

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

February 7, 2023 Minutes

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioner’s Room in the Government Center, Redwood Falls, Minnesota.

Present for all or portions of the meeting were Commissioners Dave Forkrud, Rick Wakefield, Bob Van Hee, Jim Salfer and Dennis Groebner; Administrator Vicki Kletscher; Sheriff Jason Jacobson; County Attorney Jenna Peterson; Auditor-Treasurer Jean Price; Assistant Highway Engineer Jeff Bommersbach; Human Resource Coordinator Peter Brown; Planning and Zoning Supervisor Nick Brozek; Ditch Inspector Brent Lang; Economic Development Coordinator Briana Mumme; Ditch Technician Matthew Mumme; Ditch Viewers Bill Moldestad, Tom Peterson, Shawn Wohnoutke and Representative Paul Torkelson attended via Zoom.

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

Chair Salfer asked the Board Members to identify any areas for which they had a conflict of interest. There were none.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
 - January 17, 2023, Board Minutes.
 - Payment of bills as follows:

General Fund	\$ 259,286.33
Ditch Maintenance Fund	\$ 46,880.44
Road and Bridge Fund	\$ 653.73
Insurance Fund	\$ 370.64
Building Fund	\$ 26,600.00
Soil and Water Fund	\$ 8,065.24
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 71.91
Debt Service Fund	\$ 1,273.61
Human Services Fund	\$ 122,007.08

- Bills exceeding \$2,000.00: ACE of SW MN \$8,719.50; CPT \$2,379.00, \$4,130.00; Heppner Consulting \$3,800.00; Smith & Johnson \$4,000.00; Trimin Systems \$21,230.00; Cole Papers \$4,686.01; G & R Controls \$7,354.25; Renville County \$20,253.10; Fleet Services \$10,104.71; MN Sheriff’s Assn. \$6,636.01; Onsolve LLC \$8,151.52; Lamberton Public Library \$7,117.23; Morgan Public Library \$6,896.94; Redwood Falls Public Library \$20,339.73; Wabasso Public Library \$18,682.60; Redwood County Ag Society \$66,000.00; Wildlife Forever \$4,021.50; SWHHS \$122,007.08; Todd Hammer \$2,524.75; I & S Group \$21,202.50; Art Lehrer \$3,800.00; MNL, Inc. \$9,842.00; J. Weidemann \$3,807.34; Great River Greening \$7,573.24.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

- On motion by Wakefield, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve bills in the amount of \$171,321.68.
- Bills exceeding \$2,000.00: American Engineering \$5,650.00; Bolton & Menk \$12,989.50; Towmaster \$3,801.45; Ziegler \$2,243.28; Alpha Wireless \$6,349.15; Avenu Holdings \$6,603.13; H & L Mesabi \$12,432.00; MN Transportation Alliance \$2,700.00; Widseth, Smith & Nolting \$47,024.82; \$27,105.00; American Engineering Testing \$20,153.00.

- On motion by Wakefield, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to purchase a M20 sweeper-scrubber from Tennant Company in the amount of \$68,132.00 off State Contract #186080 (Release S-871(5)).
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Kwik Trip Access Easement.
- Chair Salfer tabled the Sanitary and Storm Sewer Easement Agreements to the February 21, 2023 meeting pending agreements are completed.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to award Morris Sealcoat and Trucking construction contract 23-1 for SAP 064-030-018 to seal coat designated CSAH sections in Redwood County in the amount of \$1,314,587.90.

Other Bids Received:

Company	Bid Amount
Morris Sealcoat and Trucking	\$1,314,587.90
Asphalt Surface Technologies	\$1,375,000.37
Allied Blacktop	\$1,435,328.69

- On motion by Salfer, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Board Chair and County Administrator to sign the Construction Contract #23-1 for SAP 064-030-018 with Morris Sealcoat and Trucking pending County Attorney approval.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to award Midsota Trailer from Farm-Rite Equipment for the purchase of a Midsota Gooseneck, deckover flatbed, oak board trailer in the amount of \$27,000.00.

