

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

November 18, 2025

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 Dennis Groebner, Bob Van Hee, Jim Salfer, Corey Theis, Rick Wakefield, County Administrator Vicki Kletscher, Administrative Assistant Sierra Fluck, Auditor Treasurer Jean Price, Human Resource Director Michelle Koenig, Assistant County Attorney Marissa Pacheco, Environmental Director Nick Brozek, Redwood County Sheriff Jason Jacobson, Technology Director Paul Parsons, County Engineer Nick Klisch.

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

On motion by Theis, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the November 18<sup>th</sup> agenda.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- On motion Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
  - November 4<sup>th</sup> Minutes
  - Payment of bills

General Fund	\$ 487,670.71
Building Fund	\$ 21,034.00
Ditch Fund	\$ 185,015.08
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 35.00
Soil & Water	\$ 5,361.60
Debt Service Fund	\$ 550.00
EDA	\$ 154.80
R & B Fund	\$ 200.40
Insurance	\$ 436.00

○ **Bills exceeding \$2,000:**

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ALPHA WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS CO	21,034.00
BOULDER CREEK INC	315,195.72
COUNTY OF BROWN	21,879.80
CR KERKHOFF INC	2,328.00
FRICKE ENVIRONMENTAL COMPANY	3,382.52
GAG SHEET METAL INC	2,387.33
GRONAU FARMS LLC	4,761.60

ISG	10,580.00
L & S CONSTRUCTION CORP	3,648.80
LITZAU FARM DRAINAGE INC	142,829.17
MARTIN LAW FIRM PLLC	3,371.20
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT of CORRECTI	122,215.26
MN COUNTIES COMPUTER COOPERATIV	2,514.40
PETERSON COMPANY LTD	5,000.00
REDWOOD COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT	7,708.31
THE MARKET AT REDWOOD LLC	9,799.34
UNITED COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERS	2,616.06
63 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	19,009.74
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>700,261.25</b>

**AUDITOR-TREASURER**

- On motion by Salfer, second by Theis, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following consent agenda: Cash Balance Report; Investment Summary; Budget Reports, and October 2025 Disbursements in the amount of \$4,165,273.00.
- Bills exceeding \$2,000:

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	61,849.58
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	49,529.35
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	59,441.11
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	18,660.40
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESO	15,814.97
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT of REVENUE	67,217.64
MINNESOTA UC FUND	2,418.79
MN COMMISSION OF FINANCE	217,706.79
MN COMMISSION OF FINANCE	215,509.33
REDWOOD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	2,006.48
REDWOOD FALLS PUBLIC UTILITIES	3,203.86
REDWOOD FALLS PUBLIC UTILITIES	8,833.56
REDWOOD FALLS PUBLIC UTILITIES	3,441.92
STATE OF MINNESOTA	13,823.71
STATE OF MINNESOTA	51,242.98
STATE OF MINNESOTA	31,104.20
STATE OF MINNESOTA	14,820.65
STATE OF MINNESOTA	43,812.04
STATE OF MINNESOTA	52,413.98
STATE OF MINNESOTA	31,886.35
STATE OF MINNESOTA	9,512.63
STATE OF MINNESOTA	20,063.29
STATE OF MINNESOTA	31,817.30
STATE OF MINNESOTA	31,712.71
STATE OF MINNESOTA	39,892.96
STATE OF MINNESOTA	14,209.34
STATE OF MINNESOTA	23,708.33
STATE OF MINNESOTA	20,708.99
STATE OF MINNESOTA	34,488.65
STATE OF MINNESOTA	23,139.70
STATE OF MINNESOTA	16,039.57
STATE OF MINNESOTA	15,262.19
STATE OF MINNESOTA	33,788.37
STATE OF MINNESOTA	23,200.26
STATE OF MINNESOTA	41,538.35
STATE OF MINNESOTA	33,298.88
WEX LEAP	8,229.87

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29 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	15,936.43
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>1,409,515.38</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
FARM-RITE EQUIPMENT OF WILLMAR INC	21,353.00
5 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	3,309.63
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>24,662.63</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
MN COMMISSION OF FINANCE	6,086.00
12 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	3,525.90
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>9,611.90</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
PRAHM CONSTRUCTION INC	531,123.62
8 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	925.60
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>532,049.22</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CORELOGIC TAX SERVICE	6,077.00
MINNWEST BANK	3,620.00
SOUTHWEST HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICE	4,078.68
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10 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	3,217.57
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>75,801.00</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
FARMWARD COOPERATIVE	16,198.67
2 Payments less than 2000	582.90
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>16,781.57</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
SANBORN PLUMBING & HEATING &	20,566.69
7 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	3,584.99
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>24,151.68</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
RDO EQUIPMENT CO	91,667.00
5 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	985.61
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>92,652.61</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2190	2,586.29
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2754	81,685.91
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2884	98,920.85
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2897	657,084.91
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2898	49,197.39
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2904	10,529.57
SCHOOL DISTRICT 635	42,477.99
SCHOOL DISTRICT 640	100,435.21
SCHOOL DISTRICT 85	18,988.99
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>1,061,907.11</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
RIVER VALLEY HEALTH & RRRSWA	13,211.24
6 Payments less than 2000	50,485.00
	3,335.69
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>67,031.93</b>

