

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

JULY 16, 2019

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 Bob Van Hee, Dave Forkrud, Dennis Groebner, Lon Walling, Jim Salfer, and County Administrator Vicki Knobloch. Also present were Auditor/Treasurer Jean Price; Highway Engineer Keith Berndt; Sheriff Randy Hansen; Intern Zach Johnson; Environmental Director Scott Wold, Ditch Inspector Brent Lang, Ditch & Ag Technician Josh Sell; County Assessor Kathy Hillmer; County Attorney Jenna Peterson; LPRW General Manager Jason Overby, LPRW Commissioner Mitch Kling and Moore Engineering Representative Rich Slagle; Senator Gary Dahms and Representative Rod Hamilton.

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

On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the July 16th revised agenda.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- o On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. and 9<sup>th</sup> minutes.
  - o Payment of bills as follows:

General Fund	\$ 21,222.58
Ditch Maintenance Fund	\$ 5,535.60
Insurance Fund	\$ 250.00
Road and Bridge Fund	\$ -124.47
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 47.76

- o Bills exceeding \$2,000: Estebo, Frank, Munshower & Geis \$3,170.50; Kramer Attorney at Law \$7,241.00; Morris Electronics \$12,015.25; Fleet Services \$5,019.30; Galls \$4,381.83; Mend Correctional \$3,885.84; Redwood County Highway Dept. \$2,974.87; Tersteegs \$5,485.69; WOLD Architects \$106,264.94; Kerkhoff Brothers \$16,795.20; Schmidt Construction \$10,475.98; Southwest Health & Human Services \$51,188.00.

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

- The Board recognized Steve Gramstad, Maintenance Department, for 5 years of service to Redwood County.

**ROAD AND BRIDGE**

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to award SAP 064-604-054, CSAH 4 Bridge to Landwehr Construction in the amount of \$246,593.60.

<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Bid Amount</b>
Landwehr Construction	\$246,593.60
Mathiowetz Construction	\$276,063.34
R & G Construction	\$325,047.57

- On motion by Walling, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to award SAP 064-605-030, CSAH 5 Bridge, to M & K Construction based upon the company’s extensive bridge building experience in the amount of \$619,137.50, and contingent upon the Minnesota Office of Civil Rights approval..

<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Bid Amount</b>
Everstrong Construction	\$605,066.00
Structural Specialties	\$693,302.46
M & K Construction	\$619,137.50

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to set Letting Date of August 16, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. for SP 064-070-006 and 064-070-007.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, in a roll-call vote with Walling, Groebner, Salfer, Van Hee and Forkrud all voting aye, the Board adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Redwood County has determined that in addition to the bridges approved at the March 7, 2017 board meeting the following deficient bridge on the CSAH, County Road and Township systems is a high priority and requires replacement or rehabilitation within the next five (5) years,

BRIDGE NO	ROAD NO	EST PROJ COST	FED FUNDS	CSAH FUNDS	TWP BR FUNDS	PR TAX FUNDS	BOND FUNDS	SUFF RATING
L9685	Three Lakes 67	422,475	0	0	402,475	20,000	0	41.0

WHEREAS, local roads play an essential role in the overall state transportation network and local bridges are the critical component of the local road systems, and

WHEREAS, State support for the replacement or rehabilitation of local bridges continues to be crucial to maintaining the integrity of the local road systems and is necessary for the County and the Townships to proceed with the replacement or rehabilitation of the high priority deficient bridge described above, and

WHEREAS, Redwood County intends to proceed with the replacement or rehabilitation of this bridge as soon as possible when State Transportation Bond Funds are available,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Redwood County commits that it will proceed with the design and contract documents for this bridge immediately after being notified that Funds are available in order to permit construction to take place within one year of notification.

#### **SHERIFF**

- The Board reviewed the June 2019 Jail Population.
- On motion by Walling, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Alpha Wireless not to exceed \$5,000.00.

#### **AUDITOR/TREASURER**

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, the Board voted to approve the following:
  - Cash Balance Report
  - Investment Summary
  - Budget Reports, General Fund, Ditch Maintenance, Health Fund, State Fund and Solid Waste.
  - June 2019 Disbursements in the amount of \$10,113,229.77.
- Bills exceeding \$2,000: Preferred One \$5,002.65, \$16,402.94, \$7,811.81, \$5,861.56, \$23,476.84, \$7,138.89, \$10,425.53, \$2923.45, \$60,054.45, Redwood Falls Public Utilities \$7,792.57, \$2,260.40; MN Commission of Finance \$505,084.12, 5,584.50; Wells Fargo Advisors \$244,000.00, \$245,000.00, \$245,000.00; Bank of New York \$246,000.00, \$247,000.00, \$246,000.00; Further \$7,600.23, \$7,600.23; BSBS of MN \$2,260.00; MN Dept. of Revenue \$21,573.51; Redwood County License Center \$2,036.25, \$4,562.32; RRRSWA \$325,198.04; City of Belview \$72,660.57; City of Clements \$31,187.72; City of Delhi \$21,833.56; City of Lamberton \$306,878.82; City of Lucan \$70,273.28; City of Milroy \$86,173.65; City of Morgan \$224,525.25; City of Redwood Falls \$1,490,930.41; City of Revere \$31,704.44; City of Sanborn \$64,129.41; City of Seaforth \$21,787.07; City of Vesta \$83,424.53; City of Wabasso \$283,387.37; City of Walnut Grove \$152,008.98; City of Wanda \$25,569.10; SD #2190 \$7,861.36; SD #2754 \$239,973.28; SD #2884 \$141,202.70; SD #2897 \$777,215.43; SD #2898 \$94,444.65; SD #2904 \$26,522.86; SD #635 \$162,626.66; SD #640 \$358,357.20; SD #85 \$45,314.94; SWHHS \$1,421,954.18; Brookville Township \$43,485.22; Charlestown Township \$33,621.85; Delhi Township \$40,749.20; Gales Township \$28,824.00; Granite Rock Township \$39,730.99; Honner Township \$4,527.56; Johnsonville Township \$49,553.05; Kintire Township \$41,176.08; Lamberton Township \$44,602.47; Morgan Township \$62,083.86; New Avon Township \$39,548.64; North Hero Township \$40,499.01; Paxton Township \$49,969.94; Redwood Falls Township \$60,714.03; Sheridan Township \$42,752.40; Sherman Township \$36,106.73; Springdale Township \$42,351.30; Sundown Township \$40,244.42; Swede's Forest Township \$30,667.36; Three Lakes Township \$37,759.18; Underwood Township \$48,476.71; Vail Township \$37,027.07; Vesta Township \$49,679.18; Waterbury Township \$41,270.87; Westline Township \$31,960.33; Willow Lake Township \$32,724.73; MN Valley Snow-Riders \$5,056.29; Healthpartners \$3,018.40; Zimmermann Maintenance \$6,863.50; M & K Bridge Construction \$16,246.66; City of Morgan \$83,341.01; Knife River Corporation \$170,045.40.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request to add Tyler Christensen as a credit card holder in the Soil and Water Department.
- On motion by Walling, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge the Confession of Judgment for Parcel #90-200-0120, Shell Mendenhall.

