

ROUND LAKE PLAN COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

1. Call to order

The regular meeting of the Town of Round Lake Plan Commission was held at the Town Hall and virtually on 4/8/25.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Ginny Chabek
Don Stover as Secretary.

2. Certification of meeting posting – Posted on the website and Town Hall Posting Box.

Attendees - Ginny Chabek, Don Stover, Martin Hanson (virtually), Ed Haugen, Christine Hill

Audience – Scott Verbeck, Lynne & Roger Amundson, Rhonda & Greg Eisold, Sara & Pat Delaney, Charlene Pearson, Ethan Hau, Jane (no last name given), Kurt Harris, Mike Rupiper, Scott Garrett (DLP), Jeff Springer (DLP), Kevin Vanecek, David Wegener

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3. Approval of agenda – Motion to approve agenda: Stover / Haugen

4. Approval of minutes for the March 11th Regular Meeting and March 18 Special Meeting - Motion to approve minutes: Stover / Haugen

5. Audience recognition – Comments Only

None

6. Discussion – Callahan Lake District, Lynne Amundson.

The County Board approved the Callahan / Mud Lake District on 3/20/25.

The Lake District Board of Commissioners will have their first meeting after all administrative papper-Work is completed. They will have 4 meetings per year.

7. Discussion/Action – Updated Minor Subdivision CSM for Charlene Pearson.

The Certified Survey Map has been completed and was approved by TRL Plan Commission and Town Board earlier. CSM was reviewed by Sawyer County Zoning.

Motion to Approve CSM, Hanson / Stover

8. Discussion/Action – CUP #25-035 Abel and Laura Channing/ Agent Dairyland Power Solar Farm.

The Plan Commission was instructed by Ginny to make sure this facility adheres to the Town's Comprehensive Plan. This issue was discussed at last month's Plan Commission meeting.

Dairyland Power (DLP) will lease the property from land owners Laura & Abel Channing.

Facility will be 2 Mega Watts with 1 Mega Watt of battery Storage.

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The facility will generate energy for 330 homes and is intended for "High Demand Load" times. 5 speakers, Rhonda Eisold, David Wegener, Scott Deder, Pat Delany, and Kevin Vanecek all spoke in opposition of the facility. Concerns raised were property values, habitat reduction, wildlife, and groundwater issues. It was suggested that this topic should be on the Town Survey. 2 letters from Jennifer Palmer and David DiSera were read into the record by Ginny. Both were in opposition.

Jeff Springer (DLP) explained that the Lithium Ion Phosphate Batteries will be contained and will not leach into the ground.

The site once completed will not be expanded.

Training of Fire Department personnel will be provided in the event of a battery fire.

The Silicon Panels are only 25% efficient.

Ethan Hau-Environmental Consultant explained the site has no wetlands, Pollinator Plants will be Planted under the panels, there will be no impacts to endangered species, and the site will be fenced.

Mike Rupiper-Environmental Consultant stated that there should be no storm water runoff issues.

Scott Garrett (DLP) stated a "Distribution Line" would be installed and ran to the Jump River Electric Substation on County Road B.

2 rows of trees will be put around the facility.

There is the possibility of "Micro-climate" issues.

Comprehensive Plan States – Preserve "Northwoods Character", Preserve Farmland, Protect Water Quality. No Cultural Resource issues were identified on land map.

Motion by Hanson / Haugen to table issue with a recommendation to the Town Board to request Sawyer County Zoning conduct a study of "Solar Farms" and decide if CUP's and or rezoning is appropriate. Motion passed. These issues were discussed at last months PC meeting.

9. Discussion/Possible Action – Proposed Camping Cabin Amendment to Sawyer County Zoning Ordinance. Camping Cabins are Semi-permanent structures. Any licensed Campground can have Camping Cabins. Motion by Hanson / Hill to recommend Town Board deny. Language on amendment needs better Definition regarding number of units allowed, height restrictions, and square footage. Motion passed.
10. Discussion/Possible Action: Typo update to Subdivision Ordinance. 2 typo errors were discussed and corrections made. Motion by Hanson / Hill to ask Town Board to approve amendment. Motion passed.
11. Discussion/Possible Action: Updated Driveway Ordinance. Item moved to May meeting.
12. Discussion/Possible Action - Planning for the Town Survey in 2025: Determine a date to bring this forward again possibly in the fall of 2025. Discussion. Discussion to begin preparations for Town Survey in September 2025.
13. Board Meeting Report – Ginny. No questions or issues.

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14. Correspondence – Update on Eurasian Milfoil Education/Awareness meeting, no room tax document update this month.

Sawyer County Lakes Forum moving forward with meeting plans.

Round Lake Association AIS Coordinator Joan Buehrle involved in planning also.

Room Tax discussion moved to May PC meeting.

15. Schedule Next Meeting:

May 6, 6:30pm

16. Adjourn:

7:54pm

Don Stover - Recorder

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