

**MINUTES OF THE DAKOTA TOWN BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Dakota Town Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the town hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Roll call found all board members present: Chairman Jeremy Kubasta, Supervisor Gary Grenier, and Supervisor Bob Bandt. Other town officials present were: Clerk Melanie Stake, Treasurer Teri Kubasta, and Assessor John P. Blader, Sr.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Grenier, seconded by Bandt, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by J. Kubasta, seconded by Grenier, to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2026, regular meeting. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

Jonathon Munoz, agent at Rural Mutual Insurance Company, reviewed aspects of the town's business owner and workers' compensation plans. Munoz will follow up on the town's inquiries regarding bank fraud and parking lot hit-and-run coverage.

REPORTS

Treasurer: T. Kubasta distributed the December 2025 bank reconciliation report for the money market account, and January 2026 reconciliation for the checking and money market accounts. Those documents are filed with these minutes. Twice in December the bank cleared checks for incorrect amounts, hence the delay in bank reconciliation. She collected \$1.7 million in property taxes this season, and she is settling with the county treasurer this week.

Clerk: Stake provided the January 2026 budget vs. actual report. She attended an election seminar on January 29. She is working with clerks from the towns of Marion and Wautoma on offering training for all three towns' poll workers in March at the Dakota Town Hall. She completed W2s and 1099-NECs, as well as calculations for 2026 mobile home parking fees and lottery credits. A Springwater business contacted her asking if Dakota wanted to transfer its one remaining liquor license to him. The board was not interested in entertaining the matter.

Assessor: Blader said that loss of assessed value due to Managed Forest Land (MFL) and solar farms was the reason for the 3 percent increase in town property taxes this year.

Fire District: No report.

Road Matters: J. Kubasta said that Adam Blader was nearly to \$13,000 worth of work cutting trees on Cottonville Lane. He will then begin working on the boat landing on Witter Lake. Hartwig's will resume trimming on Czech between 14th and County Road Y. New estimates are needed for stump grinding, since that work did not get done. The state has a new grant for repairing 6- to 20-foot small structures, but Dakota is likely not eligible, since its bridges and culverts are in good condition.

Zoning, Land Use, Recreation and Development Matters: J. Kubasta reported that he gave John Bell, Jr., of W8427 Clearwater Ave., permission to place his new LP tank on the public access lot line, due to lack of space on the residential property for the usual setback.

NEW BUSINESS

White River Flowage Pier Estimates: Grenier got two bids for the pier: One from Blackhawk Marine for \$12,466, and one from A-J Dock Service for \$8,279. Moved by J. Kubasta, seconded by Grenier, to accept the A-J Dock estimate. Motion carried. The cost includes delivery and first-time installation. The pier is solid aluminum and can be wheeled in on Memorial Days and out on Labor Days.

Adams-Columbia Utility Permit: Moved by Grenier, seconded by J. Kubasta, to grant blanket approval to Adams-Columbia to perform utility work in Dakota road rights-of-way in 2026. Motion carried. The board signed a document of consent.

Spectrum/Sunrise Utility Permit: Moved by J. Kubasta, seconded by Grenier, to approve right-of-way work on 18th Avenue. Motion carried.

Waushara County WTA Membership: The town is a member of the *statewide* Wisconsin Towns Association (WTA), but there is a *local* WTA chapter that meets at Silvercryst periodically. Its "dues" are to cover food served at these meetings. Since Dakota officials rarely attend, J. Kubasta moved to decline membership renewal to the local WTA chapter. Bandt seconded the motion, and it was carried.

Approval of Bills for Payment: Moved by J. Kubasta, seconded by Grenier, to approve the monthly bills as presented and filed with these minutes. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The town's next regular board meeting will be held at the town hall on Monday, March 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, J. Kubasta moved to adjourn, seconded by Grenier. The meeting was thus adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

These minutes are a draft, subject to approval or amendment at subsequent meetings of the town board. Any amendments made will be detailed in the minutes of the meeting at which the changes are proposed, and afterward these minutes will be reposted with the changes.


/s/ Melanie R. Stake, Town Clerk