The Town of Preston met on August 8, 2022 at the town hall. The meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM by Darrel. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Certification of Open Meeting Law Requirements was met. Roll call was held with Philip, Darrel, Mary, Cathy and Ron present.

Motion by Philip, second by Darrel to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Motion by Philip, second by Darrel to approve the minutes of July 11, 2022 regular board meeting. Motion carried.

The financial report for July was approved with a motion by Darrel, second by Philip. Motion carried.

The disbursements for August were approved with a motion by Philip, second by Ron. Motion carried.

Public comment: Possible noise ordinance, how to differentiate what sounds to regulate and who will enforce.

Patrolman’s report: Quarne Road blade patching is done, chip sealing will be done Wednesday or Thursday of this week. Shelly Ridge blade patching done, chip seal end of the month. Garden Valley culvert to be done when resident with health issues completes treatments.

Discussion on trees was held. Motion by Darrel, second by Philip to table until February meeting for spring planting. Motion carried.

Discussion on equipment, Airing contract for new end loader. Airing’s proposal for a new end loader every year for 5 years is $170,750 with a trade in of $145,000 with a balance of $25,750 paid in the first year. Motion by Darrel, second by Ron to sign lease from Airing for a new end loader every year for 5 years as long as it is 1 payment of $25,750 in the first year. Motion carried.

Road work: discussed in patrolman’s report. Peterson Coulee will get some blade patching.

Discussion was held on a residents request for a building permit for a solar panel installation. Land Management personnel opinion is we have no reasonable action not to sign permit. Motion by Philip, second by Darrel to sign building permit after getting more information from our tax assessor. Motion carried.

Noise Ordinance request was discussed. Motion by Darrel, second by Ron to contact town Attorney and go forward with Noise Ordinance. Motion carried.

Update on Ethics Ordinance needed for ARPA funds. No definite ruling by the government yet. No action.

Landscaping: have Andy scrape back sand and replace with black dirt from stockpile.

Clerk is requesting a new computer with more GB and internal speed. Current computer is slow and unable to process new software. IT company recommended 12-16 GB with a faster processor. Motion by Ron, second by Philip to purchase a 16 GB computer with software for up to $900. Motion carried.

Community room cleaning was discussed. Ron mentioned Carol Berg as she cleans at the sportsmen’s club. Motion by Darrel, second by Philip to talk to Carol Berg for information on her cost, availability and supplies needed. Motion carried.

Announcements: Election tomorrow, fall workshops in September

Suggestions for agenda items for the next regularly scheduled meeting on September 12, 2022 at 5:30 PM: noise ordinance, road use agreement with Smart Sand and shelving for totes.

Motion to adjourn at 6:45 PM by Ron, second by Philip. Motion carried.