Other Bids Received:

Company	Bid Amount
Farm-Rite Equipment	\$27,000.00
Renville Sales	\$29,180.00
Brake Away Trailers	\$31,300.00

- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, in a roll-call vote with Van Hee, Salfer, Forkrud, Groebner, and Wakefield all voting aye, the Board adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Redwood County is a leading area for agricultural production of sugar beets, corn, soybeans, cattle, and clean energy ethanol production. Safe and efficient mobility of crop haulers and agricultural equipment are essential to the County's economic well-being. Redwood County produces \$10 million dollars of sugar beets annually and significantly contributes to southwestern Minnesota being the leading region for sugar beet production in the United States. In addition to sugar beets, Redwood County annually produces \$41 million dollars worth of corn, \$11 million dollars' worth of soybeans and 44,000 head of cattle valued at \$88 million dollars annually (USDA - National Agricultural Statistics Service - Minnesota - County Estimates). All \$150 million dollars of this annual agricultural production is transported over the Interregional Corridor System (IRC) and County roadways to markets. The Regional and local transportation system allows these food products to be moved to train yards, transfer stations and river ports for further shipment to the lower 48 states and exportation globally.

WHEREAS, United States Highway 71 (U.S. 71) within Redwood County is a part of the Interregional Corridor System (IRC) and is classified as a Supplemental Freight Route; and

WHEREAS, U.S. 71 is eligible for Corridors of Commerce funding and the roadway between the Redwood River Bridge 5133 and Minnesota River Bridge 64010 is rapidly deteriorating; and

WHEREAS, the Redwood County Board is in support of a much needed pavement U.S. 71 rehabilitation and reconstruction project between the Redwood and Minnesota River;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, rehabilitation and reconstruction of this segment of U.S. 71 will improve the movement of freight and reduce barriers to commerce throughout the United States, within the State of Minnesota and within Redwood County and support exportation of agricultural goods to global markets.

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the final vehicle pricing in the amount of \$48,824.00 for the purchase of the 1500 Silverado Truck which was ordered on 6-1-21 from Olson Chevrolet.
- On motion by Wakefield, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to award Brockwhite for 24,000 pounds of Crafcro Roadmaster 515 in the amount of \$0.74/pound.

Other Bids Received:

Company	Bid Amount
Midstates	\$0.7592
Construction Materials Inc.	\$0.809 Boxed
Brock White	\$0.74

AUDITOR-TREASURER

- On motion by Wakefield, second by Forkrud, in a roll-call vote with Salfer, Van Hee, Forkrud, Groebner and Wakefield all voting aye, the Board adopted the following resolution:

REDWOOD COUNTY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, Various Joint County Drainage system accounts have insufficient funds to pay the expenses incurred in maintaining the efficiency of the drainage systems; and **WHEREAS**, Minnesota State Statutes 103E.655, Subdivision 2 provides that the County Drainage Authority may transfer funds from other drainage system accounts under its jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Redwood County Drainage Authority authorizes temporary transfers of \$2,376,586.42 as of 12/31/22 from various drainage systems at a 4% interest rate and 0% interest rate from the general fund to the following drainage accounts:

CD 12	-5,752.33	CD 66	-7,112.93	JD 30 R & B	-20,539.61
CD 12A	-782.85	CD 70	-111,428.88	JD 31 R & L	-69,285.48
CD 18	-1,275.53	CD 73	-680.62	JD 31 LAT B	-2,856.48
CD 20	-1,492.67	CD 74	-7,287.96	JD 31 LAT F	-17,922.15
CD 21	-7,331.74	CD 85	-758.87	JD 33 R & YM	-135,954.37
CD 22	-1,659.68	CD 90	-1,672.30	JD 33 R & YM LAT 1 BR 2	-1,211.56
CD 22A	-198.88	CD 90 LAT A	-14,237.40	JD 34 L & R	-5,401.26
CD 28	-18,580.72	CD 90 LAT B	-357.36	JD 35 R & B	-41,976.13
CD 33	-590.33	CD 96	-9,258.17	JD 36 R & B	-1,098,495.17
CD 35A	-5,099.88	CD 100	-2,422.72	JD 36 R & C	-3,290.64
CD 35C	-243.45	CD 102	-3,953.01	JD 36 LAT A	-2,425.56
CD 37	-73,856.58	CD 106	-58.06	JD 36 LAT C	-931.06
CD 38	-20,791.98	JD 5 B & R	-50,941.31	JD 36 LATE E	-8,754.89
CD 43	-13,314.51	JD 5-1 BUNGE	-1,404.02	JD 36 LAT K	-6,712.61
CD 44	-1,679.80	JD 5-1 KUNKEL	-15,661.50	JD 36 LAT L	-333.10

