

The Town of Rush River held its regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 5:00pm at the Town Hall.

The people in attendance were David Jacobson, Sandi Hazer, James Karlson, Gary Newton and Angela Blodgett. Also present were Chuck Welter, Nick Hansen, Doug Monicken, Christine Karlson, Lyle Boumgartner, Zach Paul, Mark Smith, Jordon Smith, Lyndsey Paul, Courtney Smith and Heather Landin.

Minutes from the previous meetings were reviewed. Motion by Gary Newton, seconded by James Karlson to approve. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

The financial statement was reviewed. Motion by James Karlson, seconded by Gary Newton to approve. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Bills that needed to be paid were reviewed.

Doug Monicken & Lyle Boumgartner asked the Board if Lyle could split off his homestead and Doug would buy the remaining 15 acres. The Board reviewed the ordinance and found that this would fall under the farm consolidation portion of the ordinance. They would need to bring a Certified Survey Map back to the Board and it would be noted on the CSM that the remaining 15 acres could never be developed or moved out of the Ag-1 zone. Motion by Gary Newton to approve the farm consolidation contingent on the CSM, seconded by James Karlson. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Zach Paul and Jordon Smith request to be able to split off 2 acres of Zach Paul's land for Jordan Smith to build a house. Currently Zach Paul owns a 20-acre parcel and an adjoining two-acre parcel, both zoned R-1 residential. The Board informed Zach Paul he would have to combine his two parcels into one, then they could do a Certified Survey Map splitting off two acres. Motion by James Karlson to approve the split contingent on the CSM coming back to the Board, seconded by Gary Newton. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Gary Newton informed those in attendance about the increase in the assessment for United Fire & Rescue for the Town of Rush River. The town's assessment will increase by \$2607.91 for the 2026 budget.

Doug Monicken thanked the board for having the county do any extra swath when mowing the ditches. He also inquired about tree removal when trees come down in a storm. The Board will set policy on the tree removal at next month's meeting.

Motion by James Karlson to adjourn the Meeting at 5:20pm, seconded by Gary Newton. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Sandi Hazer, Clerk