

Moe Township
Annual Meeting, March 12, 2024

The meeting was called to order by the Clerk, Todd Egenes, after the polls were declared closed at or about 8:05pm. The POA was given.

Nominations were opened for Moderator. John Stone was nominated by Scott Wright, seconded by John Krafthefer. With no other nominations, John Stone was selected and took the chair of Moderator.

The Agenda was modified by adding November Elections under new business. The agenda was approved as modified. (m- Jerome Kostreba, s- Lynn Bushard, v-unan).

The minutes of the previous annual meeting and Board of Canvas for 2023 were approved. (m- Merrill Pedersen, s- Jerry Ellis, v- unan).

REPORTS

Garfield Fire Department request for fire protection.

Jeff Chlian from the Garfield Fire Department was present at the meeting. There were 23 calls in Moe Township in 2023 and also 23 calls in 2022. They responded to a total of 102 calls in 2023 for all townships and the City of Garfield. The Garfield Fire Department's funding request for 2025 was \$25,999.58. A motion was made to give **\$25,999.58** (m- John Krafthefer, s- Fred Krafthefer, v- unan).

Brandon Fire Department request for fire protection.

Jeron Buchholz from Brandon Fire Department was present. The Brandon Fire Department is requesting an amount of \$10,642.50 for 2025. A motion was made to pay **\$10,642.50** for 2025. (m- Hardy Huettl, s- Lynn Bushard, v- unan).

District 206 Community Education request for funds.

A letter had been received from the Alexandria Public Schools Community Recreation Program requesting for 2025 the same contribution amount or higher than our contribution for which was \$1,010.00. A motion was made to pay **\$1,010.00** for 2025. (m- Merrill Pedersen, s- Matt Topel, v- unan).

Holmes City First Responders

Jake Courier from Holmes City First Responders was present. He stated that they responded to 8 calls in Moe Township in 2023. They are requesting \$2,000.00 for 2025. A motion was made to give **\$2,000.00** for 2025. (m- Hardy Huettl, s- Ursula Sanchez, v- unan).

Alexandria Senior Center

A letter had been received from the Alexandria Senior Center requesting a donation in the amount of \$250.00. A motion was made to give the Alexandria Senior Center **\$500.00** for 2025. (m- Merrill Pedersen, s- Jerome Kostreba, v- unan).

Douglas County Historical Society

A letter had been received from the Douglas County Historical Society requesting a donation in the amount of \$50.00. A motion was made to give the Douglas County Historical Society \$50.00 for 2025. (m- Mike Allen, s- Hardy Huettl, v- unan).

Financial Report

The clerk reviewed the 2023 financial report.

OLD BUSINESS

New Township Shop

A new township shop was discussed. The board had 1 quote to renovate the existing shop but the residents of Moe Township would like to see additional renovation quotes. No action was taken on this matter at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Official Depository and Newspaper

A motion was made to retain the Bremer Bank and the Echo Press as the official depository and official newspaper. (m- John Krafthefer, s- Hardy Huettl, v- unan)

Date, Time & Place of next Annual Election and Meeting

The consensus of the meeting was to hold the election and meeting on the date set up by State Statute, March 11th, 2025, with the polls being open from 5:00 to 8:00 with the annual meeting following at the Moe Pioneer Hall.

Budget Proposal

The proposed 2025 budget was presented. Please refer to the back of the Annual Financial Report, handed out at meeting, for details. A motion was made to accept the 2025 proposed budget of \$408,100.00 as presented. (m- John Krafthefer, s- Jerome Kostreba). By a show of hands the motion carried – (11 in favor vs 10 opposed).

Date To View Existing Town Shop

The existing township shop will be open for anyone wanting to view it on April 17th from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Township Road Maintenance – In House or Hired Out

There was discussion as to whether the township should continue to maintain the township roads ourselves or hire it out. Some townships in Douglas County who hire the maintenance out are paying retainer fees of \$4,000 a month. No action was taken on this issue.

Clerk and Treasurer Positions - In House or Hired Out

There was discussion as to whether the township should make the clerk and treasurer positions “for hire” positions or continue to have them be elected positions.

In Douglas County there are 20 townships. Of those 20 townships, 9 hire their clerk, 9 hire their treasurer, 3 hire their combined clerk/treasurer, and 3 hire their deputy clerk.

If we were to do this it would need to go on the township ballot next year.

A motion was made to table moving the clerk and treasurer positions to a “for hire” position until next year. (m- Jerry Ellis, s- Matt Topel), motion carried.

Move Township Elections to November

There was discussion as to whether the township election should be moved from the second Tuesday in March to the November general elections on the even numbered years. There are currently 8 townships in Douglas County that have moved there elections to November.

A motion was made to put “Moving the Township Election from March to the November Election” on the township ballot next year. (m- Mike Allen, s- Matt Topel) Motion carried.

Other Business pertinent to Moe Township

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. (m-Hardy Huettl, s- Don Auel, v- unan).

Board of Canvass
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Lynn Bushard called the Board of Canvas meeting to order. All members were present. At this time, the Board accepted the results of the election earlier this day. The results are as follows:

One Supervisor for a three year term
John Krafthefer received 38 votes of 52 votes cast.
Scott Wright received 5 write-in votes.
Rod Johnson received 2 write-in votes.
Amanda Topel received 1 write-in vote.

One Clerk for a two year term
Scott Wright received 21 write-in votes.
Todd Egenes received 12 write-in votes.
Amanda Topel received 2 write-in votes.

A motion was made to declare John Krafthefer and Scott Wright newly elected. (m- John Krafthefer, s- Jerome Kostreba, v- unan).

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. (m- Jerome Kostreba, s- John Krafthefer, v- unan).

Respectfully submitted by,

Todd Egenes, Clerk