

CHASE BOARD MINUTES
MAY 19, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Lodholtz at 6:35.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call : Present were; Treasurer Janel Eichenberg, Trustees Sarah Nyp and Joyce Beach, Supervisor

Phil Lodholtz.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made to accept the minutes of April 21, 2026 by Trustee Beach. Seconded by Trustee Nyp. Roll Call Vote: Treasurer Eichenberg—Yes, Trustee Beach—Yes, Trustee Nyp—Yes, Supervisor Lodholtz—Yes. Motion Passed.

Financial Report

Treasurer Eichenberg reported:

General Fund Opening Balance was \$180,865.37. Total Income \$10,607.20. Total Expense (\$27,629.09). Ending Balance \$163,843.48.

Library Account opening balance - \$66,125.95. Total income \$1,160.64. Total expense (\$3,502.45). Ending Balance \$63,784.04.

Monthly bills to be paid were discussed.

Motion was made by Trustee Beach to approve the financial reports and the monthly bills to pay. Second by Treasurer Eichenberg. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Nyp—Yes, Supervisor Lodholtz—Yes, Treasurer Eichenberg—Yes, Trustee Beach—Yes. Motion approved.

Reports

Library

Trustee Beach gave the Library report. She stated the summer reading program has begun. They have cancelled the cleaning service. They will have desks for sale.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Jeff Stein reported they had 36 calls in April, 3 were in Chase. They have had 206 calls as of today. Department has 19 firefighters.

County Commissioner

Howard Lodholtz reported 2 new cars were purchased for the Sheriff's Department.

People in Chase are complaining about trash in the community and would like to have a blight ordinance.

Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Rich Martin stated the Hawkins Road signs were purchased with \$2150 in donations, each sign cost \$1163.20, with a balance of \$986.80. The road commission charged \$2046.94 to install them, leaving a deficit of \$1060.14.

There was a press release of a homicide abuse of a corpse.

Blessings weekend reported 3 crashes in the county.

Speakers

Cameron Harwell is running for Lake County Prosecutor in the next election.

LCRC—Two Commissioners spoke about brining. The LCRC applies it and the township pays for the brine material.

Old Business

Marijuana Resolution, establishing marijuana license fee allocation and accounting policy.

Change the line item allocations in QuickBooks to: 15% in the Clerk's budget, 10% in the Treasurer's budget, Township Board \$3,000, Legal \$2,500.

Motion was made by Trustee Beach to adopt the new marijuana resolution #2026-001. Second by Trustee Nyp. . Roll Call Vote: Trustee Nyp—Yes, Supervisor Lodholtz—Yes, Treasurer Eichenberg—Yes, Trustee Beach—Yes. Motion approved.

Mowing Bid-Do All Doug for \$85 per cut. . Motion was made by Supervisor Lodholtz to approve the bid. Second by Treasurer Eichenberg. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Nyp—Yes, Supervisor Lodholtz—Yes, Treasurer Eichenberg—Yes, Trustee Beach—Yes. Motion approved.

Clerk resignation

With the Clerk's resignation and no other applicants, Deputy Clerk Hollis-Raines was asked to accept the position, which she did. Motion was made by Trustee Nyp to approve romaine Hollis-Raines as Clerk. Second by Treasurer Eichenberg. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Nyp—Yes, Supervisor Lodholtz—Yes, Treasurer Eichenberg—Yes, Trustee Beach—Yes. Motion approved.

Public Comment

Kurt Libey would like a resolution stating that the board cannot spend more than \$7500, without bringing it before the public for a vote. He would like for us to check with the state. Tom Evans is the appointed Prosecuting Attorney for Lake County. He is running for the office in the next election.

Large item drop off is August 15 from 8am -12 noon.

Trustee Beach would like to have a FOIA resolution.

Motion to adjourn at 7:42pm.

Respectfully submitted by Romaine Hollis-Raines, Deputy Clerk.