

**Watab Town Board Minutes of Special Meeting
January 24, 2012**

A special meeting of the Watab Town Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m on Tuesday, January 24, 2012. by Chair Ed Kacures Jr. The purpose of the meeting was: 1) Proposed Sauk Rapids Fire Contract; 2) Date for Negotiations with City of Rice for New Fire Contract; 3) Grant Update for Emergency Warning Sirens; and 4) Conduct the Annual Board of Audit. The entire board was present: Supervisor Ed Kacures Jr., Supervisor Craig Gondeck, Supervisor Lloyd Erdmann, Treasurer Eileen Saldana, and Clerk Pat Spence. There were no audience members.

Supervisor Gondeck talked about Gold Cross stations. They have done a ten-year study on their calls, and they have seven ambulances to cover eight stations. This means that there is not always an ambulance present at the Rice City Hall. Supervisor Kacures reported on the Rice City Council meetings, which he attended in January. They did not discuss our proposed fire contract. He asked the town board for open dates that we could meet with Rice; February 14 & 15th will be suggested as possible dates.

Sauk Rapids Fire Contract: There is meeting scheduled for negotiations on February 1 at 7:00 p.m. Supervisor Kacures outlined the additions he would like added to the Sauk Rapids Fire Contract: cost for Highway 10 and Burlington Northern calls to be totally the responsibility of the City of Sauk Rapids for billing to those entities. Supervisor Gondeck will meet with the Fire Chief to discuss the desired changes prior to the February 1st general meeting.

Grant Update for Outdoor Warning Sirens: Supervisor Gondeck reported that he has met with Jim McDermott, Benton County Emergency Services Director. The warning siren must be located on township property. Jim McDermott will handle the grant application for Watab Township with a request of \$25,000. The grant would cover 75% of the total cost; the township can apply for other grants to cover the remaining 25%. No other entities have applied for the grant. Supervisor Gondeck made a motion to authorize Jim McDermott to write the grant application for an outdoor warning siren at the town hall; motion was seconded by Supervisor Kacures; motion passed. Supervisor Gondeck will contact Jim McDermott.

The board initiated the Board of Audit process at 8:05 p.m. The board reviewed the financial reports and audited all 2011 claim forms and checks for disbursements. Supervisor Gondeck made a motion to approve the audit with no findings of error; motion was seconded by Supervisor Kacures; motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. through a motion by Supervisor Kacures and second by Supervisor Erdmann.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Pat Spence