

# GOODWILL TOWNSHIP

St. Louis County, Minnesota  
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## Goodwill Board Meeting Minutes October 21, 2025

Board Member's Present: Supervisors: Bill Michaelson, John Jordan, Rock Gillson  
Treasurer Ross Polley, Clerk Pam Towle

Other's Present: Deputy Clerk Pam Olson, Don Potter, Kirsten Reichel, Fred Riechel

Call to Order: Chair Michaelson called the Goodwill Board Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at the Lake Vermilion Fire Brigade conference room located at 8025 Oak Narrows Road, Cook, MN and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Motion: Insert the topic of bringing the original UT 63-17 residents and adding Blue Rock Road residents into today's agenda.** Moved by Chair Michaelson, seconded by Supervisor Gillson. Vote was unanimous and was added at the end of the agenda.

**Motion: Approve the Town Board Meeting Minutes of September 16 and the Special Town Board Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2025,** moved by Chair Michaelson, seconded by Supervisor Jordan, the vote was unanimous, and the minutes were approved.

**Motion: Acknowledgement of September 23, 2025 Special Town Meeting Minutes,** (certifying the levy) moved by Supervisor Gillson, seconded by Chair Michaelson, the vote was unanimous, and the minutes were acknowledged.

**Motion: Approve Claims #001-004 from 6/10/25-10/5/25 Total \$4,717.03,** made by Chair Michaelson, seconded by Supervisor Jordan, the vote was unanimous and the claims were approved.

**Motion: Approve Payroll submitted from 6/10/25-10/5/25 (two items) Total \$3,933.57.** Moved by Supervisor Jordan, seconded by Supervisor Gillson, the vote was unanimous to approve. Chair Michaelson directed per MN Statute §367.16(5), the treasurer will endorse upon the back "not paid for want of funds", date and sign, until funds are available.

Reports from the Board:

**Motion: Reinstate Goodwill Township's E-voice number on Goodwill's web site using the same number previously published,** made by Supervisor Jordan, seconded by Supervisor Gillson, the vote was unanimous and the phone number will be reconnected.

Chair Michaelson directed the Board members to be prepared to finalize the Operating Procedures at the November Meeting.

Supervisor Gillson has not received any logos. The deadline is in February 2026 and will be available for public input at the town meeting. Rock will collect any submissions. Supervisor Gillson will provide information on additional training possible in Cotton and Duluth.

Supervisor Jordan referred to the St. Louis County information and maps sent in the meeting packet. St. Louis County will take back previously county roads that are now listed as unorganized roads. At this point Niles Bay Forest Road and Randa Road will remain

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township roads. Snow plowing through the county for the 2025-2026 season is covered. They suggest to contact a contractor for grading and upkeep of Niles Bay Forest and Randa Roads. Discussions included exploration of a public landing on Randa Road, possible contractors.

**Motion: Jack Schelde be the Road Assistant**, moved by Chair Michaelson, seconded by Supervisor Gillson. After discussion of duties, and legalities more investigation will be done. Supervisor Gillson rescinded his second to the motion and Chair Michaelson rescinded the motion.

Supervisor Jordan reported the St. Louis County application for snowplowing was submitted. **Motion: Approval of the St. Louis County and Goodwill Township**

**Cooperative Maintenance Agreement and Exhibit A for the 2025/2026 Winter plowing season.** Chair Michealson made the motion, Supervisor Jordan seconded. The vote was unanimous and the contract was signed.

Deputy Clerk as Elections Administrator received the following directions for elections: The ballot will include Supervisors for Term A for 1 year, Term B for 2 years, Term C for 3 years; Option B (the Town Board has the power to appoint the town clerk and/or treasurer instead of electing them) on the Ballot; Polling location at the Lake Vermilion Fire Brigade Building with absentee option; polling hours from 10.00 a.m. to 8;00 p.m.; minimum of 3 judges, and publish election legal notices in both the Cook News Herald and the Timberjay Newspaper; hand counting ballots; and having the county auditor send notification to every registered voter in Goodwill Township. Also discussed was the need for an attorney to proof the ballot, candidate filing, and Supervisor Gillson will supply a lockable ballot box.

A Memorandum of Understanding for Deferred Payments was signed by all officials as an agreement to defer payments from the township to the board members and employee for reimbursement of claims and payment of wages until such time as funds are available for that purpose.to establish an agreement between the township and board members and employees.

Payroll decisions to be made: timing of payroll, direct deposit verses paper checks, who is responsible for payroll. A memorandum of understanding was signed by all officers.

Treasurer Polley will be charge of electronic transmission of Township meetings when an official needs to attend the meeting remotely. An explanation of claims and reimbursement claims and the need to get them to the clerk the first week of the month.

Comments from citizens: Discussed residents of the original UT 63-17 returning to Goodwill Township.

Motion to Adjourn made by Supervisor Jordan, Seconded by Chair Michaelson, the vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned at 8:11P p.m.

Approved on November 18, 2025

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William Michaelson, Chairman

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Pamela Towle, Clerk