

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

January 17, 2017

JOINT JUDICIAL DITCH #12 BROWN COUNTY AND REDWOOD COUNTY

- A teleconference was held on January 17, 2017 at 8:15 a.m. to consider the petition of Bruce and Margaret Moe to outlet into JD 12 B & R. In attendance at the meeting representing Brown County was: Dennis Potter, Scott Windschitl, Dean Simonsen, Charles Enter, Wayne Stevens, Andrew Lang and Jean Prochniak. Representing Redwood County were Lon Walling, Dennis Groebner, Jean Price, Scott Wold and Vicki Knobloch. Dennis Potter was appointed chair for this conference meeting. Auditor-Treasurer Prochniak presented the petition for consideration to the joint drainage authority for consideration. Dean Simonsen made a motion that was seconded by Scott Windschitl to accept the petition presented by the Moe's, to hire a viewer to determine the benefits and outlet fee and utilize the hydraulic information that will be provided by the petitioners Engineer at Bolten and Menk. Motion carried. Bruce Moe shared information as to why the outlet is necessary for the proposed 40 acres that will outlet into JD 12 B & R. Jean Prochniak shared with the drainage authority that once the viewers had completed their work the information would be presented to Brown County and a public hearing would need to be set with both the Redwood and Brown County representatives. The Engineer would also be presenting data to the landowners at that hearing. Meeting was declared adjourned by Chair Potter at 8:27 a.m.

REDWOOD COUNTY DITCH AUTHORITY

- At 8:28 a.m. Redwood County entered into Redwood County Ditch Authority. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Walling, Salfer, Groebner, Forkrud and Van Hee, Administrator Knobloch, Auditor/Treasurer Price and Environmental Director Scott Wold.
- Knobloch asked for nominations for Board Chair for Ditch Authority. On motion by Salfer, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to elect Lon Walling as 2017 Chair of Ditch Authority.
- There being no further business, Chair Walling declared the meeting adjourned at 8:29 a.m.

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 Dave Forkrud, Jim Salfer, Lon Walling, Dennis Groebner and Bob Van Hee. Also present were Administrator Vicki Knobloch, County Attorney Steve Collins; County Auditor-Treasurer Jean Price; HR Coordinator Peter Brown; Environmental Director Scott Wold, License Center Supervisor Lisa Guggisberg and Redwood Area Chamber of Commerce Director Anne Johnson.

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

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

Chair Walling asked the Board members to identify any areas for which they had a Conflict of Interest. Salfer identified a Conflict of Interest within the Abstract of Bills.

CONSENT AGENDA

- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, and excluding the bill from Salfer Foods in the amount of \$50.00, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, with Salfer abstaining due to the Conflict of Interest, the Board voted to approve the bill from Salfer Foods in the amount of \$50.00.
 - January 3rd minutes
 - Out of State Travel – Matthew Guetter
 - Payment of bills as follows:

Revenue Fund	\$ 299,411.88
Ditch Maintenance Fund	\$ 2,592.93
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 2,304.00

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

- The Board recognized Edward Engels, Highway Department, for 20 years of Service.

AUDITOR-TREASURER

- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following consent agenda: Cash Balance Report; Investment Summary; Budget Report: Revenue, Building, Ditch Maintenance, and Solid Waste Funds; and December Disbursements in the amount of \$6,360,464.33.

SOUTHERN MINNESOTA TOURISM ASSOCIATION

- Johnson updated the Board on tourism events occurring in Redwood County and also thanked the Board for their willingness to participate in tourism funding.

ORDINANCE TASK FORCE

- Wold updated the Board on the codification process and will bring proposals before the board in the upcoming month.

ADMINISTRATION

- On motion by Walling, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Land Purchase Agreement with Bryon and Sherry Lund for a 1.97 acre parcel of land located in Johnsville Township.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Agreement with Xcel Energy Services to administer the 2017 Lamp Recycling program.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2017 Workforce Council Funding request in the amount of in the amount of \$3,160.
- The Board reviewed the December 2016 Jail population report.
- The Board discussed Legislative priorities they would like to address at the upcoming legislative roundtable meeting in Murray County with local legislators.

Personnel

- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Jennifer Scharfencamp to Full-time Administrative Assistant for the Highway Department effective January 30, 2017 on the AFSCME Scale, Grade 8, Step 7 at \$16.62/hr.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to promote Robin Kokesch to Full-time License Technician in the License Center effective January 18, 2017 on the AFSCME Scale, Grade 8, Step 1 at \$14.37/hr.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Health Care Savings Plan LELS Union #404 Memorandum of Understanding.

NORTHLAND LUMBER

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to proceed with the License Center renovation project.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

- Chair Walling appointed Laura Rigge to the Economic Development Committee.
- Chair Walling appointed Jeanne Prescott to the Parks and Trails Committee.
- The Rail Coalition was dissolved per Julie Rath and therefore no committee appointments were needed.
- Chair Walling appointed Groebner the alternate to the Communication Board.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve an advertisement in the 2017 Redwood Area Development Corporation Visitor Guide in the amount of \$282.50 which would be appropriated through the EDA Budget.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- The Commissioners reported on meetings they attended:

Salfer:

- RADC
- Child Advocacy Committee
- Harvestland Expansion
- Cottonwood River – DNR

Walling:

- Judicial Ditch 37
- Redwood/Renville Regional Solid Waste Joint Powers
- Ordinance Task Force
- State Auditor Entrance Review
- Courthouse Building Project

Forkrud:

- Restorative Justice
- Redwood/Renville Regional Solid Waste Joint Powers

Groebner

- Area II

Van Hee

- Fair Board
- Redwood Falls City Council Meeting

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Walling declared the meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Lon Walling, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Attest: _____
Vicki Knobloch
County Administrator