

Town of Breed Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 14th, 2026 7:00PM

11155 State Hwy 32, Suring, WI 54174

Meeting called to order by Chairman Phillip Christenson at 7:00PM. Thirteen electors present and one non-elect. Pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call: Chairman Christenson, Supervisor Ahren Telford, Treasurer Ethel Firgens, and Clerk Kristen Telford present. Supervisor Mark Quandt absent.

Review made of the agenda. Motion to accept the agenda as presented made by Christenson, seconded by Telford. Voted. Accepted.

Review made of the June 9th, 2026 minutes. Motion to approve minutes as written by Telford, seconded by Christenson. Voted. Approved. Review made of the June 25th, 2026 special meeting minutes. Motion to approve the special meeting minutes made by Christenson, seconded by Telford. Voted. Carried.

Clerk's Correspondence: Clerk Telford reported upcoming election news and voting procedures, changes to paying vendors, and a possible issue with liquor licenses.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Firgens presented the expenditures and receipts from the month of June and showed \$69,925.83 in checking and \$217,893.35 in the money market. Christenson motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Telford. Voted. Carried.

Public Comment: Discussion about County setting a moratorium on data centers.

Suring School Superintendent- Bob Caelwaerts presented how the school receives funding. Presentation showed the percentage of funding coming from the state general aid compared to property taxes and how that number is determined. Data from Breed's assessed value showed a 12.9% increase of property value over last year. Showed that the state formula that determines the district's property wealth, not monetary wealth, puts the school in a bracket that negatively affects how much state aid they receive putting the burden for funding on the taxpayers. Suring receives less than 1% of funding from general aid, the rest comes from taxpayers. Asked for cooperation in helping to find a solution at the state level. Caelwaerts also spoke on Suring's partnership with NWTC and the benefits.

Cemetery- Presentation and review of revised cemetery rules and regulations. Motion to accept revised cemetery rules and regulations made by Telford, seconded by Christenson. Voted. Carried.

Gillett Joint Municipal Court Agreement: Town of Beaver asked to be included in the Gillett joint municipal court. Towns already in the agreement need to allow Beaver to join. Motion to approve Gillett Joint Municipal Court adding Beaver to the agreement made by Christenson, seconded by Telford. Voted. Carried.

Propane contracts: Countrystyle Propane submitted a quote for \$1.45/gallon. Moody Creek Propane submitted a quote for \$1.37/gallon. Town used 1555 gallons in 2025. Motion to contract with Moody Creek Propane at the prepaid amount of \$1.37/gals for 1500 gallons made by Christenson, seconded by Telford. Voted. Carried.

DNR Incident Command Agreement: Discussion on DNR's proposal to use the Breed Community Center as an incident command post in the event of a natural disaster such as forest fire or tornado. DNR submitted draft proposal for review, stating premises usage, roles & responsibilities. Town of Breed has a contact person for this agreement as a resident. Motion to accept the DNR MOU for the Incident Command Center made by Christenson, seconded by Telford. Voted. Carried.

Roads Report: Logan Bridge had a change in scope of project. WPS going underground from M. Christenson's residence to M. Nauke's residence changing the electric pole situation. County to begin project in the next week or so. Discussion on small road projects if funds allow. Discussion on the overlay on South Branch from D. Missall's to Cherry Ln. Discussion of shouldering/graveling projects. State paid out the emergency funds grant money from snowstorm Elsa.

Updates/Correspondence: Oconto Co Forestry, Parks and Rec Dept looking for recreational projects eligible for grant money. Sheriff's report for the month of June.

Review of monthly bills. Motion to pay bills made by Christenson, seconded by Telford. Voted. Carried.

Motion to change the date of the August regular board meeting to Monday August 10th, 2026 at 7:00PM because of the primary election on the 11th made by Christenson, seconded by Telford. Voted. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

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Kristen Telford, Town of Breed Clerk