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## MINUTES SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING: MAY 19, 2006

The chairman noted that this was a duly called meeting in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

1. **Roll Call:** Jim Wendt, Todd Wiese, Ted Ritter, Lee Christensen, Peggy Nimz, Tom Martens, Town Clerk.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Waived.
3. **Communications:** There were none.
4. **Informational Items for Consideration:**
  - 4A. **Referendum Procedures:** Mr. Wendt asked for ideas from the rest of the board for a flyer concerning the upcoming referendum.

Mr. Ritter stated that the flyer should not try to sell the referendum, but rather present all of the facts. Mr. Ritter thought that the flyer should contain information concerning the possibility of another referendum to exceed the 2% levy limits this fall.

Mr. Wendt thought that board should be selling the referendum and that nothing should be mentioned in a flyer about another referendum. Mr. Wendt also stated that the people could be informed about any other referendum at the informational meetings. Mr. Wendt said that the board was not trying to hide anything, but that the board also had to be supportive of the referendum. Mr. Wendt noted that the board needed to let the people know of the problems, the solutions, and the ramifications.

Mr. Christensen noted that the board had never voted on building a new facility. In fact, he is against a new facility at this time. The bonding debt will be paid off in seven years and perhaps the new facility should be considered at that time. Mr. Christensen also stated that all of the possibilities have not been examined. He thought that the gym in the Community Center was no longer necessary, and if the ceiling were to be dropped, it would be fine for a meeting room.

Mr. Wiese stated that there are no frills in the proposed new facility. It is a bare-bones facility. Mr. Wiese also thought that the board should not confuse the voters by mentioning a possible future referendum. He also does not want to hide anything from the voters. The voters would be informed through public meetings, newspaper articles, flyers, and the radio.

Ms. Nimz stated that supporting the referendum does not mean that she is in favor of or against saving the Red Brick Schoolhouse. Ms. Nimz suggested that the each of the board members come back to a special meeting with five problems, solutions, and the ramifications of those problems and solutions. Ms. Nimz also thought that it is important that the board let the voters know why this new facility would be important to them.

Mr. Wendt polled the board concerning a flyer. Mr. Wiese and Ms. Nimz were in favor of sending out a flyer. Mr. Ritter and Mr. Christensen were concerned about the cost. Mr. Ritter

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said that he was against sending the flyer. Mr. Christensen was also concerned about the content of the flyer.

The dates of the public informational meetings will be Wednesday, June 7, 2006 and Tuesday, June 20, 2006. Both meetings will be at 7:00 P.M. in the Community Center. Mr. Wendt will check with Chris Oatman concerning a radio call-in program for the week of June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mary Platner thought that the UW Extension Office could print the flyers for about 7 cents apiece. Ms. Platner also thought that it was very important for the board to send out the flyers to inform the voters about what they are voting for. Ms. Platner also thought that was important that the board let the people know whether or not the \$1,000,000 includes the demolition of the Red Brick Schoolhouse. She also thought that the board should be prepared to compare this referendum to the one for the golf course.

5. **Action Items:** There were none.
6. **Schedule of Meetings:** There will be a special town board meeting on Monday, May 22, 2006 at 7:00 A.M. in the boardroom of the Red Brick Schoolhouse. There will be an action item concerning the public information campaign.
7. **Adjournment:** Motion Nimz seconded Christensen that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 7:53 A.M.

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