

Jan 9th 1926

Board met at the residence of Supervisor
Gould as per call of Town Chairman

Members Present { F. Seckel Town Clerk
H. Gould Sup.
H. S. Butterfield Clerk

This meeting was called to make
final settlement of the survey that the
Town done early in the fall of 1925 on
new road know as the Hamison road

The Surveyer (John Caro) being present
the Board after auditing his accounts ordered
the Clerk to issue orders for the same

There being no further business
before the Board they adjourned
with out delay

Attested H. S. Butterfield
Town Clerk

Jan 19th 1926

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Office of Town Clerk

Watertown Minn

Minutes of Board meeting on above date
Board meet pursuant to call

Members Present { H. Gould Sup
 { Tom Buchite "
 { H. G. Butterfield Clk

Board proceeded to Merrifield as per agreement and there met W. E. Henderson of the Graybar Electric Co. the party that Watertown purchased the telephone equipment from. After thoroughly going over the various items of the telephone equipments and the agent correcting his mistakes as to supplies the Board ordered the Clerk to draw an order for the balance due the electric Co which the Clerk so done and delivered ditto to Mr W. E. Henderson the Manager of said Graybar electric Co.

After a preliminary talk with the Town Boards lying between Watertown and Brainerd it was decided by all Boards present to adjourn for the day and meet at Merrifield again on the 26th of Jan 26 when the several Boards are to endeavor to make an agreement allowing Watertown to get direct connection with Brainerd

Attested H. G. Butterfield
Town Clerk

Jan 26th 1926

Minutes of Board meeting held on above date

Members Present	{	H. Gould Sup.
		Wm Buchke "
		H. G. Butterfield Clk

The Board assembled at Goulds residence and proceeded to Merrifield and there met the Town Board of Mission and the Telephone directors of the Merrifield Tel Co after due deliferation the three companies made an agreement to consolidate the phones lines and use them in company, for contract see the contract as drawn up by all parties concerned, there being one copy drawn for each Town and Company concerned

There being no further business on hand the Board adjourned and went home

Attested H. G. Butterfield
Clk

Town Hall Mar - 16th - 1926

Minutes of Board meeting held on above date. Meeting was held for the purpose of qualifying the newly elected town officers.

- Members Present
- F. Seckel Chr.
- H. Gould Sup.
- Wm. Buchite "
- H. J. Butterfield Clk.

The old board audited and allowed all bills that came under their jurisdiction as a retiring board after which the town clerk proceeded to qualify the new town officers, and immediately turned the office over to S. E. Wright, the new town clerk.

Attest. H. J. Butterfield.

Mar. 16th - 1926

Minutes of new incoming board meeting & continues from the foregoing minutes, attested by the outgoing clerk, H. J. Butterfield.

Motion made by Balbridge and seconded by Buchite, that the outgoing Treasurers report be accepted to date.

A discussion on the machinery needs of the town was held, also of telephone affairs.

Mr. Charles Heath was elected as road overseer.

Motion made by Buchite and seconded by Gould to adjourn.

S. E. Wright
Town Clerk

New Board elected
 H. Gould Chairman
 Balbridge
 Buchite

May 1st 1926

Meeting of the Board for the purpose of entertaining a committee from Mission Telephone Co in regard to telephone matter and any other ^{Matter} that might come up. Meeting called to order by chairman Gould. Members present

from Watertown

- Harry Gould Chairman
- Wm Buchite
- Baldridge

Committee present from Mission town consisted of the entire members of the board names as follows Jesse Mulke Chairman

- Harvey Drake
- Wm H Vanhorn

After careful and earnest discussion of the telephone matter concerning both the towns of Mission and Watertown. The following resolution was unanimously passed

Resolved that the clerks of the aforesaid townships be ordered to advertise for bids for the construction (Labor Only) of the seven miles of live ^{an state highway No. 3} from the Brammer City limits

The materials for this job to be furnished by the aforesaid towns.

Delivered on the ground of said line. Bids to be opened at a joint meeting of the aforesaid boards, to be held at Messifield Minnesota on the 13th day of May 1926.

