

WHITEFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 11, 2026



CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Supervisor Jeff Thomas called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm in the Whiteford Township Office, 8000 Yankee Road, Suite 100, Ottawa Lake, MI 49267. Board members present were Steve Morgan, Bob Lloyd, Jeff Thomas, Christine Bischoff and Lee Strahan. There were approximately 25 guests.

Supervisor Jeff Thomas gave a welcome to all guests, Ned Birkey, MSU Extension Educator and the team from David Arthur Consultants. The special meeting is being held to consider professional services regarding township geology and karsts.

Dave Kubiske, David Arthur Consultants, specifically asked for a vote of confidence from the board to remain the township engineer. He then went on to explain the problem of numerous wells going dry or needing to be deepened is very possibly a hybrid situation – Stoneco excavating, farm irrigation and a local drought. Eric from David Arthur Consultants suggested they present the board with a conceptual study and the board could set a limit as to the amount of work to be done and a cost limit.

Ned Birkey, MSU Extension gave a presentation on karsts, sink holes and geology of Whiteford Township and Monroe County.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jerry Massey, 8030 Whiteford Road – indicated he has a meeting with EGLE next week.

John Klump, 7390 Sylvania Petersburg Road – inquired about the water cycle at Stoneco.

Christine Hernandez, 6903 Section Road – her well is going dry. She is outside the Stoneco designated area.

Tammy Hays, 4650 Piehl Road – inquired who regulates the depth Stoneco can mine.

Leeann Thomas – 8888 Whiteford Road – generational water versus current water situation.

Bernice Heidelberg, 4654 Erie Road – lack of communication from Stoneco and EGLE

Lexi Sheperd – Stoneco transparency.

John Chandler, Goetz Road – comments on karst geology and cone of depression

Jeff Tucker, 4653 Piehl Road – Stoneco mining depth increased could be cause of problems.

ADJOURN: Motion by Steve Morgan, second by Bob Lloyd to adjourn at 9:16 pm. Motion passed.

Christine Bischoff
Whiteford Township Clerk