

**Pelican Township Annual Meeting**  
**March 10, 2026**  
**Pelican Rapids Fire Hall**  
**4:00 PM**

Clerk Nelson called the 2026 Pelican Township Annual Meeting to order at 4:00 PM as had been published in the notice and asked the Board and residents to join him in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Board Members present, Brady Ballard, Yancy Wifall, Mitchell Egge and Lloyd Nelson, others present, Cindy Oliver, Gerald Oliver, Everett Ballard, Trevor Steeves, Bruce Haugrud, and Rick Haugrud.

Everett Ballard was elected as Moderator and Lloyd turned the meeting over to him.

Previous Year's Annual Meeting Minutes were approved as read

Treasurer's Report – For Year Ended 2025 was approved as presented

Old Business – discussed gravel and dust guard applications

New Business

Mitchell presented a recap of road projects in 2025 and plans for 2026. Did repair on 180<sup>th</sup> Avenue to remove soft spots and fill with fresh aggregate. Also built out shoulders to make the roadway safer for traffic.

Will not put as much dust guard down this year as the construction project in Pelican has completed and there will not be as much traffic utilizing the township roads. We will still cost share for residents who are interested. Question raised as to whether the State provided any funding for the additional maintenance and so forth of our roads due to the construction project, short answer, no. Question on the product being used for dust guard, magnesium chloride. Seems to work well and not as corrosive as calcium chloride, plus a lower cost.

As far as projects for 2026, plan to seal coat Historic Monument Beach Road and continue planning for resurfacing Burr Oak Hills. Will try to time with projects on HWY 59 south or project by Vergus to try to reduce costs of asphalt.

Lloyd presented the recommendation from the Town Board for the Tax Levy, \$270,000 total which is a 4.0% increase over last year.

- \$205,000 for Road and Bridge
- \$20,000 for Fire Fund
- \$45,000 for the General Fund.

The levy amounts were determined by reviewing the actual spend in 2025 and the projections for 2026/27 based upon road projects, balance in accounts, etc. Costs are increasing, ambulance subsidy, insurance, and road maintenance are all higher.

With the levy increase from last year and the increase for this year, believe that funding should stabilize. Don't want to increase too much or too fast.

Question related to gopher bounty paid in the township. Raised to \$4.00/gopher for this year. Supposed to receive \$2.00 from county for reimbursement, but will have to see how the process will work out. Some discussion that the other townships are at \$5.00 and they like to see us move up to that level. Will continue to review, but staying at \$4.00 at this time.

Trevor moved to approve the tax levy, second by Bruce, carried.

Lloyd presented the grant funding requests that had been received from the Otter Tail County Historical Society and the Pelican Rapids Public Library. Lloyd moved and Mitchell seconded to recommend funding the Library at \$4,000 and Otter Tail County Historical Society at \$500.00, the same level as previous years. Carried.

Trever Steeves presented an update on the construction of the nursing home projects. Expects to be completed by December 2026. Converted space from the old hospital into eight rooms to offset loss of twelve during construction. The renovations are quite nice and haven't had any complaints.

Time and Place for next Annual Meeting – second Tuesday in March 2026 at 4:00 PM in the Firehall.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

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Lloyd Nelson, Clerk