

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

June 7, 2016

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 Lon Walling, Priscilla Klabunde, Jim Salfer, Dennis Groebner and Sharon Hollatz; Administrator Vicki Knobloch; Highway Engineer Willy Rabenberg; Highway Accountant Nancy Schmidt; County Attorney Steve Collins; Auditor/Treasurer Jean Price; Deputy Auditor/Treasurer Rita Wieneke; Sheriff Randy Hanson; Environmental Director Scott Wold; Economic Development Coordinator Julie Rath; SC/SW MN Towards Zero Deaths Director Annette Larson; Law Enforcement Liaison Scott McConkey; MnDOT Design Coordinator –Meeker County Safe Roads Coalition and Chief Officer and Grove City Rescue Squad Jesse Hudec; Minnesota State Patrol Captain Bruce Verdoes; Drainage Attorney Kurt Deter; Bolton and Menk Bill Helget; Michelle Malecha; Jan Almquist; Glenn Blomeke, Arnold Iffert; Lisa Steffl and Duane Bendixen.

Chair Klabunde called the Meeting to order asking for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On motion by Walling, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the June 7th meeting agenda.

Chair Klabunde asked the Board members to identify any areas for which they had a Conflict of Interest. There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

- On motion by Hollatz, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
 - May 17, 2016 Board Minutes
 - Payment of bills as follows:

General Fund	\$ 119,765.47
Road and Bridge Fund	\$ 110.46
Ditch Maintenance Fund	\$ 11,378.56

ROAD AND BRIDGE

- On motion by Hollatz, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of Road & Bridge bills in the amount of \$89,429.49.
- On motion by Walling, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to award the Reflectorized Pavement Markings Contract to AAA Striping Service Company in the amount of \$67,042.90.

Bids received were as follows:

AAA Striping Service Company	\$67,042.90
Traffic Marking Service	\$69,441.52
Swanston Equipment	\$85,631.60

- On motion by Groebner, second by Hollatz, the Board voted unanimously to award SAP #064-606-024 and SAP #064-615-017 to Duininck, Inc. in the amount of \$3,820,401.33.

Bids received were as follows:

Duininck, Inc.	\$3,820,401.33
Central Specialties, Inc.	\$3,823,014.28
Hardrives, Inc.	\$4,063,898.43
Knife River Corp.	\$3,834,776.77
Southern MN Construction	\$5,386,285.42

- On motion by Walling, second by Hollatz, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2015 Annual Road and Bridge Report.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Walling, in a roll call vote with Salfer, Walling, Groebner, Klabunde and Hollatz all voting aye, the Board adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION FOR FUND BALANCE FOR
MUNICIPAL STATEAID CONSTRUCTION ALLOTMENT
SAP 064-602-024, SAP 064-603-007, & SAP 064-702-003
June 7, 2016**

WHEREAS, The City of Morgan and Redwood County have been working together since the 1980's to do infrastructure and road construction work in Morgan on CSAH 2, CSAH 102, and CSAH 3; and

WHEREAS, The City of Morgan has applied for and received Economic Development grant dollars to repair infrastructure under CSAH routes within the City limits of Morgan; and

WHEREAS, The infrastructure work now also includes ADA work on TH 67 by MnDOT; and

WHEREAS, The City of Morgan, Redwood County and MnDOT have decided to tie all projects together for coordination and best possible pricing, and the scale of the work involved will be better suited having one prime contractor; and

WHEREAS, Redwood County has built up three years' worth of municipal State Aid allotment for road construction work on CSAH 2, CSAH 102 and CSAH 3 within the City limits of Morgan; and

WHEREAS, A current county Screening Board resolution allows up to three years' worth or \$500,000, whichever is greater, of unencumbered construction fund balance as of December 31 without a deduction in the counties' 25-year construction Needs; and

WHEREAS, Due to the inclusion of the MnDOT ADA work on TH 67, the approval processes will not make the deadline of a signed contract by December 1, 2016.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that Redwood County requests an extension on the municipal construction fund balance in excess of the said three years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this request for extension is for one year only through December 31, 2017.