**ENVIRONMENTAL**

- On motion by, second by, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Fifth Amendment to the Cooperative Agreement with Redwood County Soil and Water Conservation District pending approval by the County Attorney.

**LINCOLN-PIPESTONE RURAL WATER**

- Overby presented the 2018 Audit.
- On motion by Walling, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve a letter of support for state funding for water source development, treatment and distribution.

**SENATOR GARY DAHMS**

- Dahms provided legislative session update.

**PUBLIC HEARING - COUNTY DITCH #24**

- At 10:09 a.m., the Board entered into County Drainage Authority for the Public Hearing to petition for partial abandonment of a section of CD #24 filed by Elmer and Barbara Dahms. Present for the hearing were Commissioners Walling, Forkrud, Van Hee, Groebner and Salfer; Administrator Knobloch; Administrative Assistant Heidi Wersal; Environmental Director Scott Wold; Ditch Inspector Brent Lang, Ditch and Ag Technician Josh Sell; Landowner Elmer Dahms and Legal Counsel Lawrence Frank; Gary Kodet; Jeff Kodet; Leonard Walter; Barry Georgious; Bob Hoffbeck; LuAnn Schloesser; Eugene Dahms; Gary Dahms and Alan Plotz.
- Wold presented the Proof of Postings and the Proof of Mailing to landowners in County Ditch #24.
- Chair Walling called for the petitioners to present their request.
- Elmer Dahms and Legal Counsel Lawrence Frank presented document stating the reasons why they would like to disconnect from the tile line.
- Wold and Lang gave an overview of where the drainage system is located. Lang stated that the County replaced the intake that had been closed up on Dahms property.
- Chair Walling called for public comments:
  - Landowner Bob Hoffbeck wishes to either keep intake or install culvert under road as this will cause flooding to his farmland and the township road. Hoffbeck stated that you cannot block the natural flow of water, and that the township won't put in a culvert.
  - Leonard Walter, Three Lakes Township Representative, has concerns with intake being closed as it will cause flooding to the Township road.
  - Commissioner Salfer stated that landowners have the right to petition to into or out of a drainage system
  - Lawrence Frank says Hoffbeck has the right to petition to improve CD #24.
  - Eugene Dahms stated that the tile was put in to drain water from the east to the west and that it was not put in to allow water from the west to back up onto his farm
  - Commissioner Walling asked Elmer Dahms what the procedure would be if the petition was granted to abandon the section of CD #24 in which Dahms responded that he would close off the intake.

- Chair Walling called for additional public comment three times. No additional comments were offered. Chair Walling closed the hearing to public comment.
- On motion by Walling, second by Salfer, **in a 4-1 vote with Groebner voting nay**, the Board approved the petition for partial abandonment of a section of CD #24 under MN Statute 103E.806, citing that the part being abandoned did not serve a substantial useful purpose to any property remaining and that it was not of a substantial public benefit and utility.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to direct Environmental Director Wold to prepare Findings and Order for CD #24.
- There being no further business, Chair Walling closed the Public Hearing and declared Ditch Authority adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

#### **RECONVENE**

- The Board re-entered into regular session at 10:46 a.m.

#### **REPRESENTATIVES ROD HAMILTON**

- Representative Hamilton provided legislative session update.

#### **ADMINISTRATOR**

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request of \$3,250.00, which represents an increase of \$750.00 in additional funding to the Plum Creek Library for year 2020.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Procurement Policy.

#### **RECESS**

- The Board recessed at 12:20 p.m.

#### **RECONVENE**

- The Board reconvened into regular session at 1:00 p.m.

#### **CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT DELIVERY**

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve entering into a construction management agreement with CGI Contregity Construction Management Group contingent on fee schedule being submitted.

#### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

- The Commissioners reported on meetings they attended:

Salfer: Economic Development; Rotary

Walling: Dead Coon Lake Project

Groebner: Redwood County Soil and Water Conservation District, Area II, Dead Coon Lake Project

Van Hee: Center for Community Health Improvement, Southern Prairie Community Care, Restorative Justice, Southwest Regional Development Corporation

**ADJOURN**

- There being no further business, Chair Salfer declared the meeting adjourned at 1:31p.m.

Attest:

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Vicki Knobloch  
County Administrator

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Jim Salfer, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners