

**Minutes  
Town of Durand  
Special Meeting of the Electors  
May 11, 2017 at 7:00 pm**

**Call to Order**

The Special Meeting of the Electors was called to order at 7:01 pm by Chairman Stan Ridgeway

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone stood together for the Pledge of Allegiance

**Items to be discussed or acted upon:**

Livestock Operation Ordinance

Jon Tappe made a motion to restrict speaking time to a maximum of five minutes. Pat Wayne seconded the motion. A vote by show of hands was taken. YES- 29 NO- 12. Motion passed.

Helen Kees gave a presentation of the dangers of ground water contamination, and distributed well water sample results. Helen introduced guest speaker Stacey Martin, former DNR Agronomist, whose job was to report nutrient management for large scale farms. After discussion, Helen Kees distributed the Livestock Operation Ordinance. The purpose of the ordinance is to provide for the administration and enforcement of standards necessary to preserve and protect groundwater resources, and promote the protection of public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens by protecting and preventing contamination of groundwater quality by regulating local land use and land management practices. Many questions came up as to who would regulate/test for nitrates in ground water, as well the costs associated with it, and other possible causes for the nitrates. Others had concern about potential lawsuits and legal fees.

Chris Kees-Winkler and JoAnn Rucker presented the following Resolution:

I hereby move that the Town Board of Durand, Pepin County, WI be directed to adopt the Livestock Operation Ordinance as presented to the chairperson of the Special Town Meeting of the Town of Durand held May 11, 2017. This directive is general and continuing.

A paper ballot vote was taken: YES- 21, NO- 30.

Helen Kees took a moment to thank everyone who cooperated with well water samples being taken, as well as showing up to support the Ordinance.

**Adjournment**

Jon Tappe motioned to adjourn, and Jeff Krisik seconded. The Special Meeting of the Electors adjourned at 9:24 pm.

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

Lisa Ridgeway, Clerk