

August 10, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of Rietbrock was held Monday August 10, 2026, at the Rietbrock Town Hall. Tim O'Brien, Brad Murkowski, Todd Thurs, Rebecka Hein, and Jody Davis were present. Chairman Todd Thurs called the meeting to order 6:30PM with all saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were twelve (12) residents/visitors plus five board members at the meeting.

Tim made a motion, 2nd by Brad to approve last month's meeting minutes sent to the board prior to the meeting. MC

The treasurer gave the financial report, with a checking account balance total of \$140,141.57; Three outstanding checks were reported. Tax account balance of \$698.49; road improvement (RI) fund balance of \$466.57; Machinery Fund balance of \$49,259.16; Machinery Fund 9-month CD at 3.60% interest balance \$56,898.49 and will come due February 14, 2027; road improvement 9-month CD at 3.54% interest balance \$20,779.79 and will come due November 20, 2026. The new grader has a balance of \$159,321.87.

Brad made a motion, 2nd by Tim, to accept the financial report. MC

Tim made a motion, 2nd by Brad, the bills have been examined and can be paid. MC

The YTD Budget was reviewed with no changes made.

No one attended the WTA Annual Meeting of Marathon County Unit Combined Eastern and Western Unit Meeting on July 22, 2026, 7:00PM in Memories Ballroom

There is an upcoming 2026 WTA Fall Workshop to sign up for. Workshops are in September 2026 at various locations.

Permits: Zoning Permits: 1) Ladell Sattler; 2) Rick Murkowski
 Utility Permits: WPS (1 permit issued)
 New Culvert/Driveway Permits: None
 Sanitation Permits: None
 New Holding Tank Agreements: None
 New Surveys: None
 Fire Runs: None
 Missing fire run payments: 1) Peter Lui; 2) Travis Lincoln; 3) Klay Ellenbecker
 New Addresses: None
 Special Assessments: 1) TJD Trust
 Town Hall Rentals: 1) Brandon Karlen
 Nonmetallic Mine Reclamation Permit: James Peterson Sons Inc.
 Managed Forest Land – Transfer Order: Gina Lehman

Wayne Mauer, Plan Commission Chair, reported the plan commission is requesting the Town Board to hold a Public Hearing for the Wind Energy System Siting and Solar Energy Siting ordinances. The Environmental Resources Committee (ERC) discussed the Wind Energy System Siting ordinance during the August 3, 2026, meeting and passed it back to the Town of Rietbrock

to hold a public hearing since the last public hearing on this ordinance was in early 2024. The plan commission suggests Tuesday August 25, 2026, 7:00PM. The Plan Commission will meet at 6:30PM, and a Special Board meeting scheduled after the public hearing.

Brad made a motion, 2nd by Tim to hold a public hearing for both the Wind Energy Siting System and Solar Energy Siting System ordinances. MC

There were discussions on the Zoning ordinance rewrite the lawyer at Vanderwaal Law is completing. They are not returning calls to the clerk. Todd Thurs will contact and see if we can get more information.

There are no updates the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Brad reported he has not yet received quotes for creating a clerk office in the Municipal Hall. Timberland Builders and Jason Hein were both contacted. Neither have provided quotes yet.

In roads updates/issues, there were no updates on the July 2024 State of Emergency.

Todd discussed the culvert repairs. Most culverts we are working on are rotten on the bottom and need complete replacement. Work has been completed for several culverts; not all work is done. Funding is limited for this year's budget. We have also not seen a bill from Westfall Construction for work they have done with culverts and excavation so far.

There were discussions on the Reuter property cleanup. The property located at 234408 Gesicki Rd, Edgar, WI has had cleanup, but additional work is required. Todd will contact Marvin and Nancy Reuter to discuss the property.

Todd reported he received a call from Kevin Lang, Marathon County Highway department, reporting the truss bridge on Meridian Road bridge requires inspection. Step 1 in the inspection would determine if a step of load rating is needed. Step 2 would be determining the Safe Capacity (load rating) of the bridge. The cost for both steps would be \$5,400 with a minimum cost of \$2,400 if the bridge passes the initial inspection step.

The Garbage Disposal Site relocation was discussed. Residents at the meeting were opposed to the move as well as having the dump site open 24/7 even with security cameras. It was discussed to consider opening the dump on a weeknight like Wednesday evenings to accommodate more residents. No actions were taken by the town board.

With the discussion of signs, Jody will investigate new signs for the dump location to clearly mark hours, rules, and other helpful information.

The current dump supervisor, Bernice Hopperdietzel resigned after her shift August 1, 2026, effective immediately. The board will operate the dump with current employees until a new dump supervisor can be hired.

Tim made a motion, 2nd by Brad to make an employment advertisement to search for a dump supervisor. MC

There were no updates on the Town Garbage and Recycling carrier updates.

For new business to come before the board, Jody announced the Rural Mutual notice regarding revisions to cyber coverage insurance in our existing policy.

Brian Heldt made a public comment regarding the truss bridge on Meridian Road. He asked if the county would help with repairs such as putting culverts to replace the bridge. He suggested asking the county the question at least to see if this is a possibility.\

Mike Sessions made a comment reporting his driveway culvert was damaged by the roads crew when cutting ditch grass. He is concerned it will crack. Todd will look at this.

Joe Koller made a public comment requesting a time clock be put in place for accountability of employees. He wanted to know where the board is on implementing a time clock. He also wants security cameras installed at the town hall location. Joe also suggested using resources in the town that could volunteer their time to complete things that need to get done in the Town.

Wayne Mauer asked by the “Happiness is Poniatowski” sign did not get placed where they originally planned. This was reported due to vision triangle concerns is why the sign was placed where it was.

Patrick Hoerter commented on the Insurance Policy updates and will help with understanding cyber security language if needed.

Brad Murkowski commented on culverts getting hit by mower and/or snowplows, what should the corrective action be? This happens frequently, including mailbox damage in winter plowing activities.

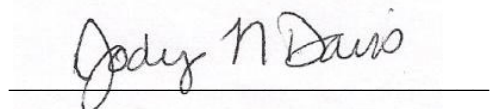
Jody Davis commented on Rodney Hart’s concerns regarding chloride application. New gravel was spread over the area where chloride had been applied. Rodney was charged for 650 feet of chloride but stated that he had officially approved only 400 feet. Mark Ellenbecker instructed that Rodney be billed for 650 feet. Jody will call Rodney to discuss the matter.

Wayne Mauer asked if Albrecht’s notified the town of their manure hauling activities. Todd reported he did receive notification. Albrecht’s sprayed the road to control dust as well during these activities.

Jody reviewed correspondence received from WPS wanting to know road project work we have upcoming so they can plan accordingly.

Jody reported Dish Network Chapter 11 bankruptcy notices were received and the town could file claims if Dish Network owed the town any money. At this time, the town will not need to file any claim for this.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM by Todd Thurs.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jody N Davis". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Jody N Davis – Clerk, August 10, 2026