- On motion by Walling, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to authorize letting date of July 13, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. for SAP #064-608-026.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

- On motion by Hollatz, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve an EDA Loan Agreement between Redwood County and Jeff Babbitt, JRB Properties LLC in the amount of \$40,000 at 5% interest for 10 years pending County Attorney approval.

ADMINISTRATOR

- The Board acknowledged the change in the local equipment and plan for using precinct court voting technology in Redwood County precincts with the use of a DS200 Precinct Scanner and Tabulator for absentee voting only.
- On motion by Walling, second by Hollatz, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Joint Powers Agreement between the Counties served by Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System to guarantee general obligation bonds.
- On motion by Hollatz, second by Groebner, in a roll-call vote with Hollatz, Klabunde, Salfer, Groebner and Walling all voting aye, the Board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION APPROVING JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, LPRW provides potable water to individuals, farms, cities, and commercial customers located in the following ten counties in southwest Minnesota:

1. Jackson County,
2. Lac Qui Parle County,
3. Lincoln County,
4. Lyon County,
5. Murray County,
6. Nobles County,
7. Pipestone County,
8. Redwood County,
9. Rock County,
10. Yellow Medicine County; and

WHEREAS, LPRW needs to make improvements and upgrades to its existing water distribution system, which LPRW refers to as the “Priority 2 Improvements Project”; and

WHEREAS, the Priority 2 Improvements Project is necessary to bring LPRW into compliance with MPCA regulations, because it will allow water received from the Lewis and

Clark Regional Water System to replace most of the water which is currently being pumped from LPRW’s Holland Well, which will ultimately benefit most of the aforementioned ten counties; and

WHEREAS, the estimated costs of the Priority 2 Improvements Project is \$14,858,925.00; and

WHEREAS, \$1,969,000.00 of the costs of the Priority 2 Improvements Project will be paid for by a grant LPRW will receive from the United States Department of Agriculture/Rural Development; and;

WHEREAS, \$3,000,000.00 of the costs of the Priority 2 Improvements Project will be paid for by a Point Source Implementation Grant (“PSIG”); and

WHEREAS, the remaining \$9,890,000.00 of costs for the Priority 2 Improvements Project will be paid for by issuing general obligation bonds (“GO bonds”); and

WHEREAS, LPRW does not have the legal authority to issue GO bonds; and

WHEREAS, Pipestone County, Minnesota, has agreed to issue \$9,890,000.00 of GO bonds on behalf of LPRW to help finance the construction of the Improvements Project on the condition that the other nine aforementioned counties sign a Joint Powers Agreement, which guarantees the payment of both the interim and permanent GO bonds in the amount of \$9,890,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute §571.59 allows the ten aforementioned counties to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement, which guarantees the payment of both the interim and permanent GO bonds in the amount of \$9,890,000.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Redwood County Board of Commissioners as follows:

That the Joint Powers Agreement between the aforementioned ten counties and Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System, which is dated May 16, 2016, is hereby approved in its entirety.

- On motion by Hollatz, second by Klabunde, in a roll-call vote with Hollatz, Klabunde, Salfer, Groebner and Walling all voting aye, the Board adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT
FRANK ENGELS, BRENT FEIKEMA AND JANICE MOEN
BE APPOINTED TO THE
LINCOLN PIPESTONE RURAL WATER SYSTEM
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, Frank Engels 4-year term as a Commissioner on the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System (LPRW) Board of Commissioners is scheduled to expire at midnight on December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Brent Feikema’s 4-year term as a Commissioner on the LPRW Board of

Commissioners is scheduled to expire at midnight on December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Janice Moen's 4-year term as a Commissioner on the LPRW Board of Commissioners is scheduled to expire at midnight on December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2016 the LPRW Board of Commissioner unanimously passed a motion which recommends that Frank Engels, Brent Feikema, and Janice Moen be reappointed to another 4 year term on the LPRW Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Redwood County Board of Commissioners believes that Frank Engels, Brent Feikema and Janice Moen are qualified to act as Commissioners on the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water Board of Commissioners and are worthy of appointment.

BE IT NOW RESOLVED, that the Redwood County Board of Commissioners hereby recommends that Frank Engels, Brent Feikema and Janice Moen be appointed to the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System Board of Commissioners pursuant to and provided for by Minnesota Statutes §116A et seq. for a 4 year term which shall commence at 12:00 a.m. on January 1, 2017 and shall expire at midnight on December 31, 2020.

