

TOWN OF SPRING BROOK – DUNN COUNTY

Annual Meeting

April 21, 2026

Chairperson John Schaefer called the Annual Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Also present were Supervisors Mike Hase and Jerry Hotchkiss, Treasurer Colleen Mensing, and Clerk Mary Strand. There were approximately 20 people in attendance, of which about six were nonresidents. Following the conclusion of this Annual Meeting, the Regular Town Board Meeting for the month of April will immediately take place.

The consensus was for John Schaefer to serve as Chair and Mary Strand to serve as Clerk of the Annual Meeting.

It was agreed that voting will be conducted by voice vote and, if the need arises, by a show of hands.

Clerk Mary Strand verified that notice of the Annual Meeting was posted at the April 7, 2026, Spring Election and at the April 14, 2026, Public Hearing and Special Meeting. The agenda was posted Friday, April 17, 2026, to the Town’s website (www.spring-brook.org) and on the Town Hall outside posting board.

Jerry Hotchkiss/Jean Vasey moved to approve as typed the minutes of the April 15, 2025, Annual Meeting. Motion carried by voice vote with no nays or abstains.

Financial (Annual) Reports of Year 2025 were available at the April 7, 2026, Spring Election, at the April 14, 2026, Public Hearing and Special Meeting, and at tonight’s meeting. An overview of the report was presented by Clerk Mary Strand. A basic outline of the financial accounts included the following:

Balance on Hand January 1, 2025				
Checking Account: Dairy State Bank	\$95,747.81			
Money Market/Savings: Dairy State Bank	+ 107,000.00			
Balance on Hand January 1				\$202,747.81
Total Receipts: January 1 – December 31, 2025	\$2,950,602.69			
Less Transfers: MM/Savings to Ckg Acct	<u>- 390,000.00</u>			
Actual Receipts for 2025				+ 2,560,602.69
Total Disbursements: January 1 – December 31, 2025	(\$3,020,423.77)			
Less Transfers: Ckg to MM/Savings	<u>+ 300,000.00</u>			
Actual Disbursements for 2025				<u>(2,720,423.77)</u>
 Total				 <u>\$42,926.73</u>

Balance on Hand December 31, 2025				
Checking Account: Dairy State Bank	\$25,926.73			
Money Market/Savings: Dairy State Bank	<u>+ 17,000.00</u>			

BALANCE ON HAND (ALL ACCOUNTS) AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025 **\$42,926.73**

Liabilities:

Dairy State Bank Loan in June 2022 of \$100,000 for five years @ 2.75% for 2021 J.D. Tractor.

Payment Due	Purpose	Amount	Annual Payments	Principal Balance
September 15, 2026	J.D. Tractor	\$21,854.84	Fourth of Five	\$21,262.12
September 15, 2027	J.D. Tractor	\$21,854.95	Fifth of Five	\$0.00

Town Chair John Schaefer reported on road work improvements in 2025. The roads of 310th Avenue and 790th Street had added base course and were pulverized and shouldered. The roads of 710th Street, 750th Street, and 1008th Street were pulverized, paved, and shouldered.

For equipment, the Ford F-150 was replaced with a 2020 Ford F-550. A new 2024 NH Duradisc 107M Mower was purchased. Other remaining equipment includes a 2021 J.D. Tractor with attachments; a 2008 J.D. Grader; and a 2015 Kenworth Plow/Dump Truck with Plow. A used 2021 Freightliner Dump/Plow Truck with Plow was purchased in March 2026.

Jerry Hotchkiss reported on the Menomonie Rural Fire/EMS District. A used 2017 KME Predator Pumper/Engine was purchased from a source in North Carolina. The overall cost was approximately \$500,000, which included travel costs for a local reviewer, hauling costs, and necessary modifications. A brand new truck was priced last year at about \$1.3 Million.

Mike Hase reported on the Elk Mound Fire District having 20 current members of which none live within the Village of Elk Mound. There were 78 calls in 2025 of which 8 were in the Town of Spring Brook.

Jerry Hotchkiss reported on the Elk Creek Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District which is planning to bill out a Special Charge in the Fall of 2026. The Special Charge is for recurring expenses such as dam insurance, a post office box, and postage. The unpaid Special Charges will be placed on the 2026-2027 tax bills.

John Schaefer reported the Colfax Solid Waste and Recycling is going well with funding by municipalities showing a positive fund balance. There is discussion to replace some of the aging compactors.

Open Book is scheduled for Monday, May 4, 2026, at 5-7 p.m.

Board of Review is scheduled for Monday, May 11, 2026, at 7-9 p.m.

There was some discussion on the proposed two solar projects. They are called Elk Creek Solar and Muddy Creek Solar. One person stated there's a change in how the solar power will be stored and another change in placing equipment on private residential property to reduce noise/sound from the solar collection. There was also interest of wanting more information on the proposed solar projects. Both proposed solar projects are of size that the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin controls each of these projects. A question was asked about foam for fighting solar-related fires. It was stated the foam is not the PFAS foam but is a soybean-based foam.

Townships are required to schedule their Annual Meetings for the third Tuesday in April or within ten days after the third Tuesday in April. The third Tuesday of April in Year 2027 is April 20.

Jerry Hotchkiss/Rick Krumrie moved to schedule the Year 2027 Annual Meeting for Tuesday, April 20, 2027. Motion carried by voice vote with no nays or abstains.

Jerry Hotchkiss/Mike Hase moved to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote with no nays or abstains. The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m. with the Regular Town Board Meeting to follow.



Mary L. Strand, Town Clerk