

BIRCH LAKE TOWNSHIP, CASS COUNTY, MINNESOTA

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**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN ANIMAL
BOUNTY IN THE TOWNSHIP**

Resolution number - 26-02

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. §§ 348.12, 348.125, and 348.13 authorize towns to offer a bounty for the destruction of gophers, ground squirrels, and coyotes;

WHEREAS, the town board determines pocket gophers constitute a nuisance to property, particularly property being used for road and agricultural purposes;

WHEREAS, the town board determines it is in the best interests of the public to establish a bounty to encourage the destruction of pocket gophers in the township;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the town board of Birch Lake Township establishes a bounty on pocket gophers in the township to be conducted as follows:

1. The bounty shall only apply to pocket gophers that were, to the satisfaction of the town board, captured and killed within the boundaries of the township.
2. The bounty shall only apply to pocket gophers killed in the months of March thru November.
3. To be eligible for collection of the bounty, both front feet of pocket gophers must be presented to the township road supervisor. Feet shall be presented in a container containing dry salt.
4. The amount of the bounty shall be \$2.50 per gopher, with a maximum pay per person/family of \$100.00 per calendar year. Bounties may be presented to the board March – December each calendar year.
5. The person claiming a bounty must provide the town a claim form including his or her name, address, and the location of where the animals were killed and a completed W-9.

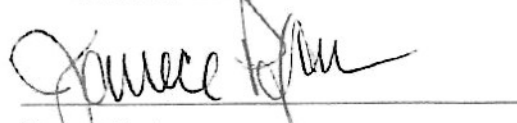
THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, this resolution shall automatically renew on January 1 of each year, unless amended or repealed by the town board by resolution.

Adopted this 18 day of May, 2026.

By the Birch Lake Town Board


Town Board Chair

Attested to by:


Town Clerk