

BIRCH LAKE TOWNSHIP

MONDAY, AUGUST 27TH, 2018

7:00 PM

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

THE BIRCH LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM ON MONDAY, AUGUST 27TH, 2018.

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT: JOHN FREEMAN, RON BENESH, ERIK JACOBSON, SUSAN J. FALK, BRENDA THARP-BRAY.

PUBLIC PRESENT: KIRK TITUS-CASS COUNTY LAND DEPT., JEFF (CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONER) AND SUE PETERSON-BIRCH LAKE TWP RESIDENTS

CLERK'S MINUTES FOR JULY 30TH, 2018 READ AND APPROVED. BENESH/FREEMAN

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JULY 2018 READ AND APPROVED. BENESH/FREEMAN

KIRK TITUS-CASS COUNTY LAND DEPT. --HANDOUT-COPY OF RESOLUTION FOR 157 ACRES OF PRIVATE LAND IN SECTION 35 OF BIRCH LAKE TWP...THIS ACQUISITION WAS FUNDED THROUGH A LESSARD SAMS OUTDOOR HERITAGE COUNCIL GRANT AND WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY THE CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WITH THE INTENT THAT THE PROPERTY WOULD BE MANAGED AS COUNTY FOREST LAND. THE CASS COUNTY LAND DEPT IS SEEKING APPROVAL FROM BIRCH LAKE TWP TO DESIGNATE THIS ACQUISITION AS NON-MOTORIZED AND TO INCLUDE IT IN THE EXISTED AREA WITH LIMITATIONS FOR THE DEEP PORTAGE RESERVE. THE PRIMARY GOAL OF THIS ACTION IS TO PROTECT APPROXIMATELY 1200' OF THE BOY RIVER THAT RUNS THROUGH THIS PROPERTY. THIS ACTION IS CONSISTANT WITH THE CASS COUNTY FOREST RESOURCES PLAN TO MANAGE FOR HEALTHY AND RESILIENT FORESTS, RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, CLEAN WATER AND WILDLIFE HABITAT. JEFF PETERSON SPOKE AND STATED THAT HE WOULD APPROVE THIS RESOLUTION. (PREVIOUS LAND COMMISSIONER- NORM MOODY OFFERED HIS APPROVAL AND SUPPORT FOR IT. BENESH MOTIONS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #2018-02/FREEMAN SECONDS. ALL APPROVED.

CASS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF TOWNSHIPS FALL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT THE BEAR PAUSE THEATRE ON OCTOBER 4TH, 2018 FROM 8:00 AM TO 1 PM. REGISTRATION STARTS AT 7:30AM. MOTION TO ATTEND: ERIK JACOBSON & BRENDA THARP BRAY FREEMAN/JACOBSON

CRISIS MANAGEMENT LEADERSHIP TRAINING: SENIOR OFFICIALS WORKSHOP FOR ALL-HAZARDS PREPAREDNESS-TO BE HELD OCTOBER 11TH, 2018 FROM 9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM (8:30 AM CHECK-IN TIME) AT SOURCEWELL IN STAPLES MN. DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS OCTOBER 4TH, 2018 AT 12:00 PM. TO ATTEND: ERIK JACOBSON & BRENDA THARP-BRAY BENESH/FREEMAN

BIRCH LAKE TWP MAIL BALLOT PRECINT SUMMARY FOR STATE PRIMARY ELECTION-AUGUST 14, 2018

425 REGISTERED VOTERS

3 NEW REGISTRANTS ON ELECTION DAY

3 BALLOTS WERE DELIVERED IN PERSON

186 BALLOTS WERE DELIVERED

189 TOTAL # OF BALLOTS DELIVERED

8 BALLOTS REJECTED AS SPOILED

3 BALLOTS WERE DUPLICATES

189 TOTAL BALLOTS IN ALL

MINNESOTA DISTRICT #11 MEETING TO BE HELD AUGUST 29TH, 2018 AT THE WALKER AREA
COMMUNITY CENTER AT 6:00 PM. REGISTRATION IS AT 5:30 PM. TO ATTEND: RON BENESH & BRENDA
THARP-BRAY FREEMAN/JACOBSON

FYI--RON BENESH TALKED TO YOUNG EXCAVATING ABOUT GETTING THE ROADS FOR GETTING THE
ROADS SHAPED UP FOR WINTER.

MOTION TO PAY ALL BILLS #5172-#5183. FREEMAN/JACOBSON

MOTION TO ADJOURN. BENESH/JACOBSON

CLERK-SUSAN J. FALK



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CHAIRMAN OF BOARD-JOHN FREEMAN