CD 48	-10,157.11	JD 5-1 NELSON BRANCH	-6,781.97	JD 36 LAT W	-29,125.62
CD 50	-8,742.18	JD12 B & R	-1,616.49	JD 36 LAT X	-101,374.19
CD 51	-8,267.50	JD 14 R & L	-1,703.49	JD 36 LAT 1 LAT X	-3,270.40
CD 52	-60,629.66	JD 15 L & R	-63,561.50	JD 36 LAT Y	-137.50
CD 52 LAT 87	-3,180.83	JD 16 NA & WL	-1,575.78	JD 37 R & L	-5,429.00
CD 53	-2,299.04	JD 17 R & B	-11,118.08	JD 39 R & YM	-1,653.96
CD 54	-12,932.07	JD 18 B & R	-11,089.90	JD 91 R & YM	-74,563.13
CD 55	-9,978.56	JD 20 M, L & R SPRINGDALE only	-40.92		
CD 60	-29,789.97	JD 22 R & L	-10,569.03		
CD 64	-67,918.58	JD 24 R & B	-12,610.84		
CD 64- 42	-3,662.68	JD 25 R & B	-1,390.72		
CD 65	-1,122.42	JD 29 B & R	-24,317.19		
	-371,331.53		-373,611.02		-1,631,643.87 (2,376,586.42)

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Audit Engagement Letter with the Minnesota Office of the State Auditor.

SHERIFF

- On motion by Wakefield, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Advanced Correctional Healthcare Contract to provide jail medical services.

PLANNING AND ZONING

- An application for an Extraction Interim Use Permit #2-23 filed by L & S Construction on the following described real property, situated in the County of Redwood, State of Minnesota, to wit: W ½, SW ¼ EX TR & SE ¼, SW ¼, Twp. 114, Range 36, Delhi Township. On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve Extraction Interim Permit #2-23 with (16) conditions as set forth by the Planning Commission.
- An application for a Telecommunications Tower, Conditional Use Permit #3-23, filed by Verizon Network Operations O/B/O Tate Brandt, on the following described real property, situated in the County of Redwood, State of Minnesota, to wit: NE ¼ and part of the NW ¼ of the SE ¼ lying north of the railroad of Section 17, Twp. 111N, Range 39W, West Line Twp. On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve CUP #3-23 with (11) conditions as set forth by the Planning Commission.

REDWOOD COUNTY DITCH AUTHORITY

- At 10:00 a.m., the Board entered into Redwood County Ditch Authority for Public Hearings for the redetermination of benefits for CD #29 and CD #30 and to review the advertisement and bids for Phase 2 of the JD 36 FEMA project. Present for Redwood County Ditch Authority were Commissioners Wakefield, Salfer, Groebner, Forkrud, and Van Hee, Administrator Kletscher, Planning and Zoning Supervisor Nick Brozek, Ditch Inspector Brent Lang, Ditch Technician Matthew Mumme, Ditch Viewers Bill Moldestad, Tom Peterson, Shawn Wohnoutke, and Landowners Robert and Marles Lange.

COUNTY DITCH #29 – PUBLIC HEARING

- On motion by Salfer, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda presented.
- Brozek presented the affidavit of publication, affidavit of posting and affidavit of mailing.
- Moldestad presented the Viewer's Report.

