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Garfield Annual Meeting
April 21, 2026

Present: Chairman: Ed Gullickson
 Clerk: Sue Knutson

Residents/Citizens: 19

Meeting called to order by Chairman, Ed Gullickson, at 6:15 pm.

Minutes of Last Annual Meeting: Minutes from last year's annual meeting were read. Motion made and seconded to approve the annual meeting minutes as submitted. Carried-unanimously.

Concerns/Comments: None.

Annual Statement: Board explained the 2025 Annual Statement. Board stated that it applies for different types of grants to help with road costs. Motion made and seconded to approve the 2025 Annual Statement as submitted. Carried-unanimously.

Road Report: Board gave report on the roads which included 4.1 miles that had culverts replaced, reconstructed in areas needed, blacktopped, and ditch work completed. Every other year the Town blacktop certain roads and on the opposite year those roads will be prepped for blacktopping the next year.

Grant Money Received for Road Construction: The Town received different TRI grants for the roads applied for.

Park Report and Sunrise Beach Drive: Park's boat landing brings in majority of the funds. The money stays in the park for upkeep and park wages.

Ambulance Report: Report for the Northwestern Emergency Services was given.

Allied Emergency Services Report: Dave Campbell, Assistant Fire Chief, submitted information on the total runs for the past year. The Department had a total of 475 runs, 183 for fire, motor vehicle accidents, and 292 for medical runs. The Department covers approximately 135 square miles and covers the Town of Garfield, Town of Alden, Town of Osceola, and the Village of Dresser. The Department holds three fundraisers a year, one at each station, and is very grateful to all that have donated. Station 1 has a spaghetti dinner, Station 2 has a Mother's Day pancake breakfast, and Station 3 has a pulled pork dinner. Fundraiser money is used for gear, equipment, and training. There

is approximately 60 fire fighters/first responders are on the three departments along with junior firefighters and is always looking for new fire fighters. Radios were upgraded with grants.

Gopher Bounty: Motion made and seconded to keep the pocket gopher bounty at \$4.00 per tail, no bounty on stripe gopher tails. Carried-unanimously.

Set 2026 Annual Meeting Date: Per State requirements the annual meeting has to be on the third Tuesday in April.

Adjourn: Motion made and seconded to adjourn meeting, 7:10 pm. Carried-unanimously.

Submitted by: Sue Knutson, Clerk