

President's Report to the Ruggles B.O.D.
Thursday, October 22nd, 2026 (5th B.O.D. meeting of 2026)
6:30 p.m. Light Meal 7:00 p.m. Meeting

Ruggles is beautiful all year around but the window of beauty of fall is probably my favorite. Vivid blue skies, cooler temperatures, and the mystery of leaves turning their various colors...it always reminds me of the verse that the Lord “*gives us all things richly to enjoy.*” (I Timothy 6:17)

In July, it was announced a significant financial gift given to the Camp. To recap, Ruggles was given a significant gift of about \$92K 8-10 years ago and we used that money for much needed improvements, repairs, etc. Now, we have another gift of \$130K and we again are seeking ways to use these funds wisely for the betterment of God's Kingdom. The Executive Committee has already been brainstorming ideas, dreams, visions moving forward. A couple of notes: 1) There are more things we are wishing for, praying for, dreaming for ---than we have funds for!! It truly is a generous gift given---but it is also easily spent. 2) There will LIKELY be disagreement on what is ultimately decided---it is my prayer that ALL the B.O.D. seek the wisdom and mind of Jesus in the weeks and months ahead. Below are *a few* thoughts to help “stoke” the flame for the future. Some are MAJOR, some are minor and the list is *not exhaustive. In no order:*

Tabernacle: A climate controlled storage center behind the center.

New upgrades in the Chancel area, carpet, etc. PEWS upgraded,
Songbooks recovered.

Kitchen: Additional new appliances which are needed. A Restroom built around the Kitchen.

Conference Center: Handicap Doors –heavy duty which are fully operational.
ALSO: Handicap accessibility all over the Camp.

Boys/Girls Dorms: Many improvements have been made for both—but there still remain upgrades that are needed. Even a tear down/rebuild of the Girls Dorm to a new modernized facility?

Re-Blacktopping Drive: This was a big lift from the gravel drive 10-12 years ago---but there are many cracks, despite it being sealed.

Overhaul of Landscape around Snack Shack: The snack-shack is not usable at present—even if it was—swamp like water dominates the whole area—even in hot weather—making green space around it unusable.

Beautifying Lake: Handicap path around the lake...fountain—no weeds, use of the barns as a wedding venue---plenty of space, scenic, etc.

Recreational Upgrades: Putt Putt Golf Course, Zip Line, Pickle Ball....

These are just initial thoughts---please be in prayer as we wait before the Lord moving forward. Whatever we do---may God receive all the Glory!

In Christ, Eric