

## REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

MARCH 1, 2022

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 Bob Van Hee; Jim Salfer and Dave Forkrud; Administrator Vicki Kletscher; Technology Coordinator Paul Parsons; Maintenance Supervisor Loren Gewerth; Economic Development Coordinator Briana Mumme; Broadband Coordinator Patrick Garry; Auditor-Treasurer Jean Price; County Attorney Jenna Peterson; Planning and Zoning Supervisor Nick Brozek; Environmental Director Scott Wold; County Engineer Anthony Sellner; Nathan Dull and Alex Pouliot of Minnesota Land and Liberty Coalition; Commissioner Groebner and Wakefield were absent.

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 Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

### CONSENT AGENDA

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
  - February 1, 2022 Amended Board Minutes.
  - February 15, 2022 Minutes
  - Payment of bills as follows:

General Fund	\$ 119,050.32
Building Fund	\$ 367,843.85
Ditch Fund	\$ 487.13
Road and Bridge Fund	\$ 452.24
Insurance Fund	\$ 597.48
Soil and Water Fund	\$ 1,777.00
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 229.46

- Bills exceeding \$2,000.00: Counties Providing Technology \$4,010.00; Alpha Wireless \$15,516.00, \$16,779.00; Renville County \$22,673.57; Fleet Services \$10,850.22; Southwest Minnesota Emergency \$3,040.00; Lead for America \$10,000.00; Community Electric \$38,520.07; Contegrity \$28,266.10; Ford Metro \$24,886.20; G & R Controls \$10,060.50; Gag Sheet Metal \$57,171.95; J & K Masonry \$12,065.00; Kendell Doors \$25,283.24; Masters Plumbing \$41,859.94; Meier Electric \$22,404.15; RTL Construction 35,347.14; Schmidt Construction \$67,450.00

**TECHNOLOGY**

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the replacement of the door controller boards in the Government Center in the amount of \$13,491.90 from Integrated Protection Systems.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Email Filter subscription renewal with Morris Electric in the amount of \$6,000.00.

**ROAD AND BRIDGE**

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of Road & Bridge bills in the amount of \$175,115.47.
- Bills exceeding \$2,000.00: Cottonwood County Hwy. Department \$15,895.70; Schmidt Construction \$3,380.80; W.W. Tire Service \$3,260.08; Avenu Holdings LLC \$6,410.80; Bolton & Menk \$20,427.50; Erickson Engineering \$8,527.00; Farmward Cooperative \$10,589.82; Lucan Hardware \$2,758.42; North Central International \$2,185.74; OK Tire Store \$6,578.00; Redwood Electric Cooperative \$2,158.32; Redwood Tire Service \$3,264.00; Staples Oil Company \$24,018.17; United Farmer's Cooperative \$3,170.00; Widseth, Smith & Nolting \$58,784.50; Ziegler \$3,107.09.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to award Bid 22-1 for CSAH 24 (SP 064-624-006) and CSAH 1 (SP 064-601-014) to Central Specialties in the \$4,293,780.47.

## All Bids Received

<b>Company</b>	<b>Bid Amount</b>
Central Specialties, Inc.	\$4,293,780.47
Duininck, Inc.	\$4,304,646.96
Knife River	\$4,305,745.46

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Board Chair and County Administrator to sign Construction Contract #22-1 for CSAH 24 and CSAH 1 Projects.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to award Bid 22-3 for CSAH 6 (SAP 064-606-038) to Duininck, Inc. in the amount of \$4,407,403.86.

## All Bids Received

<b>Company</b>	<b>Bid Amount</b>
Duininck, Inc.	\$4,407,403.86
Central Specialties, Inc.	\$3,453,459.63

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Board Chair and County Administrator to sign Construction Contract #22-3 for CSAH 6, SAP 064-606-038.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the final payment for Contract #20-1 for SAP 64-598-023 and SAP 64-599-116 to R & G Construction in the amount of \$31,118.46.

