

MINUTES OF SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE TOWN  
BOARDS OF MISHICOT, TWO RIVERS AND TWO CREEKS  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026, 6:00 P.M.  
TWO CREEKS TOWN HALL/FIRE DEPARTMENT  
5128 E. TAPAWINGO ROAD, TWO RIVERS, WI

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sprang called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Special Joint Meeting of the Town Boards was called to order by Town of Two Creeks  
Chairman Thomas Sprang.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Sprang led the board members and those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present for the Mishicot Town Board were Chairman Dean Anhalt, Supervisor Gordon Augustine, Supervisor Lee Stefaniak, Treasurer Tammy Thielbar, and Clerk Connie Tesarik. Present for the Town of Two Creeks were Chairman Thomas Sprang, Supervisor Roger Sinkula; Supervisor Bill Schwerma; and Clerk Jasmine Schwerma. Present for the Town of Two Rivers were Chairman Steven Pohl, Supervisor, Donna Petska, Supervisor Ray Chase, Clerk/Treasurer Bonnie Timm.

Several members of the public were present.

APPOINTMENT OF A CHAIRMAN FOR THE JOINT MEETING

Chairman Sprang entertained the motion to appoint a chairman of the joint meeting. Town of Two Rivers Chairman Steve Pohl nominated Dean Anhalt to act as Chair. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Chase of the Town of Two Creeks. Supervisor Stefaniak made a unanimous ballot motion to appoint Dean Anhalt as chairman and moved that nominations be closed. Motion was seconded by Bill Schwerma of the Town of Two Creeks. Motions carried.

Chairman Anhalt said the Town of Mishicot requested a meeting with Manitowoc County Planning and Parks. The Towns of Mishicot, Two Rivers and Two Creeks are all under county zoning. Representatives from each of the three towns met with Tim Ryan of Manitowoc County Planning and Zoning to gather information on Tuesday, February 10. Those present discussed the comprehensive land use plan. There is no land in industrial zoning, which is the only zoning that may be appropriate for an AI data center. The towns would have veto power over a zoning change. A county representative present stated that in 20-30 years the county has never gone against a town's decision. The county has been working on some rules and are still in the early

stages. The county may be open to a moratorium. If Exclusive Ag (EA) land was moved to different zoning, it would have to go to the state agency to get re-zoned. Towns have more power with zoning changes. It was asked why we need a moratorium. If the state came in and said Ag land was ok for Data Centers, they could. We would be putting in safeguards for roads, water usage, etc. It would be a secondary set of rules. The towns would need to adopt a resolution requesting a moratorium and send it to Planning and Parks. If Planning approved, it would then go to the County Board for approval. That would be the process for the moratorium. Chairman Anhalt is very concerned about state rules. He opened public input. Mark Heller said he has eight acres in the Town of Two Rivers. As a former county board member, he said that towns have home rule. Lee Engelbrecht, Supervisor Manitowoc County Supervisory District 20; Michael Grambow Supervisor, Manitowoc County Supervisory District 22; and Dave Hardtke, Chairman of the Town of Carlton were all present. The people of the Town of Carlton do not want it. Robert DesJarlais commented that each town board is hearing its citizens, reflecting how the system should work. It is the power of the lesser magistrate. It is up to the lower level to point out when the upper level is doing wrong and not listening. We need to keep our farmland as it is. Jarrod Rahmlow asked about battery storage and solar farms. The state PSC may control them. Robert Barthels of the Town of Mishicot brought up PSC 128 and the wind turbines. Chairman Anhalt said Manitowoc County put a moratorium on wind turbines. They put together a committee of those for and against. In the end, they changed setbacks, which made it harder to site the turbines. Rules became more and more strict so the state created PSC 128, which took away local rule. Robert Barthels asked if the board thinks the PSC could make a similar change and that we could lose control.

Gary Novitski of the Town of Mishicot, said a Wisconsin Public Service Commission hearing was held this last week. Fifty people voiced their opinions for three hours. It was discussed how data centers affect rate changes. Ed Kakes said the PSC regulates power generation. He does not think the PSC could govern AI data centers since there is no power generation there. Susan Dirkmann said that if the north part of the Town of Mishicot becomes a site, it will overtake the northern part of the town, which is an area of only approximately three miles by six miles.

Chairman Anhalt closed the public input portion of the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

#### GENERAL DISCUSSION ON AI CENTER DEVELOPMENT AND ON POSSIBLE RESOLUTION BY EACH INDIVIDUAL TOWN WITH REGARD TO A MORATORIUM ON DEVELOPMENT OF DATA CENTERS

Chairman Anhalt read the proposed resolution 2026-01. He stated that there would need to be separate resolutions by each town. It will take a couple of months to get this resolution to the county board depending upon what their schedule is. A citizen asked if the moratorium would affect other zoning matters of the town. Chairman Anhalt said the moratorium would not affect other zoning and setback matters such as for building a garage. The moratorium would only affect AI data centers.

#### DISCUSSION OF COST SHARING FOR ANY ATTORNEY COSTS

The three towns discussed sharing the cost of attorney's fees. The Town of Mishicot and the Town of Two Creeks have the same attorney. The Town of Two Rivers has a different attorney. The boards agreed to equal cost sharing.

