

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

November 1, 2022

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 Dennis Groebner, Jim Salfer, Rick Wakefield, Dave Forkrud and Bob Van Hee. Also present were Administrator Vicki Kletscher; County Engineer Anthony Sellner; Human Resource Coordinator Peter Brown; Environmental Director Scott Wold; Planning and Zoning Supervisor Nick Brozek; Economic Development Coordinator Briana Mumme; 4-H Staff Stacy Johnson and Caitlyn Krueger; Vicki Friedrichs and Greg Knight.

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

On motion by Groebner, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the revised agenda.

Chair Salfer asked the Board members to identify any areas for which they had a Conflict of interest. Commissioner Wakefield identified a conflict in the Abstract of Bills.

CONSENT AGENDA

- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, and excluding the bill from Lori Wakefield in the amount of \$650.00 and Rick Wakefield in the amount of \$390.00, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, with Wakefield abstaining due to conflict of interest, the Board voted to approve the bill for Lori Wakefield in the amount of \$650.00 and Rick Wakefield in the amount of \$390.00.
- October 18, 2022 board minutes
- Payment of bills as follows:

General Fund	\$ 148,542.09
Building Fund	\$ 435,011.28
Ditch Maintenance Fund	\$ 365,482.66
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 140.00
Road and Bridge Fund	\$ 416.28
Soil and Water Fund	\$ 500.00
State Revenue Fund	\$ 345.00

- Bills totaling over \$2,000.00: Elan Credit Card \$9,175.84, Kramer Attorney at Law \$8,051.05; CPT \$4,010.00; Smith and Johnson \$3,875.00; Real Vision Software \$3,300.00; G & R Controls \$7,453.10; Summit Fire Protection \$2,265.00; Renville County \$17,815.51; Fleet Services \$10,104.71; MN Oral and Facial Surgery \$2,520.00; Geo-Comm \$4,850.00; L & S Construction \$45,700.00; Bolton & Menk \$9,302.50; Contegritty Group \$24,580.08; Froggy's Signs \$9,343.00; Gunion Painting \$5,441.50; J & K Masonry \$6,285.03; Patriot Erectors \$7,360.98; RTL Construction \$11,631.90; Schmidt

Construction \$359,861.90; Sussner Construction \$3,621.65; TMI Systems \$3,013.40; I & S Group \$15,987.54; MNL Inc. 293,637.90; Northland Erosion \$16,169.00; TNT Construction \$37,214.50.

EXTENSION

- Johnson introduced Caitlyn Krueger, 4-H Program Associate, to the Board of Commissioners.
- Johnson and Krueger presented an update on the 4-H Programs in Redwood County.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve Road and Bridge bills in the amount of \$169,281.21.
- Bills totaling over \$2,000.00: American Engineering Testing \$16,633.00; Auto Value of Redwood Falls \$2,365.76; Duininck Inc. \$13,688.31; Keck Tree Service \$10,000.00; L & S Construction \$2,923.47; MN DOT \$4,387.70; Nutrien Ag Solutions \$29,239.08; Red Rock Quarry \$40,488.05; Redwood County Treasurer-Ditch Maintenance \$21,669.03; Rinker Materials \$5,532.80.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to award the equipment rental with operator in Belview/Delhi area to Zimmermann Maintenance. No other bids were received.
- On motion by Wakefield, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to purchase a trailer in the amount of \$14,000.80 from Felling Trailers.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to declare a skid loader trailer as excess property and authorize it for public sale.
- The Profession Engineering Services Contract with Kimley Horn was tabled to the December 13, 2022 board meeting.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Agreement for Professional Services with Widseth for the design of five township bridges in the amount of \$163,360.00.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to authorize to subordinate to the second mortgage filed by Small Business Administration for South Forty Meat Market, loan recipient of the EDA Revolving Loan Fund.
- On motion by Wakefield, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the amended Redwood County Tax Abatement Policy and Application pending County Attorney approval.