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the final payment for Contract #21-2 for SAP 064-598-025 to M & K Bridge Construction in the amount of \$17,173.03.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the final payment for Contract #21-5, SAP 064-599-119 and SAP 064-599-122 to R & G Construction in the amount of \$46,520.87.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, in a roll-call vote with Salfer, Forkrud and Van Hee all voting aye, the Board adopted the following resolution:

**Resolution to Advance State Aid Regular Construction Funds**

*March 1, 2022*

WHEREAS, the County of Redwood is planning to implement County State Aid Street Project(s) in 2022 which will require State Aid funds in excess of those available in its State Aid Regular Construction Account, and

WHEREAS, said County is prepared to proceed with the construction of said project(s) through the use of an advance from the County State Aid Construction Fund to supplement the available funds in their State Aid Regular Construction Account, and

WHEREAS, the advance is based on the following determination of estimated expenditures:

Account Balance as of date February 1, 2022 (2022 Projected)		\$3,542,830.00
Less estimated disbursements:		
Project # SAP 064-601-017	\$ 1,094,924.00	Reconstruct
Project # SP 064-601-014	\$ 387,447.00	CSAH 1 Rehab
Project # SP 064-624-006	\$ 782,725.00	CSAH 24 Rehab
Project # SAP 064-616-017	\$ 365,386.00	Br 89903 Repl.
Project # SAP 064-607-048	\$ 316,055.00	Br 89812 Repl.
Project # SAP 064-608-029	\$ 311,557.00	Br 89825 Repl.
Project # SAP 064-030-017	\$ 696,404.00	CSAH Chip Seal
Bond Principle (if any)	\$ 0.00	
Project Finals (overruns-if any)	\$ 0.00	
Other 2021 Advances from 2022	\$ 821,266.00	
Total Estimated Disbursements		\$ 4,775,764.00
Advance Amount (amount in excess of acct balance)		\$ 1,232,934.00

WHEREAS, repayment of the funds so advanced will be made in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 162.08, Subd. 5 & 7 and Minnesota Rules, Chapter 8820, and

WHEREAS, the County acknowledges advance funds are released on a first-come-first-serve basis and this resolution does not guarantee the availability of funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Commissioner of Transportation be and is hereby requested to approve this advance for financing approved County State Aid Highway Project(s) of the County of Redwood in an amount up to \$ 1,232,934 in accordance with Minnesota Rules 8820.1500, Subp. 9. I hereby authorize repayments from subsequent accruals

to the Regular Construction Account of said County from future year allocations until fully repaid.

This Resolution shall be effective immediately and without publication.

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Forkrud, in a 2-1 vote with Salfer voting nay, the Board voted to approve the purchase of two snowplow trucks from Truck Center Companies in the amount of \$142,244.00 on State Contract #194867.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Salfer, in a 2-1 vote with Forkrud voting nay, the Board voted to approve the surcharge fee in the amount of \$4,500.00 on the snowplow truck purchase that was approved on December 7, 2021.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the modifications in the amount of \$4,956.00 to the road grader that was approved on September 21, 2021 with Ziegler.

#### **AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN**

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to rescind Resolution 2021-07 that was approved on October 5, 2021 to contract for aerial imagery funded by American Rescue Plan funds.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to authorize for Redwood County to expend American Rescue Plan Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds utilizing the Standard (Revenue Loss) Allowance.
- Mumme presented an overview of the American Rescue Plan fund balance remaining and potential broadband and highway projects that could be funded by American Rescue Funds.
- Wold presented potential projects at Plum Creek Park and Gilfillan that could be funded by American Rescue Funds.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, in a roll-call vote with Forkrud, Salfer and Van Hee all voting aye, the Board adopted the following resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION 2022-01**

#### **A RESOLUTION TO EXPEND CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FOR SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT WATER RETENTION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Redwood County (“County”) received Federal Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds under the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARP”), to provide relief to the county impacted by the coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”);

