

1 MINUTES - PRAIRIEVILLE TOWNSHIP
2 Regular Board Meeting
3 June 19, 2024; 6:30 PM at Prairieville Township Hall
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5 CALL TO ORDER

6 The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Stoneburner.
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8 ROLL CALL

9 Members present: Supervisor Stoneburner, Clerk Goebel, Treasurer Pence,
10 Trustee DeVries and Trustee Doster

11 Members absent: none
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13 There were 10 members of the public present.
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15 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR TROOPS

16 All who were present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States
17 of America and a moment of silence for our troops.
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19 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- 20 • **Motion by Trustee DeVries to approve the agenda as amended, supported**
21 **by Trustee Doster; all ayes, motion carried.**
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23 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

24 Special meetings

- 25 • **Motion by Clerk Goebel, supported by Trustee Doster, to approve minutes**
26 **of the 5-22-24 special meeting about invasive weed control at Pine Lake; all**
27 **ayes, motion carried.**
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29 • **Motion by Clerk Goebel, supported by Trustee DeVries, to approve minutes**
30 **of 5-23-24 meeting for Rich Lane special road assessment district; all ayes,**
31 **motion carried.**
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33 COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

34 No commissioner was present, but Supervisor Stoneburner was contacted prior. If any
35 board members have questions or concerns about the solar ordinance from the county,
36 please contact Dave Jackson.
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38 PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per person) (Please state your name and address for
39 the Recording Clerk.)
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41 Cindy Twichell
42 12650 Pine Lake Rd

43 On July 27 at 10 am Mrs. Twichell will be hosting a constitution class. You can look it up
44 on Facebook. There will be a cost that will include lunch. Mrs. Twichell thanked Clerk
45 Goebel for his quotes at the bottom of the agenda.
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48 Heather Wing
49 Assyria Township
50 Mrs. Wing is currently Clerk at Assyria Township. She is running for Barry County
51 Treasurer. Mrs. Wing is excited about the opportunity to be the county treasurer. She
52 explained her background and experience.

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54 Andy Wasko
55 8210 Delton Rd.
56 Mr. Wasko asked the board to consider dedicating the launch site at Upper Crooked
57 Lake in Dick Van Niman's memory.

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59 Gary White
60 Nashville
61 Mr. White shared his concerns about county communication not getting to everyone. He
62 had been told if COA millage passes or not, the building will be built. Mr. White
63 suggested people go on live stream to watch the meeting. Everyone should be
64 represented. Another concern was the need for more office space and how the board
65 was addressing that.

66 67 GULL LAKE SEWER AND WATER AUTHORITY

68 John Crumb
69 There is new counsel at Gull Lake Sewer and Water Authority. With this change there
70 are other changes such as a change of documents. Mr. Crumb talked about this and the
71 challenges it brings. He also discussed past history and future plans moving forward.
72 Mr. Crumb answered questions from the board.

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74 Clerk Goebel explained that both by laws and articles of incorporation are in his office
75 and available to see.

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77 John Crumb thanked the police for their help with a recent incident.

78 79 FIRE REPORT

80 Chief Uridge gave the report. Training continues and 4 will be attending specialized
81 training. The report will be put on file.
82 He requested permission to start the hiring process for Kirstin Bond and Ross Bond.
83 They are eager to join PTFD and he shared their background.

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85 **• Motion by Supervisor Stoneburner to allow the PTFD to start the process to**
86 **begin to hire Kirstin Bond and Ross Bond, supported by Trustee DeVries;**
87 **all ayes, motion carried.**

88 89 POLICE REPORT

90 Chief Reizin gave the report and a copy will be put on file. The new officer has started.
91 This third officer allows PTFD to have coverage every day of the week from 2 p.m. until
92 2 a.m. in the morning. Chief Reizin also explained other specialized training.

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94 Training hours have increased to maintain certification. This is training that they will pick
95 at least in part. The Chief has signed up with PoliceOne for training. He also provided an
96 update about encrypted radios as well as speed sign data.

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98 PARKS REPORT

99 Treasurer Gary Baumgardner was in attendance representing the Parks. There were
100 several updates. A disc golf tournament at Pine Lake Rec is being planned. There are
101 new grills and picnic tables are on order that will replace older ones. The floating dock at
102 Gull Lake was relocated to the other side of that park. One group is concerned about
103 this, and the board may be reconsidering the location. A new ball court will be put in at
104 Pine Lake Rec. Gull Lake will be getting a kayak launch. There is a new trash can at
105 Municipal to help with grass cuttings. The new signs are going up.

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107 SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

108 Supervisor Stoneburner

- 109 ○ North Country Trail is looking for a place for overnight campers. This would
110 involve one to two people a year. They asked if they could camp in the yard
111 behind the police station. Supervisor Stoneburner wanted to get the board's
112 feelings about that. The walkers would sign a waiver with NC Trail people, but it
113 was suggested to check with our insurance also. Supervisor Stoneburner will
114 pursue that and make sure we are covered and then let them know. The
115 Prairieville Township Board wants to help.
- 116 ○ For Your Information - There were contaminated water issues with the water
117 tower off Doster Road. Prairieville can't do anything about this. Gun Plain realizes
118 there would have to be new infrastructure. Supervisor Stoneburner is working
119 with the Gun Plain supervisor to support them.
- 120 ○ The chip seal is done on the designated roads.
- 121 ○ Laurie Tamez has a daughter who needs community service hours. She would
122 like her daughter to clean headstones in our cemetery. The consensus of the
123 board was that was okay for this girl to do.