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

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF \$120 FOR
THE REDWOOD COUNTY VETERANS CEMETERY**

WHEREAS, JACK AND JAN CHRISTENSEN, BETH KALASS, GARY AND LINDA MEADEN; MARILYN HALE AND BUNNY AND WILLIAM JOHNSON, wish to donate \$120 to the Redwood County Veterans Cemetery in memory of Eugene Longstrom; and

WHEREAS, Redwood County will utilize the \$120 for the creation of the Veterans Cemetery in Redwood County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners appreciates the generosity of Jack and Jan Christensen, Beth Kalass, Gary and Linda Meaden; Marilyn Hale and Bunny and William Johnson in supporting the Redwood County Veterans Cemetery;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the acceptance of \$120 from Jack and Jan Christensen, Beth Kalass, Gary and Linda Meaden; Marilyn Hale and Bunny and William Johnson towards the Redwood County Veterans Cemetery, in memory of Eugene Longstrom.

- On motion by Groebner, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to authorize destruction of records from the Auditor/Treasurer's Department per the Records Retention Schedule.
- On motion by Walling, second by Hollatz, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge the 2015 Lake Laura Inspection Report and authorize release of the report to the DNR.

- On motion by Salfer, second by Hollatz, the Board voted unanimously to award the paving of the Public Health parking lot to M.R. Paving & Excavating in the amount of \$48,605.

Bids received were as follows:

M.R. Paving and Excavating	\$48,605
Duininck Inc.	\$51,506

- On motion by Salfer, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to award the paving of the Government Center parking lot to M.R. Paving & Excavating in the amount of \$86,904.

Bids received were as follows:

M.R. Paving and Excavating	\$86,904
Duininck, Inc.	\$86,627

- On motion by Walling, second by Hollatz, the Board voted unanimously to award the paving of the Law Enforcement Center parking lot to M.R. Paving & Excavating in the amount of \$ \$37,038.

Bids received were as follows:

M.R. Paving and Excavating	\$37,038
Duininck, Inc.	\$44,166

Personnel Action Items

- On motion by Klabunde, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the revised Personnel Policy Manual.

SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA TOWARD ZERO DEATHS

- Larson, Hudec, Verdoes and McConkey presented information on the program Toward Zero Deaths mission in Southwest Minnesota to create a culture attempting to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries.

PARCEL #060-020-4060

- Malecha and Almquist held discussion with the Board on ownership with regards to Parcel #060-020-4060. The Board requested the parties involved return between September and October 2015 for further discussion.

DITCH AUTHORITY

- At 11:00 a.m., the Board entered into County Ditch Authority with Chair Walling presiding for County Ditch #109. Present for the discussion were Commissioners Walling, Hollatz, Klabunde, Salfer and Groebner, Administrator Knobloch, Auditor/Treasurer Jean Price, Kurt Deter, Attorney representing the City of Morgan and Bolten and Menk Engineer Bill Helget
- On motion by Groebner, second by Klabunde, the Drainage Authority vote determined that storm surface, or flood waters along the drainage system or within the benefitted area of the drainage system, could be better managed by the water management authority (City of Morgan), a transfer shall be authorized.

- Kurt Deter will draw up the findings of fact and order for the transfer of County Ditch #109 to the City of Morgan for Redwood County Ditch Authority Board Chair to sign.

RECONVENE

- The Board re-entered into regular session at 11:32 a.m.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- The commissioners reported on meetings they attended:

Salfer:

- Redwood County Historical Society
- Southwest Health and Human Services
- Townhall Meeting
- AMC District 8 Meeting
- Economic Development

Walling:

- Building Committee
- Townhall Meeting
- Springdale Township Meeting

Hollatz:

- SW Regional Radio Board
- AMC District 8 Meeting
- Rural Minnesota Energy Board

Groebner:

- Redwood County Historical Society
- Rail Authority
- Building Committee

Klabunde:

- Western Mental Health
- Southwest Health & Human Services
- Broadband
- Western Community Action

ADJOURN

- There being no further business, Chair Klabunde declared the meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

Priscilla Klabunde, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: _____
Vicki Knobloch
County Administrator