

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS  
TOWN OF CRESCENT  
MINUTES FOR  
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2015  
1:00 P.M., CRESCENT TOWN HALL**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bill Treder called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. The meeting was properly posted.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call was taken. Members present were:

William Treder, Chairman

Kurt Metz, Supervisor

Steve Richardson, Supervisor

Tracy Hartman, Clerk

Carla Fletcher, Treasurer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Richardson to approve the agenda. Seconded by Metz. All aye. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Resolution 2015-01 applying for State  
Infrastructure Bank Loan

Discussion regarding the State Infrastructure Bank Loan. Treder explained that the Town would take out a loan for \$286,000 at 2% interest from the Department of Transportation. Treder handed out a chart that showed the payment plan based on a 5 year loan, 10 year loan or a 15 year loan. Treder recommended a 10 year loan. Richardson asked if there is a penalty for paying the loan back early and there isn't a penalty. Richardson stated that he would recommend taking out a 15 year loan. Metz asked if we don't take out the loan could we do this same project using our road budget for the year and complete the project over 2 years. Treder stated that would not be a viable option.

Motion by Richarson to adopt Resolution 2015-01 as read by Chairman Treder. Seconded by Metz. All aye. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Heal Creek Update

Joel Knutson was present to give an update on Heal Creek. Knutson stated that the County liked the concept that was put forth by the Town of Crescent, City of Rhinelander and the Hodag Sports Club, however, there was still the concern over getting back the money that the county has invested into the property. The Eastern 80 acres will be purchased by the Hodag Sports club and enrolled in MFL under open designation. The Hodag Sports Club will purchase the middle 127.2 acres and will also be enrolled in MFL Open with a conservation easement and the Club will enter into a trails management agreement with a trails management organization. The City of Rhinelander will purchase 62.3 acres and they will use that for expansion of the golf course with parking or facilities that are needed for supporting the recreational trails. Knutson stated that as part of the agreement the Town is out, however, the intent of the trails are still there. They have until December of 2015 to finalize the agreement between all of the parties on the purchase of the property and the conservation land trust. Knutson stated that what he would like to see from the Town at this point is for the Town to remain partners with the City in managing how the trails come together. Knutson stated that over the next 6 months they will be putting

together the trail structure and determining who is going to manage the trails. Knutson stated that he would like to see the Town commit the \$10,500 that was received for the logging for "seed" money to be available for trail creation and have to show when other businesses and people express an interest in the project. Richardson stated that the proposal for the Town to purchase the land is still viable and therefore we couldn't commit that \$10,000 towards trails until our proposal is officially refused. Knutson handed out the Heal Creek Property Compromise Conceptual Plan that will be presented to the County board for approval. There is a sentence in the document that states "The Town of Crescent will not acquire any parcel, but will support trail development and improvements in partnership with the trails management organization." Treder asked what that means for the Town of Crescent. Knutson stated that at this time he is looking for a commitment from the town to continue to help with this project. At this time there is not any dollar amount that the Town is committing. Treder expressed concern with the statement, he doesn't want to agree to the plan and commit the town to giving money for trails without the residents having a chance to approve the money. Knutson stated that this is really about the town being a part of this and working with the City.

Motion by Richardson to endorse the Heal Creek Property Compromise Conceptual Plan as presented to the Board provided that it is understood that the Town of Crescent is not committing any money to the project and with appreciation to the committee for their efforts. Seconded by Metz. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Treder to adjourn at 2:12 p.m. Seconded by Richardson. All aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,  
Tracy Hartman, Clerk