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125 TREASURER'S REPORT

126 Treasurer Pence

- 127 ○ There is 2.2 million dollars in the pooled account.
- 128 ○ The earned interest on CD was reported.
- 129 ○ She received academy payment from the state for the new officer training.
- 130 ○ Tax bills will be mailed out next week.

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132 TRUSTEES' REPORTS

133 Trustee Doster:

- 134 ○ Planning Commission:
 - 135 ○ Brown request was approved, changed to C1
 - 136 Stipulations include occupancy restrictions, hours, times, and creek will be
 - 137 protected.
- 138 ○ M89 Petrow moving fence, snow removal is an issue, approved

- 139 ○ Craig and Marie Lee request on Long Point was tabled as
140 additional info is needed.

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142 Trustee DeVries:

- 143 ○ Pine Lake Weed update
144 ○ Election comments about everything with the election coming up
145 ○ Asked about website and ARPA status – no answer about website status at this
146 time
147 ○ At a recent County Meeting Jim Dull discussed that over \$700,000 is left from the
148 Watson Drain District Project on Upper Crooked Lake. Money won't be refunded
149 to individuals as there had been changes with moves. Trustee DeVries sent an
150 email stating the two townships haven't changed and it would be nice for each
151 township to get some of that money back.

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153 CLERK'S REPORT

154 Clerk Goebel

- 155 ○ I understand the Chief's programming issues with the state. Clerk Goebel is
156 running into that also. It can be so frustrating. Election av ballots and overseas
157 ballots go out Saturday.
158 • **Motion by Clerk Goebel, supported by Supervisor Stoneburner, to**
159 **approve payment of township bills for \$96,340.82; all ayes, motion**
160 **carried.**

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162 APPOINTMENTS

163 With the recent passing of Richard Van Niman there are changes that need to be made
164 so boards stay complete.

- 165 • **Motion Supervisor Stoneburner, supported by Clerk Goebel, to**
166 **appoint Glenn Stoneburner to fill the rest of Richard Van Niman's**
167 **terms on the Planning Commission and ZBA; all ayes, motion**
168 **carried.**
169 • **Motion by Supervisor Stoneburner, supported by Clerk Goebel, to**
170 **appoint Myron Cox as Zoning Board of Appeals alternate to complete**
171 **Glenn Stoneburner's term; all ayes, motion carried.**

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173 Resolution 2024-26 SAD Procedure

174 The failure of the Rich Lane Special Assessment District petition, initiated relooking at
175 the procedure. The township would put the petition together for any group to circulate
176 based on the procedure in 2024-26. The process would proceed as usual when
177 signatures are gathered.

- 178 • **Clerk Goebel moved to adopt the 2024-26 SAD procedure, supported**
179 **by Treasurer Pence; roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried and duly**
180 **adopted on this date.**

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182 2024-27 and 2024-8 Pay Schedule Amendment

183 This is in reference to a previously adopted pay schedule (2024-8) and this updates the
184 prior pay schedule to reflect that.

- 185 • **Motion by Clerk Goebel, supported by Clerk Goebel, to approve 2024-**
186 **27; roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried and duly adopted on this**
187 **date.**

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189 PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per person) (Please state your name and address for
190 the Recording Clerk.)

191 Sue Markus
192 15663 South M43
193 Hickory Corners

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195 Ms. Markus thanked the board for the work they are doing. She shared comments about
196 Gull Lake Sewer and Water Authority. She read documents and described what she
197 read and what she believed. Ms. Markus feeling is it is too much. Why is there such a
198 rush to approve by laws? She believes sufficient time needs to be allowed before
199 making the decision. Supervisor Stoneburner addressed this and feels the need should
200 be focused on what is best for sewer authorities and townships.

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202 Gary White
203 Nashville

204 Suggested a formal request needs to put on the agenda for the county about money.
205 He also talked about other issues. Board could have them take action.

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207 BOARD COMMENTS

208 Supervisor Stoneburner: Good luck to candidates Heather and Marcia. John thanks for
209 being here and thank you to the board, police and fire department.

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211 Treasurer Pence: Thanks for coming and good luck Heather.

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213 Trustee Comments:

214 Trustee Doster: Ordinance Enforcement Officer update: There have been
215 interesting complaints and Trustee Doster is quickly learning. The South Norris
216 Rd gentleman is cleaning up his property.

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218 Trustee DeVries: Marcia Bassett is also running for office. Planning Commission
219 notification was discussed, and Trustee Devries thanked everyone for being
220 here.

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222 Clerk Goebel: County Road Commission is doing a good job. Thank you for coming and
223 good luck Heather.

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225 Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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227 Respectfully submitted,

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230 MaryAnn Bliss DeVries