

Town of Otter Creek – February 27, 2026

Via Zoom

Special Town Board Meeting – 7 p.m.

Attendees:

Chair LeAnn Ralph*

Supervisor 1 Cecil Hayes*

Supervisor 2 Bob Bernier*

Clerk/Treasurer Bev Bernier

Guests: None

*Board Members

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

The Special Town Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Ralph at 7:05 p.m. on Friday, February 27, 2026.

Public Comments – None.

This meeting is to discuss and decide whether to join a new Colfax EMS District, contingent upon Innovation Grant approval. Potential grant of \$100,000/year over 5 years, total of \$500,000 possible.

The Colfax Village Board has agreed to form this ambulance district contingent upon receiving the Innovation Grant. Governance of rescue squad is the only change. The same municipalities that contract now would be members of the district and it would be set up as the Fire Board is. Per Wisconsin statute, Villages do not have to provide an ambulance service, Towns do. Forming this District adds stability. Don Knutson, Village of Wheeler Clerk, has agreed to act as Clerk for the new District and he anticipates needing about 5 hours/week for the position. The District would pay the Village of Wheeler for his time. We have a March 31 grant application deadline. Hayes made a motion to move forward joining the district, contingent upon receiving the grant, second by Ralph, MC.

Any other business – None.

Adjournment of Special Board Meeting. Cecil made a Motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m., second by Bernier, MC.

Respectfully submitted – Beverly Bernier, Clerk/Treasurer

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