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
EVERSTRONG CONSTRUCTION INC	127,066.99
FARMWARD COOPERATIVE	10,209.42
NISSEN SLABJACKING INC	18,600.00
ULLAND BROTHERS INC	693,325.82
4 Payments less than 2 0 0 0	1,905.74
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>851,107.97</b>

- On motion by Salfer, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2025 Classification of Tax-Forfeited Land as Conservation for City of Lamberton and the City of Morgan.

**SHERIFF**

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

**WHEREAS**, Russell Baumann wishes to donate \$100.00 to Redwood County Sheriff’s Office and;

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff’s Office will utilize the donation of \$100.00 for the purpose of the K9 program and/or equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners appreciates the generosity of Russell Baumann in supporting the Redwood County Sheriff’s Office;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the acceptance of \$100.00 from Russell Baumann to the Redwood County Sheriff’s Office, on behalf of the County.

- On motion by Theis, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to increase the Sentence to Service hourly work rate to \$15.00 per hour.
- The Board reviewed the jail population for October 2025.
- On motion by Theis, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the termination of the rental agreement upon end of current term with Anacon Leasing/A & B Business, Inc.

**TECHNOLOGY**

- On motion by Groebner, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Morris Electronics Service Contract for 2026 in the amount \$14,808.00.

**ENVIRONMENTAL**

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

**Whereas**, Redwood County entered into a planning Memorandum of Agreement to develop the Redwood River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (Plan); and

**Whereas**, Redwood County has been an active participant on the Redwood River One Watershed, One Plan Policy Committee (Committee) to oversee the development of the; and

**Whereas**, the Committee submitted the Plan for 60-day formal review on August 1, 2025 and hosted a public hearing on November 10, 2025; and

**Whereas**, all comments received during the 60-day review and public hearing have been addressed by the Committee; and

**Whereas**, the Committee recommended approval of the Plan to each of the participating boards and councils at their November 10, 2025 meeting; and

**Whereas**, Minnesota Statutes §103B.101, subd. 14 allows a local water management plan developed or amended, approved and adopted, according to chapter 103B to be replaced with a comprehensive watershed management plan but only to the geographic area of the Plan and consistent with the One Watershed, One Plan suggested boundary map.

**Now Therefore Be it Resolved**, Redwood County approves submission of the Plan to the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR). Contingent on BWSR approval (according to Minnesota Statutes §103B.801 and Board Resolution #23-50, Redwood County hereby adopts and will begin implementation of the approved Plan for the area of the county identified within the Plan. The approved Plan will replace the local water management plan for that geographic area of the county within the Plan for the duration of the state approved Plan.

**Be it Further Resolved** after the adoption of the Plan, the county shall amend existing water and related land resources plans and official controls as necessary to conform them to Plan.

**Be it Further Resolved** after the adoption of the Plan or amendments to the plan, Redwood County shall notify local units of government within the Plan area. The local units of government are required to submit existing water and related land resources plans and official controls within 90 days to the county for review as per Minnesota Statutes, Section 103B.321.

**Be it Further Resolved** that within 180 days, the county shall review the submitted plans and official controls and identify any inconsistencies between the local plans and official controls and the Plan. Redwood County shall specify applicable and necessary measures to bring the local plans and official controls into conformance with the Plan.

**Be it Further Resolved** if a local unit of government disagrees with any changes to its plan, the local unit has 60 days after receiving the county's recommendations to appeal the recommendations to BWSR.

**Be it Further Resolved** after receiving the recommendations of the county, or a resolution of an appeal, a local unit of government has 180 days to initiate revisions to its plan or official

controls. The new or revised plans and official controls must be submitted to the county for review and recommendations.

- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2026 Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Plan.