- Chair Wakefield opened the meeting for public comments. Landowner Robert Lange stated they are in favor of the redetermination. No other public comments were offered.
- Chair Wakefield closed the public comments.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the amended Viewer's Report as presented.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the repayment terms option of paid in full within 60 days or it will be put on the property taxes for up to 3 years at 4% interest, if the amount owed is less than \$100.00, the entire amount will be put on taxes in the first year.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Forkrud, in a roll-call vote with Groebner, Forkrud, Salfer, Wakefield, and Van Hee all voting aye, the Board adopted the Findings and Order for CD #29.
- Chair Wakefield closed the Public Hearing for CD #29 at 10:16 a.m.

COUNTY DITCH #30 – PUBLIC HEARING

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda presented.
- Brozek presented the affidavit of publication, affidavit of posting and affidavit of mailing.
- Moldestad presented the Viewer's Report.
- There were no public comments.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Viewers Report.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the repayment terms option of paid in full within 60 days or it will be put on the property taxes for up to 3 years at 4% interest, if the amount owed is less than \$100.00, the entire amount will be put on taxes in the first year.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Groebner, in a roll-call vote with Groebner, Forkrud, Salfer, Wakefield and Van Hee all voting aye, the Board adopted the Findings and Order for CD #30.
- Chair Wakefield closed the Public Hearing for CD #30 at 10:28 a.m.

JD #36

- On motion by Salfer, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve advertisement and bids for Phase 2 of the JD 36 FEMA project.
- Chair Wakefield adjourned Redwood County Ditch Authority at 10:36 a.m.

RECONVENED

- The Board reconvened into regular session at 10:36 a.m.

ADMINISTRATION

- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Fiscal Host/Agent Agreement between Des Moines Valley Health and Human Services and Southwestern Minnesota Adult Mental Health Consortium.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the endorsement for the Rural Health Academic Partnership between CentraCare and the University of Minnesota.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to declare 1891 courthouse items as excess inventory and authorize disposal.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to declare a 2004 Ford E150 van as excess and authorize disposal.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2023 Tobacco License for Marcos.

Personnel

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge the resignation of Theodore Cromwell, Deputy Sheriff, effective 2-5-23.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge the resignation of Curtis Standfuss, Correctional Officer, effective 1-16-23.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge the resignation of Joe Vandenberg, Custodian, effective 1-17-23.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to promote Henry Borgstrom from full-time Patrol Sergeant to Deputy II Investigator at the LELS Licensed Officer Deputy II pay scale at Step 1 at \$29.83/hour effective 2-20-23.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the LELS Union #404 Licensed Officers Memorandum of Understanding for participation in the healthcare savings plan.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve hiring Allison Fenger as full-time Correctional Officer on the 2023 Custody Officer LELS Non-Licensed Officer Salary Schedule at Step 1 at \$22.99/hour effective 2-13-23.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve hiring Kami Johnson as full-time Correctional Officer on the 2023 Custody Officer LELS Non-Licensed Officer Salary Schedule at Step 1 at \$22.99/hour effective 2-13-23.

REPRESENTATIVE PAUL TORKELSON

- Representative Torkelson joined the board meeting via Zoom. He presented an update on the legislative session. Legislative priorities for Redwood County were shared with Representative Torkelson.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

- Chair Salfer appointed Commissioner Groebner as the Alternate to the Cottonwood-Middle MN One Watershed, One Plan Committee.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- The commissioners reported on meetings they attended:

Salfer: Nurse-Family Partnership, Carbon Summit Solutions Pipeline Meeting on 1-24-23, Planning and Zoning

Groebner: Minnesota Valley Rail Authority, Regional Solid Waste Authority, Rural MN Energy Board

Van Hee: Southwest Regional Development Commission, Primewest; Carbon Summit Solutions Pipeline Meeting on 1-24-23; United Community Action Partnership

Forkrud: A.C.E.

ADJOURN

- There being no further business, Chair Salfer declared the meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Jim Salfer, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: _____
Vicki Kletscher
County Administrator