

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

January 5, 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 Jim Salfer, Lon Walling, Priscilla Klabunde, Dennis Groebner and Sharon Hollatz. Also present were Administrator Vicki Knobloch; Auditor-Treasurer Jean Price; County Attorney Steve Collins; Highway Engineer Willy Rabenberg; HR Coordinator Peter Brown and RRRSWA Director Jon Mitchell.

Auditor-Treasurer Price called the Organizational Meeting to order asking for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Price then called for nominations for the Office of Chair of the Board for 2016. Hollatz nominated Klabunde. After calling for additional nominations three times, Salfer seconded and an unanimous vote was cast for Klabunde as the Board Chair for 2016.

Chair Klabunde then called for nominations for the 2016 Vice-Chair of the County Board. Walling nominated Hollatz. After calling for additional nominations three times, Groebner seconded and an unanimous vote was cast for Hollatz as the Board Vice-Chair for 2016.

On motion by Walling second by Hollatz, the Board voted unanimously to approve the January 5th meeting agenda.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
 - December 28th minutes
 - Payment of bills as follows:

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| Revenue Fund | \$ 3,801.83 |
| Building Fund | \$ 106,972.15 |
| Solid Waste Fund | \$ 142,907.50 |
| Ditch Fund | \$ 10,609.49 |
| Debt Service Fund | \$ 538,801.25 |

BOARD CHAIR

- On motion by Walling, second by Hollatz, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Board Chair to act on behalf of Redwood County in case of emergencies.

- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Roberts Rules of Order as the County Board meeting procedural guide.
- The Board reviewed and Chair Klabunde made necessary appointments and changes to the Committee Appointments for 2016.

REDWOOD-RENVILLE REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

- On motion by Walling, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Solid Waste Hauler License renewals for 2016.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

- On motion by Hollatz, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$19,934.27.
- On motion by Walling, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the County Engineer to sign and pay permit fees as they apply to Redwood County Projects.

ADMINISTRATOR

- On motion by Salfer, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the 2016 Redwood County Fee Schedule.
- On motion by Hollatz, second by Salfer, and in a roll-call vote with Hollatz, Groebner Klabunde, Walling and Salfer all voting aye, the Board adopted the following Resolution:

MN Statute 118A.02 subd. 1 (a) The governing body of each government entity shall designate, as a depository of its funds, one or more financial institutions.

DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES

(for Deposit Accounts)

DEPOSITOR: County of Redwood
403 South Mill Street
Redwood Falls, MN 56283

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS: Bremer Bank, NA
Hometown Bank
Integrity Bank Plus
Minnwest Bank M.V.
U.S. Bank
Wanda State Bank
MAGIC Fund
Wells Fargo Advisors
Multi-Bank Securities
World’s Foremost Bank
State Bank of Taunton
First Independent Bank
First Security Bank

I, the undersigned Administrator of the County named above, hereby certify that the County of Redwood is organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the state of Minnesota as a corporation for profit, with its principal address at 403 South Mill Street, Redwood Falls, MN 56283.

Account Holder: County of Redwood is the complete and correct name of the Account Holder.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that at a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Redwood, duly and regularly called and held on January 5, 2016, at which a quorum was present and voting, the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Financial Institutions named above at any one or more of its offices or branches, be and it hereby is designated as a depository for the funds of the County, which may be withdrawn on checks, drafts, advices of debit, notes or other orders for the payment of monies bearing the following appropriate number of signatures: Any one (1) of the following named officers or employees of the County (“Agents”), whose actual signatures are shown below:

