

ROLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
ZONING + GENERAL MEETING, October 13, 2025
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The Roland Township ZONING BOARD was called to order at 7:00 p.m. October 13, 2025, in the Quilt Inn meeting room by Chairman Mike Hall with Supervisors Vern Jacobson and Michael Sivertson, Zoning Administrator Tim Kihle and Clerk Glenore Gross attending plus Mark Kihle, Zoning Assistant; David Thompson and Luke Artz were absent. Ten visitors signed the register. **Minutes:** September 8 Board minutes were approved as written. **Treasurer Report** was presented with Cash/Fund balance of \$722,649.41 and a request to pay bills of \$26,149.80 as listed. *MOTION by Michael to approve the Treasurers report, and pay the bills presented, 2nd by Vern. VOTE-3 YES = CARRIED.*

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Tim presented the following items:

- Update on Schmidt/27 Lake Met Park – deck was removed to be replaced with a walkway.
- Robert Puttre/Lot 141 Burnetts 1st – will pay the increased fee for the larger size shed as approved.
- Donnet Sivertson/Twin Oaks 1st - requested a permit to build a fence on the property line without the adjacent owner's signature as required. She said a barrier is necessary to prevent the neighbors from driving over her property to reach theirs, and she doesn't want to give up 7 ½' of property for the fence to have the required setback. Discussion on fence definitions and regulations confirmed the need for the setback since a fence is included in the ND Century Code definition of structures. After discussion for what could be appropriate alternatives, Donnet indicated she would be looking for a creative answer since the board denied allowing a permit for a defined fence on the property line.
- Chassidy Sharp/Hidden Bay Est – 12x16 shed off Highland Rd, setbacks OK.
- Richard Gleason/Lake Met Park – 16x30 garage replacing a shed, setbacks OK.
- Kandis Breeding/Solpers 4th – 12x16 shed with adequate setbacks.
- Sheldon & Becky Braaten/Roadside Ranch – 12x16 shed with 66' setback off Lake Loop Rd.
- Tom Cote/Section 7 – 20x28 garage 30' from the road on a 4 ½ acre lot.
- Tina DesLauriers-Gray & Neil Albright/Sec27T164 – Requested Pre-Approval to replace their cabin with another that will keep the same 26x24 footprint, before they proceed with demolition. After discussion, *MOTION by Vern to approve cabin replacement keeping the same footprint, 2nd by Michael. VOTE-3 YES=CARRIED.* The Demo permit will be submitted depending on availability of the contractor and the building permit will be held until spring to give the benefit of a year for construction.
- *MOTION by Vern to approve the remaining permits as presented, 2nd by Michael. VOTE-3 YES=CARRIED.*

OLD (Unfinished) ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **Drainage Issue – C Benson/Whiskey Bay area:** Will be worked on in the spring. Benson said he will be monitoring the drainage issues for direction with a solution.
2. **2025 RV Report:** Mark said the season ended with 76 paid permits and 29 storage units; things worked okay so he suggested doing it the same next year.
3. **Offsite Storage & Meeting Space:** Mike has seen some interesting buildings and suggested a stick building could likely be made workable. Clerk questioned if Sawmill Lumber could be a source.
4. **Short Term Rental CUP – Committee Report:** The committee is still planning to meet.

NEW ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **None offered.**

GENERAL MEETING called to order at 7:35 p.m.

OLD (Unfinished) GENERAL BUSINESS:

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1. **New Burnetts Rd - Update:** Signs have been installed and road is now being used. Mike has received feedback for needed adjustment to one corner that needs widening and changes to the culvert. Sue McGee requested lighting be added, perhaps by the township, since the area is very dark and with drop-offs. Mike will look into options, although adding a meter for lights would result in the North Central monthly fee and street lights have not been provided by the township elsewhere. Discussion led to construction trailers left on roadways overnight and long term and questioning what remedy the township has used in the past for setting fines. Another issue in the area is the need for tree trimming to clear setbacks and some tree cutting being done by others into Forest Service property. Mike reported he has met with Forest Service to work on making a plan for tree cutting, also including the county.
2. **Road Issue Updates:**
 - **Cabin Roads:** Vern reported a large crack in Lake Metigoshe Park Road leading to McGuires. County has done a number of needed road and culvert repairs. A query on snow removal up to the end of Solpers Lane was made; owners were told to notify Mike when they would be coming.
 - **Rural Roads:** No report.
3. **Mowing Report:** Vern suggested that since the township pays our mower for Lake Loop Road and the Lake Road, which are county roads, we should see if the county would do a cost trade on their mowing.

NEW GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Potential New Plat for Road Revision – Barry Williams/Williams Acres:** County Road Supt Ritchie Gimbel looked at the potential road site; township had no new contact from Williams.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

- NDIRF The Participator Fall 2025.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.
Glenore Gross, Clerk/Treasurer

Next board meeting is Monday, November 10.