

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
VILLAGE OF DE SOTO
Tuesday, May 19, 2026**

The De Soto Village Board held their special board meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the De Soto Village Hall.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Village President, Timothy Gillespie called the special board meeting to order with roll call as follows: Tim Gillespie-present, Scott DuCharme-absent, Mitchell Schiffer-present. Carrie Brudos-absent

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer, seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Tom Head was recognized. Tom Head had a concern about the weed letter sent to all the village property owners. He was upset about it.

Public comment time closed.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. STRATEGIC PLANNING: PRESENTATION BY CHRIS HARDIE FROM 7 RIVERS ALLIANCE STRATEGY FOR VILLAGE

The WEDC Thrive Rural Grant is a possibility to improve blight. The application is due later in the year. We can use the RDA to help enforce ordinances and manage grants. The RDA can also issue Bonds and operate more freely than the village board.

We can explore the possibility of a Clean-up Day with volunteers.

Discussion on issues with code enforcement. We can use law enforcement, lawyer or a 3rd party.

Chris Hardie will get us in contact with Blair.

Before the next meeting we need to establish a clean-up day, have an RDA meeting and talk to Blair

Another strategic planning meeting will be held in mid-June.

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6. ADJOURN:

Motion made by Scott DuCharme and seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Carrie Brudos, Village Clerk.