

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

FEBRUARY 18, 2014

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room in the Government Center, Redwood Falls, Minnesota.

Present for all or portions of the meeting were Commissioners Sharon Hollatz, Lon Walling, Priscilla Klabunde, Al Kokesch, John Schueller; County Administrator Vicki Knobloch, Auditor-Treasurer Jean Price, HR Coordinator Pete Brown, Hwy. Engineer, Willy Rabenberg, Sheriff Randy Hanson, Wold Architect John McNamara, Transportation Director and Transportation Coordinator, Western Community Action, Cathleen Amick and Dave McGuire.

Chair Hollatz called the meeting to order asking for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On motion by Klabunde, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the revised agenda.

Chair Hollatz asked the Board members to identify any areas for which they had a conflict of interest. Klabunde identified a conflict within the Abstract of Bills.

CONSENT AGENDA

- On motion by Walling, second by Kokesch, and excluding the bill from Klabunde Electric in the amount of \$186.80, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda.
- On motion by Schueller, second by Kokesch with Klabunde abstaining due to the Conflict of Interest, the Board voted to approve the bill from Klabunde Electric in the amount of \$186.80.
- On motion by Walling, second by Kokesch, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
 - February 4, 2014 Board minutes.
 - Payment of bills as follows:

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| Revenue Fund | \$ 249,578.12 |
| Building Fund | \$ 259,906.64 |
| Ditch Maintenance Fund | \$ 8,893.14 |
| Solid Waste Fund | \$ 20,095.08 |
| Human Services | \$ 300,000.00 |
| Public Health Service | \$ 80,295.00 |

SHERIFF

- Hanson updated the Board on the Redwood County Jail Population for January, 2014.
- On motion by Schueller, second by Kokesch, the Board voted unanimously to approve purchase of a 2014 Chevrolet Traverse under State contract #72021 in the amount of \$25,671.11.
- On motion by Walling, second by Kokesch, the Board voted unanimously to pay all appropriate fees for the 2014 Chevrolet Traverse.

AUDITOR-TREASURER

- On motion by Klabunde, second by Kokesch, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following consent agenda: Cash Balance Report; Investment Summary; Budget Report: Revenue, Building, Ditch Maintenance, and Solid Waste Funds; and January Disbursements in the amount of \$1,050,565.43.
- On motion by Schueller, second by Kokesch, the Board voted unanimously to approve installation of the Elavon credit card machine through US Bank in the License Center.
- On motion by Klabunde, second by Schueller, the Board voted to move forward with demolition of three unsold tax forfeited properties and authorized the use of tax forfeited sale funds. Klabunde, Schueller, and Hollatz voted aye and Walling and Kokesch voted nay.

WESTERN COMMUNITY ACTION

- A Transportation Presentation was given by Cathleen Amick, Transportation Director and Dave McGuire, Transportation Coordinator of the Western Community Action Community Transit program.

Commissioner Schueller left the meeting.

WOLD

- McNamara updated the Board on the status of the LEC & PH renovation projects.
- On motion by Walling, second by Kokesch, the Board voted unanimously to approve LEC Addition and Remodel Change Order Number 4 in the amount of \$26,470.
- Public Health Building Remodel Change Orders were pulled from agenda for further review.

ADMINISTRATOR

- On motion by Klabunde, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to rescind the motion authorizing a Letter of Support to Renville County for the submission of the 2015 LCCMR RFP.
- On motion by Klabunde, second by Schueller, the Board voted unanimously to pay dues in the amount of \$225.00 for membership in Greater MN Regional Parks and Trails.
- On motion by Kokesch, second by Walling, and in a roll-call vote with Hollatz, Klabunde, Walling and Kokesch voting aye and Schueller voting nay, the Board adopted the following resolution:

Resolution 2014-01

Resolution to Terminate the Minnesota River Basin Joint Powers Agreement and End Business Operations of the Minnesota River Basin Joint Powers Board (a.k.a., Minnesota River Board) on April 1, 2014

This resolution was prepared by the Minnesota River Joint Powers Board (hereafter referred to as the MRB) and approved by the MRB Executive Committee for member counties to consider, take action on, and file with the MRB Executive Director no later than February 21, 2014.

Preamble

The Minnesota River Basin Joint Powers Agreement was signed by 37 counties on July 12, 1995, and had revision approved March 16, 1998, November 15, 1999, May 15, 2000, and July 12, 2000 to establish joint exercise of powers to promote water quality improvement and management of the Minnesota River Watershed (in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 103B.311, 103B.315, and 471.59). The 37 counties that signed the agreement in 1995 included Big Stone, Blue Earth, Brown*, Carver, Chippewa, Cottonwood, Dakota*, Douglas*, Faribault, Freeborn, Grant*, Hennepin, Jackson*, Kandiyohi, Lac Qui Parle, Le Seuer, Lincoln*, Lyon*, Martin, McLeod, Murray, Nicollet, Pipestone*, Pope*, Ramsey, Redwood, Renville, Rice*, Scott, Sibley, Steele*, Stevens, Swift*, Traverse*, Waseca, Watonwan*, and Yellow Medicine*. As of January 1, 2014, 15 counties (*) had withdrawn from membership.