The above said bid to include the transferring of two wires from the line of the Nos Bell Tel. Co across the road. And transfer

Three wires from the Mission Lake Rural
Tel Co. Now on the right of way of the new
line. String seven new wires, Lightning
protector wire on every seventh pole.

All wires to be properly placed and
Tied in. Cut all brush likely to interfere
with line. Set poles from Hunt "22"
to City Limits of Bramford poles to be set
approximately 170 ft apart, and four
ft deep. Guy and brace on all turn
poles to be equipped with two cross arms
of six pins each.

There being no further business
The board adjourned to meet at Merrifield
Minor May 13 1926

St. Edno Wright
Clerk of Watertown

Members of Boards Present

Watertown { Harry Gould chairman
 S. H. Balbridge
 Wm. Buchheit

Mission { Jess Mill. Chairman
 Harry Drake
 Wm. H. Fankhauser

May 13 - 1926
 Held at Merrifield.
 Meeting of the Board continued from
 from meeting of May 1st to open
 bids for construction of telephone
 line from Hunt's corner to Braam's
 City limits.

Bids as follows were received
 and opened.

- Al. Albertson \$338.77
- Haaf Bros 578.00
- H. Matson 750.00

Al. Albertson's ^{bid} being lowest, it was
 voted ^{unanimously} to give him the contract.

Motion made and seconded to
 demand a ^{surety} bond of Mr. Albertson
 to the amount of his bid
 namely \$338.77

The Boards then proceeded to draw
 a contract with Mr. Albertson
 for the construction of the line
 as per specifications decided
 on at the joint meeting of the
 Mission & Watertown boards, held
 at Watertown Hall, May 1st 1926.

No further business. The
 meeting adjourned.

J. Gray Wright
 Clerk of Watertown
 + Minnesota

May 17 - 1924

Meeting of the Board at Stinson store to go to Braintree to work with a committee from the Chamber of Commerce to solicit funds from the Braintree business men to aid in the construction of the Watertown telephone lines.

The board met with and agreeable reception from the Braintree business men. And the amount of money received totaled Ninety Four Dollars (\$94.00)

Members of the board present on this work. Harry Gould, Chas S F Buldrige
St John Wright Clerk

Having put in a hard and strenuous day the board adjourned to meet again for the same purpose, on May 20th 1924

St John Wright
Clerk of Watertown

May 20th 1924
 Meeting of the board as per
 arrangement of May 17th to
 go to Braintree to again solicit
 funds for the Watertown telephone
 lines. Members present

Harry Gould, Chm
 S. F. Baldridge
 A. J. Wright, Clerk

This day was even more successful
 than the trip of May 17th the
 amount received was \$127.⁰⁰

The meeting adjourned
 for the same purpose
 to meet at the call of the
 chairman at some future date
 A. J. Wright
 Clerk of Watertown

June 21st - 1926
Meeting of the Board ^{& voters} to conduct
the regular primary ^{for Watertown} of the primary
election of the state ^{& County} and national

Members of the Board Present

Harry Gould Chairman
Wm. Beechite

St. John Wright Clerk

Meeting called to order by Town Clerk
~~and the voters present proceeded to~~
~~elect a moderator~~

One member of the board being absent
Mr. H. Y. Butterfield was elected to fill
the vacancy. Mr. Wm. Stone Jr
was appointed to officiate as clerk
of the election.

The election was carried on in
an orderly manner, and all records
kept and filed according to
law. The votes being counted
and recorded. And all records made
ready to send in to the Co
Auditor. The work being finished
the meeting adjourned at 2 o'clock
A.M. on June 22nd

St. John Wright
Clerk of Watertown Tp.

June 28 - 1926

Meeting of The Town Board as a
board of review of assessments.

Members Present

Harry Gould Chairman

Wm. Buckite

St Elmo Wright Clerk

Assessors work reviewed and found
fair. No complaints received
from any one. The review
of the assessors work being
finished. The board proceeded
to clean up the town
business of various kinds.

