PLANNING AND ZONING MINUTES
Maine Prairie Township
March 3, 2026

Planning and Zoning Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Zoning Administrator Froehling/Chair Lochen to approve the February 10, 2026 Planning and Zoning meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

**New Business:**

**Ruege Construction – Variance Request:** Dominic Ruegemer, representing Ruege Construction appeared to request an after the fact Variance for a Cabin located at 16649 Carnelian Road. The owner is doing landscaping and updating to the property which encroaches into the setbacks from Carnelian Road. A Variance was never obtained when past work was done to the property. Stearns County is requiring an after the fact Variance before work can proceed. Motion by Supervisor Loewen/Zoning Administrator Froehling to approve the Variance without going through the Variance process due to the age of the building. All in favor, motion carried.

**Jessica Wessling – Certificate of Compliance:** A survey shows the Holy Cross property line runs through the Pearl Lake Lodge Building. Jessica is requesting a Certificate of Compliance to move the West boundary line of the Pearl Lake Lodge property, PID 20.11414.0000, 10600 County Road 8, approximately 10' West. Holy Cross Church will be signing a Quit Claim Deed for the boundary line move. Motion by Supervisors Kuechle/Loewen to approve the Certificate of Compliance. All in favor, motion carried.

**Erick Berscheid:** Mr. Berscheid did not appear but Chair Lochen shared an update on Mr. Berscheid's purchase of property for Berscheid Trucking business. First a plat will need to be recorded, the property will need to be rezoned Commercial, and then the Township will need to issue a Conditional Use Permit. The process is expected to take until fall to complete.

**John Stein – Powerline:** Mike Schneider appeared on behalf of John Stein to update the Township of the Powerline which will cross Stein's property. Mr. Schneider has irrigator pivots on this property which will need to be reconfigured when the power line goes in. Mr. Stein wanted the Board to know that if the Township was considering building a road connecting Elm Street in the City of Kimball and Powder Ridge Road, that they proceed at this time in order to reconfigure the pivots only once. After a brief discussion the Board said it is not feasible at this time and no action will be taken

**Township Permits:** There was one Township Permits presented for approval.

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| Adam Molitor | 10' x 16' Shed |

Motion by Supervisors Loewen/Kuechle to approve the permit. All approved, motion carried.

**County Permits:** There was one County Permit issued in February.

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| Lori Greely | Feed Lot |

**Old Business:** None

Motion by Supervisor Loewen/Chair Lochen to adjourn the Planning and Zoning meeting at 7:30 p.m. All in favor, motion carried

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Nelson, Clerk/Treasurer