TOWN BOARD MEETING **Town of Red River** Wednesday 7:00 PM – September 16, 2026, E0505 County Road S

Present:	Office:	Absent	
Jeff Dorner	Chairman	Absent: connected by phone	
Paul Dalebroux	Supervisor #1		
Steve LeGrave	Supervisor #2		
Ken Bouchonville	Treasurer		
Sarah Monfils	Clerk		
Jeremy Pingel	Plan Cm Secretary		
John Maas	Zoning Administrator		
Steven Agamaite	County Supervisor		
	Also present: Luke Vandervest, Mike Vandervest, Joe Bader, Troy Thiry		

Pledge of Allegiance

Ken Bouchonville made a motion to approve Paul Dalebroux as Chairman in Jeff Dorner's absence. Seconded by Steve LeGrave. Motion Carried.

1) Call to order, Roll call, declaration of a quorum and Approval of Agenda.

   Call to order at 7:00 pm by Paul Dalebroux.

   Steve LeGrave made a motion to approve the agenda, Paul Dalebroux seconded. Motion carried.

2) Approval of previous Meeting Minutes

   Clerk Sarah Monfils provided the Board with minutes of the previous Town Board meeting in advance. Steve LeGrave made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Jeff Dorner seconded. Motion carried.

3) Reports

   A) Treasurer

      Ken Bouchonville read the treasurer's report.

      Steve LeGrave made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Jeff Dorner. Motion carried.

      Land CD is coming due Oct 19, 2026. We will make the decision at the October meeting.

      Steve asked about installments from ARIP funds from the state.

   B) Plan Commission

      Jeremy reported on the meeting September 2, 2026.

   C) County Supervisor

      Steven Agamaite reported that the hot mix plant was struck by lightning this week.

      He also brought up the budget on the highway department upgrade.

Steven asked about our bridge aids and Steve said that we are on hold because of FEMA. Steven also reported that there are questions about keeping bridge aid but after discussion at the county level, the goal is to keep bridge aid.

Steven also reported that a new grader will be purchased by the county, in addition to a house in Casco for Human Services as halfway house with a hope of saving money on sending out.

There was a budget draft released with a 7.4% decrease in the mill rate.

Steven also brought up a few questions related to permits posted online.

4) Public Input

There was none

5) New Business

A) Approval of the Revised Chapter 10 Zoning Ordinances

The planning commission had a number of months to read through the revisions.

Mike Vandervest asked about the maintenance zoning permit that is required but free. The question is whether a person will have to get a permit, as there is a change in the wording about a $5000 minimum. Jeff reported that the amounts are listed on the fee schedule.

Steven Agamaite asked about the assessor's value for a maintenance project.

Jeff Dorner reported that the reason they changed it is because people were putting up buildings without permits.

The question about removing the threshold of $5000 was discussed.

It was also asked whether we have ever issued a citation or collected for it. John Maas reported that we have not in his time.

Luke Vandervest questioned the change to the height of an accessory building. Jeremy Pingel commented that we have to consider the shoreline and the rural properties and explained the role of the board of appeals.

There was also discussion about portable structures. John Maas reported that most should be permanent structures and should be permitted.

The concern is that we have a standard as a town, which is why the changes were suggested.

Steve LeGrave made a motion to approve the revised Chapter 10 Zoning Ordinance. Jeff Dorner seconded. Motion carried.

B) Snowplowing for the 2026/ 2027 Winter – Discuss Bid Options and Choose Contractor

Steve LeGrave asked about the quote from the county concerning labor, benefits, and hourly wage. Steven Agamaite brought up that there would be overtime pay for weekend work.

Jadin's proposal will be contingent on sanding, graders, and loaders.

The current bids are $250/hour from Jadin and $225 from the county.

There was discussion about having a plow in the town before school busses, as well as the county's ability to add a driver.

Jeremy Pingel asked if they got rid of summer work requirement from previous contracts with the county. It has been revised to be worth $100,000 total for town work. They also said

additional summer work that added up could be accounted for over the years of the contract.

It was discussed that based on the numbers, the county is more advantageous than Jadin this year. It was clarified that it is a three-year contract and could increase based on state rates, which includes fuel.

Marty Treml commented on the phone and said the goal is to put a grader in the county full time so that the new driver would be able to get out sooner but not exclusive to our town.

Jeff Dorner made a motion to contract with the county highway department for snow removal. Seconded by Steve LeGrave. Motion carried.

6) Old Business

A) Lincoln/Red River Townline Road Culvert -Troy Thiry Residence Discussion & Review Pricing

Troy Thiry was present and reported that he talked to Jesse at the county and the grading is different on each side of the road, which affects the water flow.

The estimate to do the work is $19,000 and the town cannot currently afford that at this time.

Steve LeGrave encouraged him to keep in touch, and it will be a priority in the future.

B) ARIP Project – Progress Report

Steve LeGrave reported that they are blacktopping next week.

C) FEMA – Progress Update

Jeff Dorner reported that all the paperwork has been filled out and we are waiting for projects to be completed and submitted.

Steve LeGrave asked if the culvert on Macco Rd. was part of FEMA projects.

D) Road Maintenance Issues

Joe Bader was present and reported there are over 30 culverts that are washed out. Jeff Dorner asked for a list. Joe also said that 90% of the ditches are washed out, which causes an issue with ponding.

Joe also reported that new construction driveways are leaving the culverts exposed so he is unable to cut. There is also an issue with concrete trucks washing out in the ditches or people putting brush in the ditch.

Joe Bader also brought up signs that need repair or replacement.

E) Jesse Pleuss Buildings Update – John Maas

Not discussed because John Maas was no longer present.

7) Town Clerk Update

Tennesen contract arrived and needs approval for next year

Election planning and work continues

Budget updates including a discussion of combining accounts in our software

8) Payment of Invoices

Motion to approve payment of all invoices upon Jeff Dorner’s return was made by Steve LeGrave; Seconded by Paul Dalebroux. Motion carried.

Preliminary budget meeting set for October 7th at 7:00.

9) Adjournment -Motion to adjourn at 8:47pm by Steve LeGrave; Seconded by Jeff Dorner. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Monfils
Red River Town Clerk

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