

January 9, 2023

PERCH LAKE TOWNSHIP

MINUTES OF SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING WITH CARLTON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RE SNOWSTORM OF DECEMBER 13-16, 2022.

1. ATTENDANCE

Perch Lake Town Board

- Supervisor Keith Depre
- Supervisor Steve Olson
- Treasurer Cheri DeMenge
- Clerk Lora Eames

Carlton County

- Marlyn Halvorson, Emergency Management Director

Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Homeland Security and Emergency Management:

- Wayne Lamoreaux, Deputy Public Assistance Officer

Other:

- Representatives from Moose Lake Township, Silver Township, Carlson Family Farm

2. PURPOSE OF MEETING

Lamoreaux opened the meeting at approximately 2:00 p.m. by stating that Governor Waltz has issued a State Disaster Declaration which includes Carlton County.

Lamoreaux stated that the purpose of the meeting was to review clean-up costs eligible for the Public Assistance Program from the snowstorm event which occurred December 13-16, 2022, in Carlton County. Eight different counties have submitted requests for assistance.

3. REVIEW OF ELIGIBLE DAMAGES AND NEXT STEPS

Lamoreaux discussed the seven categories of common eligible work designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), noting that:

- the minimum threshold for each category is \$3,800.
- most costs will qualify for Category A – Debris Removal.

Each township discussed its own situation and costs.

Supervisors Olson and Depre estimated that Perch Lake Township will have \$12,000-\$15,000 in reimbursable costs.

In addition, they reported that they:

- have already spent \$5,652 in clean-up costs.
- will have to retrieve debris pushed into the ditches.
- will have to make use of contractors in the spring.
- have invested approximately \$500 in supervisors' time.
- have completed approximately 25% of the work.

Lamoreaux, in closing, advised township representatives to keep track of all expenses incurred for the storm and spring cleanup, including supervisors' overtime and use of their personal equipment (chain saws, vehicles, etc.). He will email state disaster documents to each township.

Each Township will complete the work, then submit the documentation at one time. The state will reimburse 75% of actual costs.

Townships will have one year to complete the work – through January of 2024.

4. CLOSING

The meeting ended at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by Town Board

Lora Eames, Clerk

Steve Olson, Vice-Chair