## **ROAD & BRIDGE**

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

WHEREAS, the City of Lamberton is a city with a population under 5,000; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lamberton would like to submit a project on First Avenue for Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) Funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lamberton has requested Redwood County be the sponsoring agency; and

WHEREAS, the City understands that it will be financially responsible for all costs not covered by LRIP including but not limited to consultant engineering, right of way acquisition, construction administration and inspection, utility construction, as well as construction costs above the LRIP award for all of the project; and

WHEREAS, the County will provide safe operation and maintenance of the one block portion of the project that is CSAH 106 between Main Street and Birch Street after construction;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Redwood County agrees to act as sponsoring agency for a Local Road Improvement Program Project identified on First Avenue and has reviewed and approved the project as proposed; and

FURTHERMORE, Sponsorship includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project and responsibility for seeing this project through to its completion, in compliance of all applicable laws, rules and regulations; and

FURTHERMORE, that the Redwood County Highway Engineer is hereby authorized to act as agent on behalf of this applicant.

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

WHEREAS, the City of Wabasso is a city with a population under 5,000; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wabasso would like to submit a project on Front Street and Main Street for Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) Funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wabasso has requested Redwood County be the sponsoring agency; and

WHEREAS, the City understands that it will be responsible for all costs not covered by LRIP including but not limited to consultant engineering, right of way acquisition, construction

administration and inspection, utility construction, as well as construction costs above the LRIP award;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Redwood County agrees to act as sponsoring agency for a Local Road Improvement Program Project identified on Front Street and has reviewed and approved the project as proposed; and

FURTHERMORE, Sponsorship includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project and responsibility for seeing this project through to its completion, in compliance of all applicable laws, rules and regulations; and

FURTHERMORE, that the Redwood County Highway Engineer is hereby authorized to act as agent on behalf of this applicant.

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Wakefield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of CrafcO Roadsaver Meltable Package from CrafcO off the MN State Contract #264240 in the amount of \$0.63/pound with freight included for 2026.

#### **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

- Assistant County Attorney discussed with the Board NSP Notice of Hearing on Petition.

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

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

WHEREAS, Jerry Lonneman's 4-year term as a Commissioner on the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System ("LPRW") Board of Commissioners is scheduled to expire at midnight on December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Weber's 4-year term as a Commissioner on the LPRW Board of Commissioners is scheduled to expire at midnight on December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Rod Spronk's 4-year term as a Commissioner on the LPRW Board of Commissioners is scheduled to expire at midnight on December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Rod Spronk is not eligible to be re-appointed to another term on the LPR W Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the LPR W Board of Commissioners conducted a search to replace Rod Spronk; and

WHEREAS, on September 29, 2025 the LPR W Board of Commissioners passed a Motion which recommends that Scott Wassink replace Rod Spronk on the LPR W Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2025 the LPRW Board of Commissioners passed a Motion which recommends that Jerry Lonneman be re-appointed to another 4 year term on the LPR W Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2025 the LPR W Board of Commissioner passed a Motion which recommends that Joseph Weber be re-appointed to another 4-year term on the LPRW Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners believe that Jerry Lonneman, Joseph Weber, and Scott Wassink are all qualified to act as Commissioners on the LPRW Board of Commissioners and are all worthy of appointment to said position.

BE IT NOW RESOLVED, that the Redwood County Board of Commissioners hereby recommends that Jerry Lonneman, Joseph Weber, and Scott Wassink be appointed to the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System Board of Commissioners pursuant to and provided for by Minnesota Statutes § 116A et seq. for a 4 year term which shall commence on January 1, 2026 and shall expire at midnight on December 31, 2029.

- On motion by Theis, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2026 Liquor License Application for Vic's Wild West Grill and Grandview Valley Winery Inc.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Theis, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2026 Tobacco License Applications for SAI in Morgan, Expressway in Sanborn, and Farmer's Cooperative Association of in Milroy.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to Set the Public Hearing for the adoption of the amended Cannabis Ordinance for December 16, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

### ***Personnel***

- On motion by Salfer, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the hiring of Mandy Rathman as Full Time Dispatcher for the Sheriff's Department on 2025 LELS-Non Licensed salary schedule grade Dispatcher/Step 1 at \$23.19 effective December 8, 2025 and Acknowledged the retirement of Joel Bill Full-Time Deputy 2 Investigator for the Sheriff's Department, effective February 27, 2026.

### **COMMISSIONERS**

- The Board discussed the Shotgun Zone Repeal for Deer Hunting

Salfer: JD 5 Brown Co., Negotiations, Southwest Adult Mental Health, Western Mental Health, Shotgun Zone Public Forum

Wakefield: JD 5 Brown, Negotiations, Shotgun Zone Public Forum, Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area/Area II.

Groebner: Redwood Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority, Shotgun Zone Public Forum, Soil & Water Conservation District

Theis: JD5 Brown, Redwood Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority, Shotgun Zone Public Forum

Van Hee: Prime West, EDA, Southwest Regional Development Commission

**ADJOURN**

- There being no further business, Chair Wakefield declared the meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

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Rick Wakefield, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vicki Kletscher  
County Administrator