The Board ordered the clerk to
order 1/2 doz phones from Duluth
with small wire to connect with ground
wires.

The Board recognized the rights
of the following applicants for phones
and decided to put them in in the
following order

Mrs Harrison
W.A. Eberman
Libbie
Jim Taylor
Farmer
Radant
Stinson Resort.

The Road overseers accounts were
verified, and warrants issued to balance
accounts to date.

No further business. Board adjourned
St Elmo Wright
Town Clerk

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Certificate of Town Clerk
for wolf cub Bounty issued to Wm. Cuff
of Mission town.

State of Minn.
County of Crow Wing

I, St. Elmo Wright Town Clerk of the town
of Watertown County and State aforesaid do
here by certify that Wm. Cuff, the claimant
residing at Mission Township, said County
and State, did on the 28th day of June
1926 Exhibit to me in the presence of Mrs
St. Elmo Wright and Benjamin Cuff as witnesses
residents of the town of Watertown and where
wherein it is claimed said animal was
killed, the carcass of Blue Wolf Cub, animal
with with the head and ears entire which
he claimed to be the carcass of the
above mentioned wolf cub and did
duly make oath that he killed said wolf
off Sec 35 in Town of Watertown County
and State aforesaid on the 28th
day of June 1926 and that he did
not on that day occasion spare the
life of any wolf he could have killed
and said Wolf was not the offspring
of a tame wolf either full blood or
crossed, and was was not in any way
protected by him, That therefore, in the
presence of the above named witnesses
I duly examined said carcass and de-
termined same to be the carcass of the
Wolf cub mentioned above, in my presence
and in the two witnesses aforesaid the toes
of both front feet were removed from said
animal. And thereafter the carcass was
then delivered to claimant. Witness my hand
This 28th day of June 1926
St. Elmo Wright, Town Clerk
of Watertown, Crow Wing Co. Minn.

Witness
Mrs. St. Elmo Wright
Benjamin Cuff

July 31st - 1928

Minutes Meeting of the board called by
Chairman Gould ^{Meeting called} for the purpose
of meeting the board from pelican
Tn. To discuss a road petition sent
in from pelican town & any other proper
Members Present ^{business}

Harry Gould Chairman
S. F. Baldridge
Miss Bughite

The entire board ^{St. Anne Wright Clerk}
were present ^{from Pelican Tn}
^{Henry Foster} ^{H. B. Wolfman} ^{M. J. Nelson} ^{John Dickson} ^{Clerk}

Motion made and seconded that Mr
Gould act as chairman of both Town
Members. Motion carried.

Miller Davis Co Manchester
Home No 94

The two boards went in a body to
the Hazeburst farm so as to be
able to discuss the project more in-
teligently. And after going over the matter
thoroughly it was found that the two
petitions were not alike. And the clerks
of the two boards were instructed to return
these petitions to petitioners.

The pelican town board then went home
and the Watertown board returned to the
Town hall. Where the various bills against
the town were taken care of, after
which the board adjourned.

St. Anne Wright
Clerk of Watertown.

Members Present
Harry Jones Cash 52
F. J. Balch
Wm. Buckle
J. J. Wright Clerk

Aug 28th 1924

Meeting of the board called by Chairman Gould. Meeting called for the purpose of paying the various bills due at this time and also to take care of any other business that could properly come before it.

The board ordered the clerk to audit the telephone account to date to find the total cost of the system.

The various accounts against the town for road work etc were verified by the board and warrants issued for same.

The board then adjourned to meet Sept 14th as prescribed by law to act as registration board and to make duplicate lists of qualified electors

J. J. Wright
Clerk of Walcutt

Sept 14th - 1926

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Meeting of the board as prescribed by law to act as registration board to prepare duplicate lists of qualified electors

Members Present

Harry Gould, Chm
J. F. Baldrige
Wm. Buchite
& Eino Wright, Clerk

After the work as a registration board was finished the Board went to the Hazelhurst farm again to meet the Pelican town board, to act on the Elwood road petition

Hazelhurst farm Sept 14th 1926
Meeting of the Watertown & Pelican town boards to act on the Elwood road petition
Members of Watertown board present

Harry Gould, Chm
J. F. Baldrige
Wm. Buchite
& Eino Wright, Clerk

Two members of the Pelican town board were present, as was also their clerk

Mr. Gould was elected to act as chairman of both boards.