WHEREAS, Redwood Soil and Water Conservation District Administrator, Scott Wold has identified a necessary expense to manage storm water in the cities of Vesta and Walnut Grove, located within Redwood County, to protect city infrastructure and downstream property, and improve water quality;

WHEREAS, the authority under the ARP Act allows this expenditure, per the Department of the U.S. Treasury Frequently Asked Questions (“FAQ”) dated January 2022; under Section 6.1,

paragraph 1 and 3:

***6.1. What types of water and sewer projects are eligible uses of funds?*** The Interim Final Rule generally aligns eligible uses of the Funds with the wide range of types or categories of projects that would be eligible to receive financial assistance through the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) or Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF).

Under the CWSRF, categories of eligible projects include: construction of publicly owned treatment works, nonpoint source pollution management, national estuary program projects, decentralized wastewater treatment systems, storm water systems, water conservation, efficiency, and reuse measures, watershed pilot projects, energy efficiency measures for publicly-owned treatment works, water reuse projects, security measures at publicly-owned treatment works, and technical assistance to ensure compliance with the Clean Water Act.

WHEREAS, the storm water project in Walnut Grove has an engineered cost estimate of \$184,000, and 75% of the cost has been identified through existing state funds, and the remaining 25% of the project cost will be provided by ARP funds;

WHEREAS, the storm water project in Vesta has an engineered cost estimate of \$25,000, and 25% of the cost has been identified through local commitment, and the remaining 75% of the project cost will be provided by ARP funds;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the County Board of Commissioners is encumbering \$65,000 to be used to complete the two identified storm water projects and certifies that the funds appropriated from the ARP Act fund will be used only in a manner consistent with the Department of the U.S. Treasury guidance and incurred during the covered period.

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the State of Minnesota Grant Contract Agreement No. Care-21-0001-O-FY21 in the amount of \$1,715,607.00.

#### **MAINTENANCE**

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Lakes Gas Company Tank Lease Agreement.

#### **AUDITOR-TREASURER**

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of 13 OmniBallot Tablet Disability Marking Machines in the amount of \$65,065.00.

#### **RECESS**

- The Board recessed at 10:38 a.m. to enter into Redwood County Ditch Authority.

**REDWOOD COUNTY DITCH AUTHORITY**

- At 10:38 a.m., the Board entered into Redwood County Ditch Authority. Present for the discussion from Redwood County were Commissioners Salfer, Van Hee and Forkrud, Administrator Kletscher and Auditor-Treasurer Price.
- Chair Salfer appointed Commissioner Forkrud Redwood County Ditch Authority interim chair.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Van Hee, in a roll-call vote with Salfer, Van Hee and Forkrud all voting aye, the Board voted to adopt the following amended resolution:

**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 an amended transfer of \$1,016,148.37 as of 12/31/21 from JD 36 R & B to the following drainage accounts:

CD 12A.....	(1,048.60)	CD 18.....	(747.94)	CD 20.....	(12,430.53)
CD 21.....	(5,906.59)	CD 22-A.....	(599.31)	CD 28.....	(4,933.62)
CD 32.....	(384.34)	CD 35A.....	(19,376.33)	CD 37.....	
.....	(100,655.32)				
<b>CD 38</b> .....	(31,637.12)	CD 40 & 40A.....	(2,154.79)	CD 41.....	(66.80)
CD 43.....	(10,271.28)	CD 47.....	(10,466.06)	CD 48.....	(8,254.48)
CD 49.....	(20,451.03)	CD 50.....	(4,657.49)	CD 51.....	(727.43)
CD 52.....	(9,565.41)	CD 54.....	(7,791.92)	CD 55.....	(4,866.86)
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CD 60.....	(41,928.67)	CD 64.....	(77,056.69)	CD 64-2.....	(3,223.41)
CD 65.....	(683.14)	CD 66.....	(7,188.46)	CD 69.....	(1,145.27)
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CD 70.....	(147,864.69)	CD 72.....	(3,169.67)	CD 73.....	(2,677.11)
CD 74.....	(6,456.24)	CD 81.....	(1,764.02)	CD 85.....	(724.38)
CD 90.....	(1,184.62)	CD 90 LAT A.....	(11,086.79)	CD 96.....	(11,453.96)
CD 100.....	(1,133.97)	CD 102.....	(7,427.98)	CD 106.....	(18,143.42)
CD 1202.....	(190.36)	JD 5 B & R.....	(2,122.85)	JD 5-1 Kunkel.....	(3,817.17)
JD 14 R & L.....	(4,000.42)	JD 16 NA & WL.....	(2,447.49)	JD 17 R & B.....	(6,227.68)
JD 18 B & R.....	(3,123.44)	JD 22 R & L.....	(169.10)	JD 24 R & B.....	(6,028.30)
JD 25 R & B.....	(1,297.28)	JD 29 B & R.....	(16,062.61)	JD 30 R & B.....	(24,307.69)
JD 31 LAT B.....	(1,293.00)	JD 31 LAT F.....	(16,902.26)	JD 33 LAT 1 BR2.....	(3,187.38)
JD 34 L & R.....	(8,545.32)	JD 35 R & B.....	(25,994.90)	<b>JD 36 R &amp; C</b> .....	(73.24)
JD 36 LAT A.....	(584.69)	JD 36 LAT C.....	(1,401.05)	JD 36 LAT E.....	(16,466.76)
JD 36 LAT L.....	(1.03)	JD 36 LAT W.....	(32,046.58)	JD 36 LAT X.....	
.....	(124,253.74)				
JD 36 LAT 1 LAT X.....	(6,733.72)	JD 36 LAT Y.....	(2,535.94)	JD 37 R & L.....	(5,390.51)
JD 39 R & YM.....	(11,553.72)	JD 91 R & YM.....	(88,084.40)		

- There being no further business, Chair Forkrud declared Ditch Authority adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

**RECONVENED**

- The Board reconvened into Regular Session at 10:40 a.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING – COMMERCIAL SOLAR GARDEN MORATORIUM**

- At 10:25 a.m., the Redwood County Board of Commissioners entered into a Public Hearing for the presentation of a Commercial Solar Garden Moratorium.
- Brozek presented the Affidavit of Publication. Present were Redwood County Commissioners Forkrud, Salfer and Van Hee, Administrator Kletscher, Planning and Zoning Supervisor Brozek and Nathan Dull and Alex Pouliot of Minnesota Land and Liberty Coalition.
- An overview of the Draft Interim Commercial Solar Garden Ordinance was presented by Brozek.
- Chair Salfer opened the Public Hearing for public comment. Pouliot stated the Minnesota Land and Liberty coalition is in opposition of a moratorium as they believe the landowner should have the right to decide what to do with their land. He also wanted to know what the plan would be after the one year Moratorium expires.
- Salfer stated the Moratorium is intended to provide the opportunity for Redwood County to research the pros and cons of allowing future solar gardens in Redwood County. The Moratorium can be lifted at any time if a permit would be filed in Redwood County and the Board feels the Solar Garden is a viable project.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Commercial Solar Garden Moratorium.
- The Public Hearing was closed at 10:37 a.m.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

- Peterson presented an overview of the 2021 Attorney Office.

**ADMINISTRATOR**

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Audit Engagement Letter.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the University of Minnesota Use Agreement.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the gambling permit filed by Shooters Sporting Clays.

*Personnel*

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Non-Union Healthcare Savings Plan Memorandum of Understanding.

**COMMISSIONERS**

- The commissioners reported on meetings they attended.

Salfer: Personnel, State Community Health Service Advisory Board

Van Hee: Fair Board, Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority; Prime West/Dept. of Health

**ADJOURN**

- There being no further business, Chair Salfer declared the meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

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Jim Salfer, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners

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