WHEREAS after nearly 20 years of initiatives and challenges, as well as calls for change from our valued partners, the MRB delegates passed Resolution 12-01 in September 2012 to dedicate funds for a full external review of the MRB governance structure, mission, duties, services provided, and funding, and

WHEREAS the external review process was led by an independent consultant and a steering committee that included one representative from each of the following entities: Minnesota River Board, Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD), Minnesota River Watershed Projects, Citizen-led Organizations, agricultural and water resource interests, and the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD), and

WHEREAS after several rounds of revisions, the end result of the external review process included guiding principles, primary functions, and recommendations for the governance and funding of a new basin entity, and

WHEREAS the MRB delegates passed a motion on December 16, 2013, to advance the

Recommendations with no additional MRB involvement in the process, on a split vote

(11 in favor, 6 opposed, 1 abstention); and

WHEREAS, the MRB delegates passed a resolution on December 16, 2013 to complete required business, transfer existing projects, and/or otherwise cancel all agreements and bring the MRB business operations to a close on April 1, 2014.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the MRB member counties must establish that the sentiment of the members is for the Minnesota River Basin Joint Powers Agreement termination process to be initiated, and

WHEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as per Section 7, Part B of the agreement, when a majority of the member counties agree, by resolution, to terminate the agreement, termination may then, but only then, be initiated, and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the member counties is defined as 12 of the 22 counties that paid dues during the first half of FY2014 (July 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013) must pass this resolution, and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon receipt of sufficient member county resolutions to terminate the Minnesota River Basin Joint Powers Agreement, the review process recommendations, testimony from the December 16, 2013, other reports, and copies of this resolution from the member counties will be compiled as part of a final MRB report that will be distributed to the Minnesota Legislature, Local Government Roundtable participants (Association of Minnesota Counties, MAWD, and MASWCD), natural resource agency leadership, and any other interested parties prior to April 1, 2014.

- On motion by Klabunde, second by Walling, and in a roll-call vote with Hollatz, Klabunde, Walling and Kokesch all voting aye and Schueller absent, the Board adopted the following Resolution:

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF \$200 FOR
REDWOOD COUNTY CIRCLE SENTENCING**

WHEREAS, GLORIA Dei Welca, wishes to donate \$200 to Redwood County Circle Sentencing and;

WHEREAS, Redwood Circle Sentencing will utilize the \$200 for the purchase of groceries and supplies to provide meals to families and volunteers in Circle; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners appreciates the generosity of Gloria Dei Welca in supporting Redwood County Circle Sentencing;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the acceptance of \$200 from Gloria Dei Welca to Redwood County Circle Sentencing, on behalf of the County.

- On motion by Kokesch, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to amend the lease agreement with MN West Bank to reflect a name change from Farmer's State Bank of Morton to MN West Bank.
- The LEC Lease Amendment was tabled to the March 4, 2014 Board meeting.
- On motion by Klabunde, second by Schueller and in a roll-call vote with Hollatz, Schueller, Klabunde, Walling and Kokesch all voting aye, the Board adopted the following Resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED that Redwood County act as the legal sponsor for an application for funding to the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for Maintenance of snowmobile trails managed by Country Sno Riders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval of its application by the state, Redwood County may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above referenced project and that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations stated in the agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of the Redwood County Commissioners is authorized to sign such an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Auditor-Treasurer is authorized to serve as the fiscal agent for the above mentioned project.

- On motion by Kokesch, second by Klabunde, the Board voted unanimously to rescind the motion adopting the Resolution regarding the Southern Prairie Health Purchasing Alliance name change. Commissioner Klabunde will research and bring recommendations to the Board at a later date.

Personnel Action Items:

- On motion by Klabunde, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the promotion of Steven Schwartz from Part-time Custody Officer to Full-time Custody Officer effective March 3, 2014. He will remain at current rate of \$15.81/hr. which is Jailer/Dispatcher Grade/Step 5 of the 2014 LELS Wage Scale with benefits effective May 1, 2014.
- On motion by Kokesch, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve hiring of Mitch Zimmerman and Andrew Larson as Deputies for the Sheriff's Department effective March 3, 2014 at Grade DS1, Step 1, \$19.38/hr.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

- On motion by Kokesch, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to authorize payment of Right-of Way SP 64-602-021 in the amount of \$2,622.00.

- On motion by Klabunde, second by Kokesch, the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of CSAH 31 SAP 64-631-05 for \$45,602.54 and CSAH 31 SAP 64-631-06 for \$54,397.46 for a total of \$100,000.
- The annual Safety Meeting date has been revised to Wednesday, April 30, 2014.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

- Chair Hollatz appointed Duane Heiling (District 2) and Duane Anderson (District 3) to the Parks & Trails Committee.
- On motion by Kokesch, second by Klabunde, the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of per-diem to members of the Parks and Trails Committee.
- The Board deferred an EDA funding request for the MN Twins Yearbook to the full EDA Board.

COMMISSIONERS

- The commissioners reported on meetings they attended.

Walling

- Regional Solid Waste
- Building Committee
- Vet's Cemetery Site
- Parks & Trails Committee

Klabunde

- Southern Prairie Community Care
- Parks & Trails – Renville County
- Western Mental health

Schueller

- Lamberton Lions – Kuhar Park Trail
- Ditch Viewer Program

Kokesch

- Redwood County Historical Society
- EDA/RADC
- Rail Authority
- Vets Cemetery

Hollatz

- MN Regional Area Agency on Aging
- Technology Committee
- EDA/RADC

ADJOURN

- There being no further business, Chair Hollatz declared the meeting adjourned at 11:55am.

Sharon Hollatz, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: _____
Vicki Knobloch
County Administrator