After a thorough discussion of road project covered by the Elwood petition the following motion was made

Motion by Baldrige and seconded by Waffraire that the Elwood petition be rejected on account of the legal status of same, it not being incumbent on Watertown to go farther than the lake. Motion carried unanimously

The clerks were instructed to report to Elwood of the above action.

The road business being finished the joint board meeting was adjourned and the Watertown board returned to the Watertown Hall to take care of other town business
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Board Meeting of Sept 14th continued from over the page.

After a lengthy discussion of telephone matters. The following motion was offered

Motion made by Baldrige and seconded by Burchile That the town treasurer be instructed to equip him self with the necessary receipt Blanks and notice blanks. and proceed to collect the switching fees now due, totaling \$8⁰⁰ which divided equally among the subscribers now having phones. Amounts to \$2⁰⁰ Each. Same paying switching dues, to Jan 1st 1927.

Motion carried. and the clerk was instructed to notify the treasurer as above.

Motion by Baldrige and seconded by Burchile to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned to meet on Sept 21st to go to Brainard to finish the work of soliciting funds for the Watertown telephone system.

St. Elmo Wright
Clerk of Watertown.

Sept 21st - 1926

Minutes of meeting of board at Braintree
by invitation of representatives of the
Chamber. To finish the solicitation of
funds ^{For Watertown} from Braintree business men.

The amount received on this trip was
Fifty eight dollars (\$58.00) and a record of
the donors on this occasion is on file
in office of the town clerk

Members of the board present on
this trip were Harry Gould Clerk
S. F. Buldrige
St. Emu Wright Clerk

This was a hard days work for
the results accomplished. And
the board, and the representatives of
the chamber of commerce decided
to call this effort the finish

St. Emu Wright
Clerk of Watertown tps.

Oct 18 - 1926

Minutes of the meeting of the town board held on the above date.

Members Present

- Harry Gould, chairman
- Wm Buchite
- J F Baldrige
- St John Wright, Clerk

Meeting was called by chairman Gould for the purpose of discussing telephone matters. and to pay the various bills accumulated against the town.

A motion was made and seconded that the line man Mr Henry be instructed to demand payment of the telephone rental due from Mr Arthur Allen. and if same is not paid that he remove the telephone.

After the various bills were audited allowed. and warrants issued for same the meeting adjourned.

St John Wright
Town Clerk

Nov 2nd 1926

General Election Day

Minutes of Meeting of board as required by law, to act as judges of the election, and to see that the election was carried out according to law. Members of board Present

- Harry Gould Chairman
- J. T. Baldrick
- Wm. Buchite
- J. Gene Wright, Clerk

Mr. Jim Taylor was appointed to act as one of the clerks of the election. All requirements of the law in regard to the election were carried out, and a record of same is on file in the office of the town clerk. After completing the work the meeting adjourned at two o'clock A.M. Nov 3rd

J. Gene Wright
Town Clerk

Nov 4th - 1926

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These minutes are a copy of the original copy of meeting held at Merrifield Nov 4th 1926. Which meeting was clerked by Myrtle Sabier. Clerk of Mission. The original copy is on file in my office. Of Elmer Wright, Clerk of Watertown.

Merrifield Minn.
Board of Supervisors of Mission Township met with the Watertown Board of Supervisors and directors of the Mission Lake Rural Telephone line to inspect the work of Ole Albertson in the telephone line construction contract.

After going over the entire work of Ole Albertson the Boards met at Parkers Store in Merrifield and the meeting was called to order by Harry Hoff.