PUBLIC HEARING – BUSINESS SUBSIDY POLICY

- At 9:30 a.m., the Board entered into a Public Hearing in the matter of the Adoption of the amended Redwood County Business Subsidy Policy and Application. Present for the Public Hearing were Commissioners Wakefield, Groebner, Salfer, Van Hee and Forkrud, Administrator Kletscher and Economic Development Coordinator Briana Mumme.
- Mumme presented the Affidavit of Publication.
- Mumme presented an overview of the Redwood County Business Subsidy Policy and Application.

- There was no one present for public comments.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, in a roll-call vote with Forkrud, Van Hee, Salfer, Groebner and Wakefield all voting aye, the Board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING BUSINESS SUBSIDY CRITERIA

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Redwood County, Minnesota (the "County"), as follows:

1. Public Hearing. This County Board met on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at approximately 9:30 a.m. for the purpose of holding a public hearing on the proposed adoption of amended business subsidy criteria, in accordance with the requirements of Minnesota Statutes 116J.993 through 116J.995. Public comment was requested at said public hearing.

2. Adoption of Criteria. The County Board hereby adopts the amended business subsidy criteria as presented. The purpose of the criteria is to comply with Minnesota Statutes 116J.993 through 116J.995 (the "Business Subsidy Act").

- Chair Salfer closed the Public Hearing at 9:45 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE REPEAL OF MORATORIUM ON THE PERMITTING AND CONSTRUCTION OF COMMERCIAL SOLAR GARDENS AND INTERIM SOLAR GARDEN ORDINANCE

- At 10:00 a.m., the Board entered into a Public Hearing in the matter of the repeal of the Moratorium on the permitting and construction of commercial solar gardens and interim solar garden ordinance.
- Brozek presented the Affidavit of Publication.
- Brozek presented an overview of the Repeal of the Moratorium on the permitting and construction of commercial solar gardens and interim solar garden ordinance.
- There was no one present for public comments.
- On motion by Wakefield, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to repeal the Moratorium on the permitting and construction of commercial solar gardens and interim solar garden ordinance.
- Chair Salfer closed the Public Hearing for the Repeal of the Moratorium at 10:25 a.m.

PLANNING AND ZONING

- An application to expand an annual country music and camping festival, Conditional Use Permit #12-22, filed by Vicki Friedrichs, on the following described real property, situated in the County of Redwood, State of Minnesota, to wit: N 1040' E 420' E ½ NW ¼ of Section 21, Twp. 113, Range 36, Delhi Township. On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve CUP #12-22 with (28) conditions as set forth by the Planning Commission, additionally, with the condition that the approximate 15 acres of additional property is obtained.

ENVIRONMENTAL

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the additions to the Beacon Property Owners Report.

ADMINISTRATOR

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, in a 4-1 vote with Groebner opposing, the Board voted to adopt the Facility/Safety Policy effective November 2, 2022.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Wakefield, in a roll-call vote with Van Hee, Wakefield, Salfer, Forkrud and Groebner all voting aye, the Board adopted the following resolution:

Resolution Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans

WHEREAS, the residents of Redwood County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all of the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Redwood County seeks to honor these individuals who have paid the high price for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, Veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and by functioning as County Veteran Service Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44-72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, Active Military Service Members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Redwood County appreciates the sacrifices of our United State Military Personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted; therefore be it

RESOLVED, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, Redwood County hereby declares from October through Veterans Day, November 11th 2022 a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from Active Service; therefore, be it further

RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light, Redwood County encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence.

Personnel

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to set the County Assessor at Pay Grade 17 effective October 31, 2022.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge the retirement/resignation of Highway Accountant, Paula Olson, effective 12-31-22.
- On motion by Wakefield, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge the resignation of Maintenance Specialist, Taylor Trebesch, effective 10-31-22.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to hire Bradlee Wulkan to full-time Custody Officer on the 2022 Custody Officer, LELS Non-licensed Officer Salary Schedule at Step 1, \$20.36/hour effective 11-7-22.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- The Commissioners reported on meetings they attended:

Groebner: Friends of Gilfillan, MN Valley Regional Rail Authority, Historical Society, Regional Solid Waste Landfill Meeting

Salfer: Southwest Health and Human Services

Wakefield: Counties Providing Technology, Southwest Health and Human Services

ADJOURN

- There being no further business, Chair Salfer declared the meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Jim Salfer, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: _____
Vicki Kletscher
County Administrator