

AGENDA
ANNUAL JOINT LGU MEETING
Diamond Point Park – Diamond Pavilion

Tuesday, June 12, 2018 REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 p.m.

- **Roll Call** **Chair**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Approval of the Agenda**

A. INTRODUCTIONS & MEAL

B. NEW BUSINESS

- What's New in the Greater Bemidji Area? **CM**
- Joint Powers Agreement (Term Extends Until December 31, 2019) **Chair**
 - Annexation – Next Phase 2020 (where we are at and where we are going)
 - Future of the GBAJPB?
- Sewer or Shared-Septic Possibilities around the GBA Lakes **Chair**
 - Brainstorm & Discuss

C. OTHER BUSINESS

D. VISITORS **Chair**

E. UPCOMING MEETINGS **Chair**

- Set Fall LGU Meeting Date

F. ADJOURN **Chair**

**MINUTES
GREATER BEMIDJI AREA
JOINT LGU MEETING**

June 12, 2018
6:00 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER: City of Bemidji Chair, Michael Meehlhause called the regular meeting of the Joint LGU to order at 6:08 p.m. Roll call was taken, the pledge of allegiance was performed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rita Albrecht, Nancy Erickson, Michael Meehlhause, Micheal Kelly, Jess Frenzel, Dave Larson, Ron Johnson, Curt Blumhagen, Paul Wiese, Jeremy Berg, Tim Faver, Don Heinonen, Nicki Lemmer, Allen Steffen, Bill Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: Richard Lehmann, Judy David, Clark Chambers, Kristi Miller, Roger Hellquist, Doug Kranich, Chris Lahn

STAFF PRESENT: Nate Mathews, Craig Gray, Sam Anderson, Al Felix, Josh Stearns, Casey Mai, Cory Boushee, Terri Ball

OTHERS: Ted Will

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Frenzel, second by Kelly, to approve agenda as written.

Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

WHAT'S NEW IN THE GREATER BEMIDJI AREA: Mai summarized his report which highlighted the newest development projects this year, as well as ongoing staff projects.

JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT: Mai reviewed the terms, specifically the automatic renewal of fifteen (15) years unless written notice is provided to the other party at least one (1) year prior to January 1, 2020. Discussion focused on the positives and negatives of the current agreement. Members of the Northern Township Board urged the members of the City of Bemidji for a clear answer of their intent.

Annexation – The 2020 Phase was discussed while referencing the map provided. Northern members advised that a large section which is planned to be acquired is wetlands and thus undevelopable. They also stated that the proposed annexation

should not involve “cherry picking” of prime parcels. City members maintained their intent to square up edges of the city, no matter the content. It was agreed that any alterations to the current plan should be discussed. Staff suggested consideration of costs versus the anticipated tax receivables. A City Council work session was proposed in October to discuss the Joint Powers Agreement and the 2020 Annexation.

Future of the GBAJPB – Discussed the positive effects of the organization as well as the turbulent times prior to the departure of Bemidji Township. City officials stated their willingness to include neighboring townships, and that the City Council has not yet discussed the future of the JPB. Northern Township members request a decision from the city for budgeting purposes. There was also discussion about altering the number of Joint Planning Commissioners, which was agreed to be decided upon at the renewal of the Joint Powers Agreement.

Sewer/Shared Septic Possibility – Visitor Ted Will spoke on behalf of the Bemidji Rotary Club. He compared the future health of Lake Bemidji to a similarly sized, polluted lake in Ohio, and urged action to collaborate and seek funding for municipal sewer service around it. Will intends to present the topic at the next Rotary meeting. Options and opinions were discussed, and resulted in the agreement to form a committee that will develop a strategy. Each LGU will propose members, and Nate Mathews will coordinate a meeting in July/August.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Elliot Road: Improvements are needed, but neither LGU has the paving project in their five-year budget plan.

FUTURE MEETING DATE: December was suggested for the next Joint LGU meeting. Date will be determined at a later time.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Motion by Albrecht, second by Johnson to adjourn the regular Joint Planning Board Local Government Unit meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Ball
Planning Administrative Assistant

Approved and attended by: _____
Joint Planning Board Representative