

**Bridgewater Township Flood Mitigation Meeting**  
**County of Rice, State of Minnesota**  
**May 16, 2016**  
**Official Minutes**

Call to order – 1:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Gary Ebling, Glen Castore, Kathleen Doran-Norton, John Holden, Frances Boehning

Edgebrook

- Seeding work was started today on the ditch project.
- Century Link utilities should be moved over the next two weeks to allow the road project to begin.
- Charter Communication lines have been moved, however, Xcel still needs to be moved prior to the project start. Gary Ebling will contact them to determine a time line.
- Gleason is ready to begin the road project as soon as Century Link and Xcel lines are moved. The goal is to begin this project the beginning of June.

Central Pond

- Equipment is at the site and digging has begun.
- A short discussion was held regarding placement of the Carlson Seeds Farm driveway. It was determined that they could purchase a culvert from the township and that the driveway would need to be placed following current township guidelines.
- A discussion was held regarding the type of topography of the area and feasibility of moving the dirt over the road.
- It was decided that going forward, the township would be using EOR to assist in drawing up plans for the completion of the Central Pond project.

Misc.

- Briefly discussed the possibility of adding in check dams near the corner of Cates Ave where recurrent flooding as occurred. This will be looked at further in the future.
- It was brought up that the Vance Norgaard properties were for sale and the question was asked if the township should look into allowing cluster housing. A short discussion was held regarding the desirability of clusters versus one house per 40 acres.
- Gary Ebling is planning to speak with Mr. Praver regarding the future of his farm. There is currently a solar garden being placed on the farm.
- Resolution 2016-04; Kathleen Doran-Norton made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-04 for the summary publication of the Solar Ordinance, John Holden seconded, all approved.
- Cannon River Tree Care; Kathleen Doran-Norton made a motion to approve the Cannon River Tree Care Invoice for \$300 for brush clean up, John Holden seconded, all approved.
- Following a discussion of the capabilities of the clerk's old laptop computer, it was decided that the laptop computer would be discarded as it was outdated, and not able to function at a level needed. As the current Clerk has a personal laptop and the office computer to use, the Clerk's laptop will not be replaced. All township files will be saved to the office computer and to an external hard-drive. An additional hard-drive will be used as backup and stored in the safe. John Holden made a motion to approve the purchase of an additional external hard-drive, Gary Ebling seconded, all approved.
- A review was completed of the Bridgewater Township insurance policy. Minor changes were noted and the clerk will call and request that they be made. A discussion was held regarding obtaining an appraisal for the Sterling truck and the grader to determine actual replacement costs and resale value. Gary Ebling and Dennis Brown will work on this.

Adjourn – 2:40pm

Approval –

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Chair

Clerk