to bring his assessment papers to the meeting on April 22nd.

Scott Kinnane asked a question about animal control; he has neighbor dogs that are coming to his house- Officer Christianson gave him a hard copy of the ordinance.

Scott also had a question about the trees that are down along the river, he did contact the DNR and asked what to do. Chairman Hiltz made a motion to send the DNR and Corp of Engineers if they can clear the Mississippi through Grant Valley due to the storm damage from June 21st, 2025. All the trees in the river making it impassable for the public use. Motion seconded by Supervisor Hiltz and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Scott Kinnane is also inquiring about the 4-plexs, trash is flying to his property.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Eckman made a motion for the road tour to take place on May 2nd, at 8:00 am. Seconded by Supervisor Hiltz, motion passed on unanimous roll call vote. Clerk Stevens will post at hall and publish this in the Bemidji Buyline.
Road tour- gravel on corner of Melby- Clerk will add to notes

PERA- Treasurer Slough called and has an update. Appointed and hired employees that make over \$420/month need to do PERA (clerk and treasurer). Officer Christianson inquired about PERA hours for his account. Treasurer Slough is looking into this.

MNPDLAVE- Treasurer Slough will need to add this to our checks soon.

Signs- discussion of what signs will be needed- (add to road tour)

OLD BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE:

Countryside- Chairman Hiltz contacted Matt Boyer from the DNR, he has not received the paperwork yet. He will be keeping an eye out for it. Discussion of the telephone box, it needs to be moved. Murray will come survey it soon. Discussion of a culvert, once it is surveyed, they can decide if a culvert would be needed. Wade Thoring is starting this process of having the telephone line box moved. Jamie Listernbarger inquiring about surveyor, Murray Surveying contacted Jamie in February and informed her that they were looking for the section line. The township has not hired him for surveying yet, the township needs to purchase the easement before they survey it.

*****Chairman Hiltz made a motion make changes on the "Rates of Pay", the dollar amounts are the same staying the same. The changes include: Board members, *clerk*, and *treasurer* shall be paid to attend additional meetings at the rate of \$150 per half day and \$300 for more than half a day. A half day equals 4 hours or less. Motion seconded by Supervisor Hiltz, carried padded

Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to order a replacement flagpole and flag, Keith Christanson will do the labor, motion seconded by Supervisor Eckman and passed unanimous roll call vote, delivered to Lakes Country Electric.

Snowmoible dinner is April 25th, all board members invited.

Supervisor Hiltz made a motion for Keith Christanson to clean the hall, pick up supplies needed for the hall, and hang bulletin board for Clerk Stevens in the office, seconded by Chairman Hiltz and carried unanimous roll call vote.

Keith is inquiring about shingles and bathroom work. Keith Christanson will get a quote for the garage shingles; the Board is requesting two quotes please and a cap.

Chairman Hiltz made a motion to purchase new 2026 manual on town government. Motion seconded by Supervisor Eckman, passed on unanimous roll call vote.

REPORTS:

Fire- Contracts coming up- long range planning meeting was last month, low attendance, rural was present. Remodel of dorm area out for bids soon for the fire hall. Contract was discussed, in contract can't pay more than 5% plus CPI 2.8ish. budget was raised about 14% why was CPI in there? That is already figured into the budget when given to the levy. Discussion of amount of contract, 42.58% How will the city step in and get to the correct dollar amount? More discussion about Solway being next station, discussion of POC Vs. volunteer. New pumper truck will not fit in the airport building, that is a big discussion coming.

Animal Control- Meeting is Tues, April 28th. Clerk Stevens will email the new dog groomer in the Township the animal control ordinance.

BATO- Coming up in a few weeks. Supervisor Eckman is attending

JAZAB-

Short Course- Clerk Stevens reported about the Notary, and credit cards. Supervisors reported they talked about roads. Supervisors asked the attorney's' present questions about min maintenance roads, Quiet Pond RD, they have been told no gate allowed, possibly move beyond resident? Then were advised to talk to the attorney that gave them permission (Troy Gilcrest) for the gate.

Question also asked about the 1 mile of Countryside RD, trees down last half mile. Can vacate it, it would technically be our road even though 7 years hasn't seen work? There is a snowmobile trail, they are using our easement to get back there. Can not vacate resident and land. Can vacate beyond snowmobile trail.

ROADS:

Stop signs- Boot Lake Road & Stone Lake Road sign down, Quincy & Kennedy stop sign turned. As soon as Wade can start blading he will start.

The snow storm last weekend was rough; snow was heavy and wet.

Wade Thoring would like to discuss fuel is at \$4.19. Since last meeting the price has gone up again. In Turtle Lake they go by %. Chairman Hiltz made a motion that Grant Valley will add \$5 more hour across the board on Wade Thoring's contracts due to fuel prices, revisit next month, seconded by Eckman and passed unanimous roll call vote.

Discussion on tables, Supervisor Hiltz will get a price on 8ft white tables and bring back to next meeting.

As there was no further business, Supervisor Hiltz made a motion to adjourn at 9:26 PM, seconded by Supervisor Eckman and carried on unanimous voice call vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Kayley Stevens