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Board of Trustees
May 13, 2026, 7 PM
Meeting minutes

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Liccar at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call was as follows: Supervisor Liccar, Trustee Elton, Trustee Albrecht, Trustee Hawkins, Trustee Sterdivant were present. Clerk Buiter was present.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Liccar entertained a motion to approve the Crete Township Board of Directors April 8, 2026, minutes A motion was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Albrecht. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Liccar entertained a motion to approve the minutes of April 27, 2026, Special. Board of Trustees meeting minutes as written. A motion was made by Trustee Albrecht, seconded by Trustee Hawkins. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

SUPERVISORS REPORT:

Supervisor Liccar mentioned that we were denied our Community Block Grant for a few reasons. That board claims that portion of the grant gets allocated to water projects and other like kind projects in the community. Our grant also fell in their total grant budget of around \$300,000 and we were asking \$326,000, which was more than the allocated amount. The grants they provide are for equipment and not infrastructure. They felt that we were still working on the infrastructure and were not comfortable giving money to us because of those various reasons. The director suggested that we try again next year. On the \$150,000 grant money from the Build State of Illinois grants, Trustee Elton and Clerk Buiter are working on putting together bid proposals and will have a bid closing on June 11, 2026. Supervisor Liccar also mentioned that he is working on getting \$3700 garden project grant but the current director quit and Will County is hiring a new project manager and he will keep us posted as soon as he gets informed of their decision.

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In regard to the policies supervising the community center, we need to establish a policy for the community center. A motion was to approve the Crete Township Sponsored Event and Supervisory/Oversight Event Policy by Supervisor Liccar, seconded by Trustee Sterdivant. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Albrecht - yes, Trustee Hawkins – yes, Trustee Sterdivant – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned the different sponsorship we have been discussing these items. He would like to see to pursue these programs. A motion was made to proceed forward with the sponsorship program for the community center by Supervisor Liccar, seconded by Trustee Albrecht. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Albrecht - yes, Trustee Hawkins – yes, Trustee Sterdivant – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

We must pay prevailing wages to our outside vendors as a government entity. The State of Illinois publishes those rates annually. A motion was to follow the prevailing wages laws in the State of Illinois by Supervisor Liccar, seconded Trustee Elton. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Albrecht - yes, Trustee Hawkins – yes, Trustee Sterdivant – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

A motion was made to be a sponsor of the Crete Memorial Day Parade for \$250 by Supervisor Liccar, seconded by Trustee Elton. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Albrecht - yes, Trustee Hawkins – yes, Trustee Sterdivant – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes.

A motion was made to approve a Community Center Usage Application to Crete Bulldog Football- Cheer Organization, Multi- purpose Room, from May 5 through June 5, 2026, 5 PM through 6:30 PM by Trustee Albrecht, seconded Trustee Hawkins. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Albrecht - yes, Trustee Hawkins – yes, Trustee Sterdivant – yes, Supervisor Liccar. Motion carries.

A motion was made to approve a Community Center Usage Application to Fairways of Village Woods Association, Room, June 20, July 18, and August 15, 2026, 3:30 PM – 8:30 PM, by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Hawkins. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Albrecht - yes, Trustee Hawkins – yes, Trustee Sterdivant – yes, Supervisor Liccar. Motion carries.

CLERK'S REPORT–

Financial Reports: See Attached

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Highway Commissioner – See Attached Report from Highway Commissioner.

Assessor: See Attached Report from Assessor Tamez

Plan Commission – John Rzymiski

John Rzymiski reported that the solar farm on Dutton and Goodenow Road is on the way. It was proposed in 2018 and there were lawsuits, but they have been resolved and construction continues. The farm on Exchange is up for sale again. That is the farm with all the sheep, Also the tiny home community has been denied so it has moved. There are some tall grass violations so there will be another report on to Land Use Department. There was a violation of too many vehicles on a house on Princess Lane and there will be hearing June on that situation.

Building and Grounds Committee – Trustee Elton

Trustee Elton mentioned that he met several contractors about the electrical and plumbing requirements in the last three weeks. He does not expect the commercial kitchen to be completed before November. We must make sure that we don't cut existing electricity and plumbing, We also must want to make sure. Everything is done according to blueprints and current regulations. We will have to work with the building, health, and fire departments.

Trustee Elton read Resolution 3026-3. A motion was made that the Crete Township approved this resolution by Trustee Elton, Seconded by Trustee Albrecht. Supervisor Liccar believes that this issue is when you deal with issues in life you need to show photo ID. It is non-binding and just doing a survey of the citizens. Trustee Albrecht brought up that other townships are passing these referendums. Will County Board Member Butler was introduced and mentioned that other townships have been passed. It makes the voters give the voters their opinion. Trustee Sterdivant is in favor of the fair voting act does work but we should put items in force that will cause voter suppression. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Albrecht - yes, Trustee Hawkins – yes, Trustee Sterdivant – no, Supervisor Liccar. Motion carries.

Community Center Events – Trustee Albrecht, Coordinator Milsap

See Attached Report from Community Center Coordinator Milsap

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Supervisor Liccar mentioned that there is no next transportation meeting that he is aware. They are funding the program through end of 2026.

Youth – Trustee Sterdivant reported that the robotic youth workshop will be on May 23, 2026. She is getting a proposal for a summer camp with the robotics group. and will get us more details. She was wondering when she could get the room painted. Supervisor Liccar questioned if she wanted to have the youth do. She would be okay with the volunteers that paint the other rooms to do it. Carol Milsap would like to meet with you with the programs and timing of it.

A motion was made to make a \$500 sponsorship to the Crete Band Boosters by Trustee Sterdivant, seconded by Trustee Albrecht. Motion was tabled.

Mosquito Abatement – Jose Ojeda is handling the routes, and the chemicals and calibration will be done by Clarke Equipment.

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Senior Events – Trustee Hawkins

Trustee Hawkins mentions the Trunk Sale will be this Saturday. Call Collector Penman to sign up.

Pinochle is played on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 10:30 AM

There are senior events on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday at the Community Center

Trustee Hawkins thanked the Fun timers and all who supported their booth at the various events we have.

Special Events – Trustee Elton

None

OLD BUSINESS - None

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NEW BUSINESS –

A motion was made to renew our Crete Area Historical Society annual membership for \$150 by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Albrecht. Motion was tabled.

Supervisor Liccar mentioned that our website is very cumbersome. We need a website that is more user friendly and uses calendars and events. We have not done anything to the website for over 10 years. A motion was made to approval the proposal of \$9,500 for updating the website from Interpeak Technology by Supervisor Liccar, seconded by Trustee Elton. Motion was tabled.

CORRESPONDENCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Elton mentioned that we need more paying events or we won't have the community center for too long.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: TOWN FUND

A motion was made to approve the Town Fund bills by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Sterdivant. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Albrecht - yes, Trustee Hawkins – yes, Trustee Sterdivant – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

A motion was made to approve the Road and Bridge Fund bills by Trustee Sterdivant, seconded by Trustee Albrecht. All were in favor. Roll Call was taken as follows: Trustee Elton – yes, Trustee Albrecht - yes, Trustee Hawkins – yes, Trustee Sterdivant – yes, Supervisor Liccar – yes. Motion passes

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ADJOURNMENT

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A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Albrecht. All were in favor. Motion passes. Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

James Buiter, Clerk