The Town of Preston met on Monday, January 13, 2025, at the town hall. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chairman, Darrel Nelson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Certification of Open Meeting Law Requirements was met. Roll call was held with Ron, Philip, Darrel, Mary and Cathy present.

The agenda was approved with a motion by Darrel, second by Ron. Motion carried.

Motion by Ron, second by Philip to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2024 regular board meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Darrel, second by Ron to approve the financial report for December. Motion carried.

Motion by Ron, second by Philip to approve the disbursements for January as presented. Motion carried.

Public comment: question was asked on taxes retained by the town. Approximately 10-12%.

Motion by Philip, second by Darrel for the approval of the Cheesefest committee to pursue placing poles on jointly owned land with the City of Blair, pending their approval and Excel Energies approval. Motion carried. Cheesefest committee to report back findings.

Motion by Ron, second by Darrel to approve the 2025 road agreement with (SES) Source Energy Solutions with no changes from last agreement. Motion carried. Concern on the Carpenter Bridge deck was brought to the attention of sand mine representatives.

Rural Mutual Insurance policy update was given by Matt Rhodes. Town could save approximately $5000 on our premium by switching our deductibles. Motin by Ron, second by Philip, to increase our deductibles to $1000 for all policies. Motion carried.

Quotes for grader tires: Bauer-Michelin $2163.60/tire, Galaxy $1163.84/tire. Eckel-Galaxy $1150/tire. Motin by Philip, second by Ron to purchase grader tires from Eckel for $1150/tire, $300 installation and $25/tire for stems and O-rings. Motion carried.

Update on equipment: starter replaced on the Sterling.

Roadwork: brush cutting and spring roadwork.

Announcements: District meetings and County Unit meeting for Town of Trempealeau.

Suggestions for agenda items for the next regularly scheduled board meeting February 10, 2025: cheesefest poles.

Motion to adjourn at 6:25 PM by Ron, second by Philip. Motion carried.