Harvey Drake of Mission board stated that the object of the meeting was for the purpose of inspecting the work, and accepting or rejecting same and if accepted to settle for the contract.

Motion by Drake that the work be accepted providing the following corrections are made by November 11th. That the corners be properly guyed and anchored at all places where improper anchors are now being used.

That a suitable brace be placed near Spencers where a green Jack pine pole is now being used.

New guy wires to be fastened between the cross arms. But all guy wires now on poles need not be changed. Seconded by Balbridge. Carried.

Motion by Converse that Wayne Hoff be employed as trouble man for the line from Huntz Y. to City Limits. Pay to

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be 50¢ Per hour from the time he leaves home to return, which pay includes mileage for car used.

Seconded by Koerike, Carried
Motion by Van Horn that a tester be purchased for use of the trouble man. Seconded by Baldridge, carried.

Motion by Drake that a set of necessary equipment, consisting of tester, Climbers, Pliers, and splicers be purchased for use of the trouble man, the expenses of the equipment to be shared by the three companies according to wires. Seconded by Coerike, carried.

Motion made by Converse that Mission Lake Rural Telephone Co pay the bills for trouble man, and that Mission and Watertown pay their respective shares semi-annually. Seconded by Drake.

Motion by Baldridge that Ole Albertson be immediately notified in writing that he would be given one week from today to complete his contract. Seconded by Van Horn, Carried.

Motion by Hamelton, seconded by Baldridge that meeting be adjourned.

Attested by Myrtle Sabin
Clerk of Mission Twp.

Cross Lake Nov 9th 1924

The Town Board of Mission and The Board of Watertown met at the Town Hall at Cross Lake Meeting called to order by Harry Gould.

Harvey Drake reported that he had looked over the work of Mr Albertson and that all Corrections asked for by the Boards at their last meeting had been made except one pole which he has not put in place, But which he agrees to attend to satisfactorily

Bill presented by Mr Albertson for the following work and materials not called for in his contract.

- 1st 18⁰⁰ Moving extra wires
 - 2nd 20⁰⁰ cutting down old poles
 - 3rd 16⁰⁰ Piling and burning brush
 - 4th 3⁰⁰ time spent getting cross arms
 - 5th 2⁵⁰ New Pole
 - 6th 8⁰⁰ Trip to Cross Lake for Materials
- 68⁵⁰ Total Extras

Motion by Mill first Item be allowed.

seconded by Buchite, carried.

Motion by Drake sec by Gould that 2nd Not be allowed, carried.

Motion by Balbridge sec by Mill that 3rd Item be allowed, Carried.

Motion by Drake sec by Van-Horn that Item No 5 be Paid by Mission.

Motion by Balbridge sec by Balbridge that Item 6 be Paid by Watertown.

Making the bill to be paid by the Towns jointly. be 18⁰⁰ - 15⁰⁰
\$3⁰⁰ Total \$36⁰⁰

Watertown to pay 5⁰⁰ for Trip to Cross Lake for materials which

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should have been delivered, but were not. And 5⁰⁰ for bolts washers and nails.

Mission to pay 12⁰⁰ for the moving coil box and tying in the fibre wires leading north and 2⁰⁰ for new pole put in at same place. Also \$2⁰⁰ for repairs of the 50 line at Taylor's place.

Bills were presented against the contract were as follows

To Anton Thum	\$66.20
" C D Taylor	40.50
Swanson Swanson & Swanson	43.00
Total	\$149.70

Previously paid by Mission 100⁰⁰ =

Contract \$338.77

249.70

89.07

By Hoff Bros 36.30

52.77

Bills shared 18.00

15.00

3.00

To be Paid Jointly 88.77

By Mission 16.50

" Watertown 10.00

Original Contract

\$338.77

18.00

15.00

3.00

\$374.77

Water 189.38

Mis 87.38

Bills
 1. Bill for \$173.00 contract for delay in being
 presented by Mr Albertson being
 7. 9⁰⁰ ahead of \$36.30 for delay in being
 on hand with the work as planned
 1. Board at the time they were needed
 settle with the time they were needed
 The original contract was being
 settled with Mr Albertson on the grounds of
 Mission by Mills to adjourn
 recorded by Bouwhite. Clerk
 Myrtle Sabie. Clerk

The foregoing record kept by Myrtle Sabie Clerk of Mission town.

