

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

JUNE 1, 2010

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 Gary Dahms, Al Kokesch, John Schueller, Lon Walling and Priscilla Klabunde; Administrator Vicki Knobloch; Director of Environmental Services Jon Mitchell; Recycling Coordinator Brian Sams; Highway Engineer Willy Rabenberg; Ditch/Ag Inspector Brent Lang; Auditor-Treasurer Jean Price; Ditch Viewer Duane Bendixen; Sheriff Randy Hanson; RSVP Representatives Robin Weis and Karen Christensen; MVRRA Representative Tim Dolan; Technology Specialist Josh Lueck; Public Health Director Genie Simon; Fiscal Supervisor Michelle Salfer; Leona Raddatz; Barb Billmeier; Elsie Kruse; Susie Irlbeck; Jerry Irlbeck; Shirley Gores; Marilyn Rothmeier; Judy Curtis; Clara Friese; Ronald Haugan; Joyce McKay; LaMae Dahms and Barbara Irwin.

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

No one was present for open forum.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- On motion by Klabunde, second by Kokesch, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
  - May 18, 2010, Board minutes.
  - Per diems totaling \$35.00 for meetings and miscellaneous expenses not listed on the committee list.
  - Payment of bills as follows:

Revenue Fund	\$ 66,566.38
Building Fund	\$ 23,004.62
Ditch Maintenance Fund	\$ 21,155.43
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 20,334.90
Forfeited Tax Sale	\$ 2,281.12

- Conference Evaluations submitted by:
  - Highway Office Manager/Accountant Nancy Schmidt and Administrative Assistant Paula Olson describing the Minnesota Hwy Accountants Conference they attended.
  - Scott Gilsrud describing the Minnesota Alcohol Traffic Safety Association Conference he attended.
- Payment of PHS bills in the amount of \$275.53.

**PUBLIC HEARING – COUNTY DITCH #100 PETITION FOR OUTLET**

- At 8:45 a.m. a Final Hearing on the Genevieve Rohlik Petition for authority to Outlet into County Ditch #100 was held.
- Ditch viewer Duane Bendixen explained the calculation used to set the outlet fee and benefit value to the parcel. On motion by Walling, second by Dahms, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Ditch Viewers Report.
- On motion by Walling, second by Kokesch, the Board voted unanimously to grant the outlet into County ditch #100 and adopt the recommendations in the Viewers Report setting the outlet fee at \$52.00 and the benefit value at \$13.00.

**ADMINISTRATOR**

- On motion by Dahms, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

**AUTHORIZING A COUNTY ABSENTEE BALLOT BOARD**

**WHEREAS**, Redwood County is required by Minnesota Statute 203B.13, Subd. 1 to establish a County Absentee Ballot Board effective June 1, 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, this authorization will bring uniformity in the processing of accepting or rejecting returned absentee ballots to Redwood County Elections that would consist of a sufficient number of election judges as provided in sections 204B.19 to 204B.22; and

**WHEREAS** the county absentee ballot board can begin this process 45 days prior to an election; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Redwood County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes Redwood County Auditor/Treasurer to implement a County Absentee Ballot Board that would consist of a sufficient number of election judges as provided in sections 204B.19 to 204B.22 to perform the task.

- On motion by Kokesch, second by Klabunde, the Board voted, in a four to one vote, with Walling voting nay, to approve Amendment No. 1 with the State of Minnesota, through its Commissioners of Corrections, Sentence to Service (STS) Program increasing the county share to seventy five percent (75%) at a yearly cost of \$94,986.26.
- On motion by Walling, second by Dahms, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Joint Powers Agreement with Southwest/West Central Service Cooperative.
- The Board reviewed the Joint Powers Agreement/Appropriation report as submitted.

***Personnel Action Item:***

- On motion by Klabunde, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to authorize posting/advertising for the Social Worker vacancy at Human Services.
- On motion by Dahms, second by Kokesch, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resignations of Financial Worker Michelle Phillips, effective June 18, 2010 and Financial Worker Elizabeth Miller, effective June 17, 2010.

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES*****Recycling and Solid Waste:***

- Sams updated the Board on the April 2010 Monthly Recycling report.
- Sams updated the Board on the inspection of the Household Hazardous Waste Facility conducted by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA).
- Sams and Mitchell recapped the success of the Appliance/Bulb Collection recycling event held on May 5, 2010, and the Electronics Waste Collections held on May 19, 2010.

