

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 13, 2023 FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP HALL**

Called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor, S. Nelson, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Members present: S. Nelson, D. Brown, R. Valentine, J. Church, and A. Wagner  
Members absent: NONE

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

NONE

**5. AGENDA**

Motion, J. Church, support, A. Wagner, CARRIED to approve the agenda.

**6. MINUTES**

Motion, R. Valentine, support, J. Church CARRIED to approve the February 13, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes.

**7. CONSENT TO AGENDA**

- a. Financial Reports February 2023.
- b. Assessors Report for February 2023.

Motion, R. Valentine, support J. Church, CARRIED to approve the Consent to agenda items.

**RECESS FOR BUDGET HEARING**

Motion, D. Brown, support J. Church, CARRIED to recess for Budget Hearing.

**RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING**

**8. COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes February 1, 2023

**9. FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

- a. Fire Reports/Calls February 2023  
Brian Nelson, Fire Chief, was present.

Motion, A. Wagner, support, B. Valentine, CARRIED, to approve the fire report.

- b. Fire Chief Updates.  
More information presented on the Cadet program. Resolution next month.  
Pancake breakfast April 23rd. Highland Golf Club

**10. WATER SYSTEM BUSINESS**

- a. Water system report-February 2023  
Water Operator Troy Rodman was present and gave updates.

Motion, A. Wagner, support, B. Valentine, CARRIED to accept the water report for February 2023.

- b. Water operator updates.
- c. Billing Register all normal.
- d. The Weber meter was tested and found to be off by just over 15%. Water operator suggests to forgive the bill but note he thinks there was still a leak.

Motion, A. Wagner, support J. Church to forgive water bill in the amount of \$1488.20  
Roll call: Ayes: J. Church, A. Wagner, D. Brown, R. Valentine, S. Nelson Nays: NONE

- e. RVS will continue support.
- f. Rate increase for water department public hearing will be May 8th at 7pm during the regular Township meeting

#### **11. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR BUSINESS**

- a. The Zoning Administrator gave updates and the February 2023 Zoning report.

Motion, A. Wagner, support, J. Church, CARRIED to acknowledge the Zoning report for February 2023.

#### **12. COUNTY COMMISSIONER BUSINESS**

- a. District #3 report/update  
**ABSENT**

#### **13. MASTER PLAN**

- a. Update: Still hoping to get more completed surveys.
- b. Invoice from Graef, Supervisor will look into what the contract says. TABLED

#### **14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Old Audit. NO UPDATE.
- c. Marijuana. Waiting for recommendation from the Planning Commission.
- d. Old Inventory. Finished.
- d. Bike Path/Committee NO UPDATE.
- e. Emergency Generator. We do not qualify for a grant from USDA. Other grants are being looked at.
- f. 911 sign update: Need \$5000.00 check to continue with 911 signs.

Motion, A. Wagner, Support, R. Valentine to pay the \$5000.00 downpayment to the Community Foundation of Delta County for the 911 sign project.

Roll call vote: Ayes: J. Church, A. Wagner, R. Valentine, D. Brown, S. Nelson Nays: NONE

- g. Resolution to support CUPPAD hazardous mitigation grant. TABLED.

#### **15. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Payment of bills
  - i. GF Total: \$ 31,736.31 (Changed from 42,236.31)
  - ii. WF Total: \$ 4,839.34
  - iii. LF Total: \$ 168.11

Motion, J. Church, support, R. Valentine, CARRIED to pay the bills.

b. Approval of Resolutions for Fiscal year 2023-2024 Salaries.

Resolution #03132023-1

Motion, A. Wagner, Support, J. Church, CARRIED to approve resolution #03132023-1 for the salary of the Township Supervisor.

Roll call: Aye: J. Church, A. Wagner, R. Valentine, D. Brown Nay: NONE Abstain: S. Nelson

Resolution #03132023-2

Motion, R. Valentine, Support, J. Church, CARRIED to approve resolution #03132023-2 for the salary of the Township Clerk..

Roll call: Aye: J. Church, R. Valentine, S. Nelson Nay: NONE Abstain: A. Wagner, D. Brown

Resolution #03132023-3

Motion, J. Church, Support, R. Valentine, CARRIED to approve resolution #03132023-3 for the salary of the Township Treasurer. .

Roll call: Aye: J. Church, R. Valentine, S. Nelson Nay: NONE Abstain: A. Wagner, D. Brown

Resolution #03132023-4

Motion, J. Church, Support, R. Valentine, CARRIED to approve resolution #03132023-4 for the salary of the Township Trustees.. .

Roll call: Ayes: A. Wagner, D. Brown, S. Nelson Nay: NONE Abstain: J. Church, R. Valentine

c. General Appropriation Act

Motion, A. Wagner, Support, R. Valentine, CARRIED to adopt the General Appropriations act for the fiscal year 4/1/2023-3/31/2024,.

A roll call vote was taken

Ayes: D. Brown, R. Valentine, S. Nelson, A. Wagner, J. Church Nays: NONE

d. Cemetery

Motion, A. Wagner, Support, R. Valentine, CARRIED to move \$2134.09 from the contingency fund to the Cemetery fund.

f. Resolution of DNR agreement

Motion, A. Wagner, Support, J. Church, CARRIED to approve resolution #03132023.

g. Payroll/Reports policy reminder. Supervisor Nelson reminds everyone of policies in place for payroll and reports.

**16. PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENT.**



**R. Scott:** When the Board was approving the 911 signs last year, it was approved to come out of the road budget.

**J. Kaplan:** The outgoing County Commission reinstated the park and rec board at the county level specifically to look at OB Fuller Park. The five person Committee met in January and there has been approval to remove 2 campsites for day use for the 2023 season.

**Amy Burroughs:** Would like to form a committee to work cooperatively with the Township to have a happy outcome involving short term rentals.

**17. BOARD COMMENT.**


**Supervisor Nelson** thanks Joe Kaplan for the work on Fuller Park. He explained we cannot use the road budget for 911 signs. We did not put any new money into the road budget, only what was left from last fiscal year. It's there because it has to remain in the road budget.

**Kym Batini** has questions on short term rentals. Supervisor explained that it must go to the Planning Commission. Supervisor reminds her this should have been brought up during public comment. This is board comment only.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion, A. Wagner, support, J. Church, CARRIED to adjourn at 8:43pm .

Minutes approved by:

  
Debbi R. Brown, Township Clerk

4-18-23  
Date