

Secord Township Monthly Meeting

July 16, 2025

10:00 am

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor, Joel Vernier at 10:00 am with everyone standing reciting the Pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call:

Supervisor Joel Vernier Present

Treasurer Cheryl Stiehl Present

Clerk Kristine Panetta Present

Trustee Maria Alward Present

Trustee Harold Day Present

11 registered interested residents in attendance

Minutes of June 18, 2025 regular meeting minutes were reviewed

Motion to accept by Joel Vernier/Cheryl Stiehl -Board voted-All Ayes

Minutes of June 18, 2025 budget meeting minutes were reviewed

Motion to accept by Kristine Panetta/Maria Alward -Board voted-All Ayes

Consent Agenda/Changes to Agenda: Changes to the Agenda were made for the following:

1. Motion on purchasing a New Phone System by Joel Vernier and Harold Day: Cost \$829.00 (-\$201.00 prepaid credit) Total due upon purchase \$628.00
 - Board voted to accept New Phone System- All Ayes
2. Motion to add Guest Hunter Kerry by Joel Vernier and Maria Alward-Board voted-All Ayes

Motion made to accept agenda changes by Joel Vernier and Harold Day-Board voted-All Ayes

Guest:

Mike Visnaw- County Commissioner-

- Announced that Hazardous Waste Day this year is August 9th.

Discussion on the costs involved for each Township and the City of Gladwin: Expressed his concerns that costs are unfairly divided among the Township vs the City of Gladwin, which may result in the cancelling of Hazardous Waste Day in the future.

- Discussion on his concern over the central dispatch and the difficulty with communications during urgent times

Kristie Sidelko-Secord Township Assessor- Introduction to the Board and residents- She reiterated that she is accessible by phone or email and responds within 24-48 hours. She is familiar with BS&A Cloud features as well.

Ken Wells- Advocate for state trails for ORV. Asked for support from Board of Secord Township. Motion by Joel Vernier and Kristine Panetta to approve support- Board voted by roll call-All Ayes- Resolution and support letter to be drafted

Hunter Kerry- Rose Pest Control- Introduction as the new mosquito control coordinator through Rose Pest Control. Discussion with the Board and attending residents on their mosquito control and success with the 2025 year. The weather has been a problem with the rain and heat but they have increased the larvicide and barrier treatments. He requested that residents pay attention to standing water within their own property lines to reduce mosquito activity. The residents of Secord Township have access to the Barrier Treatment Programs offered at no charge. This treatment can be done once, every 30 days and residents must call each month to schedule a new appointment.

Public Comments:

None

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund Checking Balance	\$471,851.18
12 Mo. CD #S54	\$ 57,182.26
12 Mo. CD #S51	\$ 56,935.57
General Ledger Fund Balance Available:	\$585,969.01
Fire Fund Money Market (Checking Acct)	\$ 50,763.88
12 Mo. CD #S52	\$ 48,800.03
Fire Funds Total Balance Available:	\$ 99,563.91
Garbage Fund Balance:	\$319,916.93
Weed Control Improvement Fund	\$584,400.67
9 Mo. Add On CD Capital Reserve	\$260,212.40
Lake/Weed Improvement Fund Balance:	\$844,613.07
Mosquito Fund Balance	\$126,256.05
Road Fund Balance	<u>\$469,353.65</u>
Total Funds	\$ 2,545,672.62

Motion by Maria Alward and Kristine Panetta to receive and file Treasurer's report and file -Board voted-All Ayes

Bills To Be Paid: Clerk Kristine Panetta presented bills:

General Fund: \$30,867.12 (\$25,500 is garbage removal)

Fire: \$4,182.76

General Payroll: \$11,162.68

Fire payroll: \$4,810.00

Motion by Kristine Panetta and Harold Day to pay the bills as presented – Board voted- All Ayes

Correspondence Received: None to Report by Clerk Kristine Panetta

Reports:

Planning & Zoning: Trustee Maria Alward reported. No meeting and nothing new to report

Fire Board: Pete Doyle reported- nothing new on the agenda- 3 fire runs-11 medical runs (runs were without issue). Training has been outstanding

Fire Chief: Chief Fred Shavers reported – Al Ahrends retired. 2 fire inspections at Air B&Bs completed. Looking for new fire fighters. Discussion on cost for a sign. July 26th is the 2nd annual Pontoon Tour Funday open to public 12pm-4pm

Road Committee: Ken Douglas reported- Completed Lakeshore Dr. Lakeshore and Dam Rd are being prepped for repair Dam Rd. bridge is currently under construction repair. Waiting on contractors to pave Lakeshore as well as White Tail Tr.

Constable: Maxine reported. All is Well at Eagles. As of July 11th.

Zoning Administrator: Harold Day reported: 4 new zoning permits; 1 Pole Barn, 1 fence, 1 land division, 1 demo

Blight Officer: Tim Seagraves reported- Wirtz Rd (1137 Wirtz) Judge gave 120 days to the owner's heirs as of July 1, 2025. Tim will keep the Board posted on any activity and progress. The Ridge and Lakeshore previous complaint is now 60% rectified. Time will continue to advise on progress. W. River Rd there are neighbors still continuing to fight over a fence.

Well and Septic: Maria reported. 6 reports on Septic: all passed 2 Wells failed, 5 septic approved, 1 septic failed

Other Business:

Weinlander Fitzhugh contract (CPA)

Roll call to approve:

- Supervisor Joel Vernier Yes
- Treasurer Cheryl Stiehl Yes
- Clerk Kristine Panetta Yes
- Trustee Maria Alward Yes
- Trustee Harold Day Jr. Yes

Motion by Joel Vernier and Maria Alward to continue contract- Board voted-All Ayes

Gladwin County Road Commission Brine Bid for 2026:

- Supervisor Joel Vernier Yes
- Treasurer Cheryl Stiehl Yes
- Clerk Kristine Panetta Yes
- Trustee Maria Alward Yes
- Trustee Harold Day Jr. Yes

Motion by Joel Vernier to accept Bid, second by Harold Day

Supervisor Comments: July 26th is the 2nd annual Pontoon Tour Funday open to public 12pm-4pm. \$14,000,000.00 have already been paid in assessments for the water.

Public Comment: None

Motion to Adjourn Meeting by Joel Vernier/Kristine Panetta @ 11:09am All Ayes by Board

Next Meeting August 20, 2025@ 10:00 am

Email for Township Supervisor: supervisor@secordtwp.com

Kristine Panetta
Clerk

Minutes prepared by Christine Grace, Deputy Clerk