Jean Price
Authorized Signer Printed Name

Vicki Knobloch
Authorized Signer Printed Name

And that the Financial Institution shall be and is authorized to honor and pay the same whether or not they are payable to bearer or to the individual order of any Agent or Agent’s signing the same.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Financial Institution is hereby directed to accept and pay without further inquiry any item drawn against any of the County’s accounts with the Financial Institution bearing the signature or signatures of Agents, as authorized above or otherwise even though drawn or endorsed to the order of any Agent signing or tendered by such Agent for cashing or in payment of the individual obligation of such Agent or for deposit to the Agent’s personal account, and the Financial Institution shall not be required or be under any obligation to inquire as to the circumstances of the issue or use of any item signed in accordance with the resolutions contained herein, or the application or disposition of such item or the proceeds of the item.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any one of such Agents is authorized to endorse all checks, drafts, notes and other items payable to or owned by Redwood County for deposit with the Financial Institution, or for collection or discount by the Financial Institution; and to accept drafts and other items payable at the Financial Institution.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above named agents are authorized and empowered to execute such other agreements, including, but not limited to, special depository agreements and arrangements regarding the manner, conditions, or purposes for which funds, checks, or items of the County may be deposited, collected, or withdrawn and to perform such other acts as they deem reasonably necessary to carry out the provisions of these resolutions. The other agreements and other acts may not be contrary to the provisions contained in this Resolution.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the authority hereby conferred upon the above named Agents shall be and remain in full force and effect until written notice of any amendment or revocation thereof shall have been delivered to and received by the Financial Institution at each location where an account is maintained. Financial Institution shall be indemnified and held harmless from any loss suffered or any liability incurred by it in continuing to act in accordance with this resolution. Any such notice shall not affect any items in process at the time notice is given.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that the persons named above occupy the positions set forth opposite their respective names and signatures; that the foregoing Resolutions now stand of record on the books of Redwood County; that they are in full force and effect and have not been modified in any manner whatsoever.

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

RESOLVED, THAT THE Redwood Gazette, a legal newspaper printed and published in the City of Redwood Falls, Redwood County, Minnesota, be and the same is hereby designated by the Board of County Commissioners of said Redwood County, Minnesota as the newspaper in which the notice and list of real estate remaining delinquent on the first working day of January, 2016 shall be published.

RESOLVED FURTHER, THAT THE said Redwood County, Minnesota enter into a contract with the Redwood Gazette to print and publish as provided by law that said list of delinquent taxes at a compensation rate allowed by Section 331.08 of the Statutes of the State of Minnesota.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE Redwood Gazette be named the official newspaper of the County for the insertion of the annual financial statement and all printing of Commissioners' proceedings for 2016 for legal printing rates as prescribed by State Law.

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

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 "Improvements Project"; and

WHEREAS, the Improvements Project is necessary to shore up LPRW's Verdi Well Field and to replace old and antiquated equipment throughout LPRW's system, which will ultimately benefit most of the aforementioned ten counties; and

WHEREAS, the estimated costs of the Improvements Project is \$4,539,000.00; and

WHEREAS, \$1,431,000.00 of the costs of the Improvements Project will be paid for by a grant LPRW will receive from the United States Department of Agriculture/Rural Development; and

WHEREAS, the remaining \$3,108,000.00 of costs for the 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, Lincoln County, Minnesota, has agreed to issue \$3,108,000.00 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 \$3,108,000.00; 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 \$3,108,000.00.

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 January 1, 2016, is hereby approved in its entirety.

- On motion by Walling, second by Hollatz, the Board voted unanimously to declare equipment at Recycling Facility as excess equipment and authorized disposal by sale.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the SW Minnesota Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Joint Powers Agreement.

Personnel Action Items:

- On motion by Hollatz, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the lump sum payment for non-union employees that are at Step 16 of 2% of their annual salary up to \$1,200.

COMMISSIONER’S ITEMS:

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

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Revenue is authorized to enter into tax agreements with each Minnesota Tribal government, and

WHEREAS, qualifying Counties presently share in the State share of such agreements, and

WHEREAS, a change in the County share of the State share does not disrupt the referenced Tribal/State relationship, and

WHEREAS, an increase in the proceeds to Counties from the State provides funding to help cover costs that are otherwise paid for by local sources including property tax, and

WHEREAS, providing State funding in this manner may provide expanded opportunities for local Tribal/County joint projects.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Redwood County supports amendment to MN Statutes 270C.19 as follows:

Subdivision 4. Payments to counties. (a) The commissioner shall pay to a county in which an Indian gaming casino is located:

(1) fifty (currently at 10%) percent of the state share of all taxes generated from activities on reservations and collected under a tax agreement under this section with the tribal government for the reservation located in the county; or

(2) twenty five (currently at 5%) percent of excise taxes collected by the state that are determined by the department to have been generated from activities on a reservation located in the county, the tribal government of which does not have a tax agreement under this section and did not have a tax agreement on June 30, 2003.

If the tribe has casinos located in more than one county, the payment must be divided equally among the counties in which the casinos are located.

(b) The commissioner shall make the payments required under this subdivision by February 28 of the year following the year the taxes are collected.

(c) An amount sufficient to make the payments authorized by this subdivision is annually appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- The Commissioners reported on meetings they attended:

Walling:

- o Planning and Zoning Meeting
- o Redwood Electric

Klabunde:

- o Southwest Health and Human Services

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Klabunde declared the meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Priscilla Klabunde, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: _____
Vicki Knobloch
County Administrator