#### ADJOURN

**Motion was made by Lee Stefaniak to adjourn the joint meeting of the towns. Motion was seconded by Roger Sinkula to adjourn at 6:27 p.m. All votes in favor. Motion carried.**

#### SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF MISHICOT

Chairman Dean Anhalt called the special meeting of the Town of Mishicot to order at 6:27 p.m. Present for the board by roll call: Supervisor Lee Stefaniak, Supervisor Gordon Augustine, Chairman Dean Anhalt, Clerk Connie Tesarik, Treasurer Tammy Thielbar.

#### PUBLIC INPUT

Dean Anhalt called for public input by Town of Mishicot residents. Jeff Hornak supports the moratorium. With no further comments, Chairman Anhalt closed public input.

#### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2026-01 REQUESTING A MORATORIUM ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF DATA CENTERS

Chairman Anhalt called for a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-01, "A Resolution to Petition the Manitowoc County Board to Pass a County Interim Control Ordinance Placing a Moratorium on Data Centers Not Yet Approved." **Supervisor Stefaniak made a motion to impose a moratorium as stated for one year with the possibility of a six-month extension, against any AI Center in the Town of Mishicot. Motion seconded by Supervisor Augustine to adopt Resolution 2026-01 to ask the county to impose an AI Center moratorium to put rules in place. Motion carried. All votes in favor. Motion carried.**

The town will send this resolution to Manitowoc County.

#### DISCUSSION OF COST SHARING FOR ATTORNEY COSTS

**Supervisor Augustine moved to agree to one-third cost sharing. Motion seconded by Supervisor Stefaniak. All votes in favor. Motion carried.**

#### ADJOURN

**Supervisor Stefaniak moved to adjourn the special meeting of the town board at 6:32 p.m. Motion seconded by Supervisor Augustine. All votes in favor. Motion carried.**

## SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF TWO CREEKS

Chairman Tom Sprang called the special meeting of the Town of Two Creeks to order at 6:32 p.m. Present for the board by roll call: Supervisor Roger Sinkula, Supervisor Bill Schwerma, Chairman Tom Sprang, and Clerk Jasmine Schwerma.

### PUBLIC INPUT

Chairman Sprang called for public input by Town of Two Creeks residents. Mr. Koehler gave the boards credit for getting ahead of this issue. Steve Barta asked if all towns are included in this moratorium. It would be county-wide except for the two towns that are not under county zoning. Those two towns not under county zoning are Newton and Franklin. Anthony Barta said he thinks of the farms that would not be here if the land was taken away. There are many things to consider such as affects to the water supply, stray voltage, noise, property values.

With no further comments, Chairman Sprang closed public input.

### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2026-01 REQUESTING A MORATORIUM ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF DATA CENTERS

Chairman Sprang called for a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-01, "A Resolution to Petition the Manitowoc County Board to Pass a County Interim Control Ordinance Placing a Moratorium on Data Centers Not Yet Approved." **Supervisor Sinkula made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-01. Motion seconded by Supervisor Schwerma. Motion carried. All votes in favor. Motion carried.**

### DISCUSSION OF COST SHARING FOR ATTORNEY COSTS

**Supervisor Sinkula moved to agree to one-third cost sharing, with a cap of \$3,000. Anything more would need to be further discussed. Motion seconded by Supervisor Schwerma. All votes in favor. Motion carried.**

### ADJOURN

**Supervisor Schwerma moved to adjourn the special meeting of the town board at 6:40 p.m. Motion seconded by Supervisor Sinkula. All votes in favor. Motion carried.**

## SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF TWO RIVERS

Chairman Steven Pohl called the special meeting of the Town of Two Rivers to order at 6:40 p.m. Present for the board by roll call: Supervisor Ray Chase, Supervisor Donna Petska, Chairman Steven Pohl, and Clerk/Treasurer Bonnie Timm.

#### PUBLIC INPUT

Chairman Pohl called for public input by Town of Two Rivers residents. Patrick Anders and others in attendance thanked the boards for working together to address this issue and thanked everyone for showing up. With no further comments, Chairman Pohl closed public input.

#### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2026-01 REQUESTING A MORATORIUM ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF DATA CENTERS

Chairman Pohl called for a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-01, “A Resolution to Petition the Manitowoc County Board to Pass a County Interim Control Ordinance Placing a Moratorium on Data Centers Not Yet Approved.” **Supervisor Chase made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-01. Motion seconded by Supervisor Petska. Motion carried. All votes in favor. Motion carried.**

#### DISCUSSION OF COST SHARING FOR ATTORNEY COSTS

**Supervisor Chase moved to agree to one-third cost sharing, with a cap of \$3,000. Anything more would need further discussion. Motion seconded by Supervisor Petska. All votes in favor. Motion carried.**

#### ADJOURN

**Supervisor Chase moved to adjourn the special meeting of the town board at 6:43 p.m. Motion seconded by Supervisor Petska. All votes in favor. Motion carried.**

Each town will be responsible for posting their resolution and for forwarding their resolution to the county. Further, the towns will request that Manitowoc County Planning act on the resolutions some time in March.

These minutes were taken at a joint meeting of the Towns of Mishicot, Two Creeks, and Two Rivers and at the individual special meetings of the boards by Connie Tesarik, Clerk of the Town of Mishicot, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026, and recorded here on February 20, 2026. These minutes will be forwarded to the Mishicot Town Board for their review and for their approval at their next regular Town Board meeting on Monday, March 2, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

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Connie Tesarik, Town of Mishicot Clerk