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Eagles Nest Township Board of Supervisors Special Meeting
5:00 p.m., July 2, 2026
Eagles Nest Township Town Hall
1552 Bear Head State Park Road, Ely, MN

A. Call to Order

Chair Chiabotti called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

In attendance: Chair Chiabotti; Supervisor Carlson; Supervisor Monahan-Junek; Supervisor Harrington (via Zoom); Bob Streetar, Consultant (via Zoom)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Supervisor Carlson, second by Supervisor Monahan-Junek to approve the agenda. Roll call: Ayes – Supervisors Carlson, Monahan-Junek, Chiabotti, Harrington. Motion carried.

C. New Business

1. Eagles Nest Township OHV Corridor Overlay District Ordinance 05-26-02 Application Policy and Procedure

   Bob Streetar explained the Application Policy and Procedure (including forms) with the Board. The planning process requires the Township to follow State statute.

   Motion by Supervisor Monahan-Junek, second by Supervisor Harrington to approve the Eagles Nest Township OHV Corridor Overlay District Ordinance 05-26-02 Application Policy and Procedure which also includes the fee schedule. Roll call: Ayes – Supervisors Carlson, Monahan-Junek, Chiabotti, Harrington. Motion carried.

2. Appoint a Board Supervisor as Administrator for Eagles Nest Township OHV Corridor Overlay District Ordinance 05-26-02 Administration

   Motion by Supervisor Chiabotti, second by Supervisor Carlson to appoint Supervisor Monahan-Junek as Administrator for Eagles Nest Township OHV Corridor Overlay District Ordinance 05-26-02 Administration. Roll call: Ayes – Supervisors Carlson, Monahan-Junek, Chiabotti, Harrington. Motion carried.

3. Township brush pick/drop off

   Supervisor Harrington reported there is no Firewise grant for brush pickup/dropoff for 2026. Jessica Oldenberg, Eagles Nest Firewise Coordinator, is working on a Firewise grant application for 2027. The Township can use the St. Louis County Community Wide grant in the amount of $4,500 for brush pickup/drop off in 2026.

   Supervisor Harrington stated that brush pickup for 1/3 of the township and brush dropoff for three weekends will cost a maximum of $12,000; $3,000 Mather's Recycling for brush pickup, $9,000 Dutchman Tree Service for brush dropoff/brush disposal. With the St. Louis County grant of $4,500, the maximum cost to the Township will be $7,500.

   The Township has not yet received the grant reimbursement of $1,100 for the 2025 brush pick.

   Motion by Supervisor Harrington, second by Supervisor Chiabotti to approve brush pickup/drop off for 2026 for 1/3 of the Township for a maximum cost of $12,000; $3,000 Mather's Recycling for brush pickup, $9,000 Dutchman Tree Service for brush dropoff/brush disposal. Roll call: Ayes – Supervisors Carlson, Monahan-Junek, Chiabotti, Harrington. Motion carried.

   Supervisor Harrington will review prior brush pickup records to determine what roads will get the brush pickup this year. The brush dropoff weekends will be August 22/23, August 29/30, and September 12/13, 2026.

D. Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Monahan-Junek, second by Supervisor Carlson to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m. Roll call: Ayes – Supervisors Carlson, Monahan-Junek, Chiabotti, Harrington. Motion carried.

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Keely Drange, Clerk