- Sams reminded the Board of the Mobile HHW Collections to be held June 16, 2010.
- Mitchell updated the Board on the meeting to be held June 7, 2010, to discuss a potential joint powers with Renville, Chippewa, Cottonwood and Jackson counties for consideration of a joint recycling facility.
- Mitchell and Sams updated the Board on the storage shed that will be moved from Walnut Grove to the Government Center parking lot and the success of the rain barrel sales.

***Planning and Zoning:***

- Mitchell updated the Board on the tasks of the summer rights-of-way spraying crew.

**JOINT DITCH AUTHORITY TELECONFERENCE**

- At 9:45 a.m., Redwood and Lyon Counties held a teleconference to consider a Petition for outlet into JD #15 L & R request by Richard E. Vroman.
- Present for the discussion from Redwood County were Commissioners Schueller, Walling, and Kokesch. Ditch/Ag Inspector Lang; Auditor-Treasurer Jean Price and Administrator Knobloch; and from Lyon County were Commissioners Fenske, Stensrud, Ritter, and Nelson; Administrator Stomberg; Ditch/Ag Inspector Hammer; Auditor-Treasurer VanOverbeke and Attorney Rick Maes.
- Appointed for the Joint Ditch Authority from Lyon County were Fenske, Stensrud, and Nelson; and from Redwood County was Schueller and Walling.
- On motion by Walling, second by Schueller, it was passed by a unanimous vote to accept the Joint Ditch Authority.
- At 9:52 a.m. the Joint Drainage Authority meeting was called to order.
- On motion by Fenske, second by Schueller, the Joint Board voted unanimously to accept the petition for outlet into JD #15 L & R request by Richard E. Vroman.
- On motion by Schueller, second by Nelson, the Joint Board voted unanimously to appoint Ditch Viewers Bill Moldestad, Jim Weidemann and Duane Bendixen with an alternate of Frank Josephson.
- The Joint Board agreed to meet again upon completion of the ditch viewers report.
- There being no further business, the Joint Drainage Authority adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

**ROAD & BRIDGE**

- On motion by Walling, second by Dahms, the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of Road & Bridge bills in the amount of \$74,132.31. Commissioner Klabunde abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.
- On motion by Dahms, second by Klabunde, the Board voted unanimously to approve the First Amendment to Road Closure and Maintenance Agreement between Meadowland Farmers Coop, Redwood County and North Hero Township.
- The Clements Shop Lease was tabled to the July 6, 2010 Board meeting.
- On motion by Kokesch, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to authorize advertising for SP 64-606-32 and SAP 64-606-29 setting the bid opening for Friday, June 25, 2010, at 10:00 a.m.

**ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG) GRANT**

- On motion by Dahms, second by Klabunde, the Board voted unanimously to approve the City of Redwood Falls as fiscal agent for the Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) Grant and authorized future payment for the liability for the 10% Grant match and Grant writer's fee.

**RSVP**

- Weis and Christensen updated the Board on the success of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).

**MINNESOTA VALLEY REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

- On motion by Dahms, second by Kokesch, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE STRATEGIC PLAN OF MVRRA**

Resolution by Redwood County Commissioners to acknowledge the 2010 Strategic Plan brought forth by MVRRA (Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority).

**WHEREAS**, the regional rail system is a valued economic development tool and when upgraded will be significant enhancement to the economic potential of the county; and

**WHEREAS**, the county as a member of the regional rail authority with its commitments and obligation to manage the rail development; and

**WHEREAS**, the MVRRA can be most effective with county cooperation with regard to regional economic development;

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved by unanimous vote that the Redwood County Commissioners recommend acknowledgement of the Strategic Plan for MVRRA as approved by their Board and that this Strategic Plan is approved and will be of significant benefit to the opportunity for future economic development in Redwood County.

**SOUTHWESTERN MN OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL (SMOC) PLANNING**

- On motion by Klabunde, second by Kokesch, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agreement between Redwood County Public Health and Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council Family Planning extending through June 2011.

**IT**

- On motion by Walling, second by Kokesch, the Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of eleven (11) new laptops and four (4) new desktops off state contract WN15ACA and a server off state contract 436390 for Public Health at a total purchase price of \$20,696.76 plus tax, to be paid by grant funds and fund balance reserves.

**COMMISSIONERS**

- The commissioners reported on meetings they attended.

Walling

- Tower Site
- Building Committee

Dahms

- Insurance Committee
- MN Valley Rail

Schueller

- Regional Radio Board
- RC & D

Kokesch

- Historical Society
- Positive People Committee
- Southern Prairie Health Purchasing Alliance
- MIC Parade

Klabunde

- SW Mental Health

**ADJOURN**

- There being no further business, Chair Schueller declared the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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John Schueller, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vicki Knobloch  
County Administrator