TOWN OF FIFIELD REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES Monday, October 7, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

<u>CALL TO ORDER:</u> Chairman Felch called the meeting to order on October 7, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the Fifield Town Hall. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Present: William Felch, John W. Smith, John Schroeder, Judy Reas, Ted Fleming, Warren Johnson and 2 public attendees.

VERIFICATION OF POSTING: Clerk verified the public postings.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

<u>Walnut Street Project:</u> Ted updated on the progress of the Walnut Street project. The parking lot for the town garage will not be done. The driveway will be completed.

<u>Budget Review:</u> The board reviewed the draft of the 2025 budget by line item. An updated draft will be completed. It was noted that the Department of Revenue mandates the total tax levy limit and the debt service can be added on to that amount without requesting permission from the electors to exceed the tax levy limit.

Items of note include the resumption of an equipment fund that was previously in place and subsequently terminated. The board would like to include \$150,000 annually to this fund. The board is looking at starting a playground equipment fund. The use of the Pike Lake firehall by the Sno Drovers was discussed with the possibility of requesting reimbursement for heat from the club. Discussed reviewing and correcting the cemetery line item for cemetery expenses.

The clerk will update the budget draft with the information from today and provide to the board. The board will need to determine if they will be requesting to exceed the levy limit by the next meeting.

<u>ADJOURN:</u> Motion made by John Smith and seconded by John Schroeder to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. Motion carried.

THESE MINUTES ARE A DRAFT UNTIL APPROVAL AT THE NEXT SCHEDULED REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Reas, Interim Clerk/Treasurer