The original copy is on file in my office

J. J. Wright
Clerk of Watertown.

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Wolf Bounty Certificate

Issued to

Otto Seibel Claimant, of the Town of Watertown, County of Crow Wing, Minnesota, for killing two Wolves.

Original filed this ~~22~~ 2nd day of Dec 1924 and copy issued and delivered to Claimant St John Wright, Clerk.

Certificate of Town Clerk, State of Minn. Co of Crow Wing Town of Watertown.

I, St John Wright, Town Clerk of Watertown County of Crow Wing, and State aforesaid, being the nearest town do certify that Otto Seibel Claimant residing at Lewis Lake said County and State did on the 2nd day of Dec - 1924 exhibit to me in the presence of Mabel Wright, and Berdella L. Wright - as witnesses residents of the town of Watertown wherein it is claimed said animals were killed, the carcasses of said animals with heads and ears entire which he claimed to be the carcasses of two full grown wolves, and did ~~actually~~ duly make oath that he killed said wolves at Sec 4th in Watertown Twp County and State aforesaid on the 15th day of ~~Dec~~ 1924 and that he did not, on that occasion spare the life of any wolf he could have killed and that said wolves were not the offspring of a tame wolf, either full blood or crossed, and was not in any way protected by him; that thereupon in the presence of the above named witnesses I duly examined said carcasses and determined same to be the carcasses of two full grown wolves, and that in my presence and in the presence of the two witnesses aforesaid, the toes of both front feet were removed from said animal, and thereafter the carcasses were delivered to Claimant. Witness my hand this 2nd day of Dec - 1924. St John Wright, Town Clerk of the Town of Watertown Crow Wing Co Minn

Dec 2nd - 1926

Minutes of joint meeting at Parkers Store, Merrifield Minn. Meeting of Town Boards of Mission, Watertown, and also in cooperation with Mission Lake Telephone Co. All members of the Town boards Present. Also the board of Directors of the Mission Lake rural tel Co.

Motion by Mills and seconded by Bucholtz that A. C. Taylor act as chairman of this meeting.

Motion carried. Mr Taylor assumed the chair, and called for the minutes of last meeting. After careful consideration the minutes were adopted as read.

This meeting was called for the purpose of trying to make a settlement with Mr. A. Albertson.

Previous efforts to reach a settlement having failed. Attorney Swanson was present on behalf of Mr. Albertson. And it was decided to take up the disputed items in the order as numbered in the meeting of Nov 9th.

Item No 1. Motion by Baldridge and seconded by Gould that bill for cutting down old telephone poles be turned down. Carried.

Item No 2 Motion made Converse, seconded by H. Hall. That Mission Lake tel Co pay Albertson for going after coil box. Carried.

Item No 3 Motion by Mills and seconded by Gould that Watertown and Mission Town pay the bill of 5.00 for extra for installing coil Box. Continued over the Page

Item No 4

Motion by Fairbairn seconded by Corvaise That the sum of 3⁰⁰ for taking off brackets be paid by Mission Lake Tel Co
Carried

Motion by Mills and seconded by Gould That the Boards of Mission & Watertown Offer Mr Albertson \$25⁰⁰ for Damages
Motion Carried

And Mr Albertson accepted same

Mr Albertson authorized the town of Mission & Watertown to pay the following bills that were presented against him, Namely

C. D. Taylor	40.50
Huff Bros	36.20
Gowan & Thon	43.00
E. C. Miller	2.50
Anton Thiem	66.20

Mission town agreed to pay the above bills and render a bill to Watertown for their share. No further business the joint meeting adjourned and the Watertown board continued their meeting at the Watertown hall at which time various bills standing against the town were paid this work being done, the meeting adjourned.

Wm Wright Town Clerk

Call me