

# TOWN OF SPRING BROOK – DUNN COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Public Hearing

April 14, 2026

Town Board Chair John Schaefer called the hearing to order at 7 p.m. at the Spring Brook Town Hall. Also present were Supervisors Mike Hase and Jerry Hotchkiss, Treasurer Colleen Mensing, and Clerk Mary Strand.

Clerk Mary Strand verified that the agenda of the Public Hearing was posted Saturday, April 11, 2026, to the outside Town Hall posting board and to the Town's website ([www.spring-brook.org](http://www.spring-brook.org)). Further notice of the Public Hearing included the following:

- The Town of Spring Brook Clerk mailed a Certified with Return Receipt Letter to the property owners of BRUMITE, LLC (doing business as Whispering Emerald Ridge Game Farm) and 11 adjacent property owners of the same on Thursday, March 19, 2026. These 11 included both Town of Spring Brook and Town of Red Cedar property owners;
- The same letter was mailed by Whispering Emerald Ridge Game Farm and received via postal mail service at the Spring Brook Town Hall on Tuesday, April 7, 2026. This mailing was presumably sent to all property owners of the Town of Spring Brook and of the Town of Red Cedar;
- The notice of the Public Hearing was published in the Colfax Messenger newspaper and posted to the Town's website ([www.spring-brook.org](http://www.spring-brook.org)) and the Town Hall outside posting board, all on March 18, 2026, with reference to the proposed Boundary Agreement posted to the Town's website on March 18, 2026.

This Public Hearing was to receive comment on the proposed Boundary Agreement to detach a 39-acre parcel from the Town of Spring Brook and attach the same to the Town of Red Cedar. The Town of Spring Brook is a "dry" town. The 2023 Wisconsin Act 73 included changes to event venues that allow the consumption of alcohol beverages and became effective January 1, 2026. The Town of Red Cedar has a license available. This 39-acre parcel is located directly along the boundary between the two Towns.

Approximately 24 people were in attendance. Comments and/or questions were brought forth.

Two past referendums have been on the Town of Spring Brook's ballot where voters chose the Town to remain "dry." Since the last referendum, the State of Wisconsin changed the alcohol licensing to be a decision made by each municipality's governing board.

The Thunder Hill Speedway (race track), also affected by the State changing alcohol use at a "public" event, place, or venue, has no option of a boundary change.

Discussion included the 2025 assessed value of the parcel by category, the December 2025 property tax bill, and how would the loss of value and tax affect the Town of Spring Brook property owners. The road along this parcel is fully located within the Town of Red Cedar; meaning, the Town of Spring Brook would not lose any State Transportation Aide.

If approved, does allowing a boundary change in this case become a precedent for other reasons? Can other new businesses start up along this parcel and anticipate a boundary change to acquire liquor licensing for their "public" events? Will there be additional hours of serving alcohol with additional noise and music?

Bruce Neverdahl, Teresa Olson, and Bruce Olson of BRUMITE, LLC, were present at this Public Hearing and provided input to questions. The parcel is mainly wooded and is, to a degree, landlocked. They have permission from the Schaefer's to access their facilities. The bar would be open only by appointment.

Comments and questions at this Public Hearing are considered advisory. The Town of Spring Brook Board of Supervisors will consider formal action on the proposed Boundary Agreement at a Regular Town Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at approximately 7:30 p.m. (following the 7 p.m. Annual Meeting).

No further comments or questions came forward.

Mike Hase/Jerry Hotchkiss moved to adjourn. Motion carried. The Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:23 p.m. A Special Meeting to open sealed road bids was scheduled to following this hearing, starting at approximately 8 p.m.



Mary L. Strand, Clerk