

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

JULY 18, 2017

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 Bob Van Hee, Dave Forkrud, Dennis Groebner, Lon Walling, Jim Salfer, and County Administrator Vicki Knobloch. Also present were County Attorney Steve Collins; Auditor/Treasurer Jean Price; Sheriff Randy Hanson; Economic Development Coordinator Briana Mumme; Environmental Director Scott Wold; Blandin Representatives Janet Borth and Kathy Annette.

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

On motion by Van Hee, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the July 18th amended agenda.

Chair Walling asked the Board members to identify any areas for which they had a Conflict of Interest. There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda.
- July 5th minutes.
- Per Diems: Commissioner Walling, 6-16-17 and 6-27-17 Wind Power Meetings/Geronimo Energy
- Per Diems for meetings with Geronimo Energy for all commissioners who attend are approved.
 - Payment of bills as follows:

General Fund	\$ 168,304.02
Ditch Maintenance Fund	\$ 456.96
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 2,382.00
Health Fund	\$ 43,158.56
Insurance Fund	\$ 60.99

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

- The Board recognized Jason Jacobson, Sheriff's Department, for 15 years of service to Redwood County.

DITCH AUTHORITY

- At 8:33 a.m., the Board entered into County Ditch Authority Lateral X Judicial Ditch #36. Present for ditch authority were Commissioners Walling, Forkrud, Salfer, Groebner and Van Hee, Administrator Knobloch, Environmental Director Wold and Auditor/Treasurer Price.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
Before the
REDWOOD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SITTING AS THE DRAINAGE AUTHORITY FOR
LATERAL X OF JUDICIAL DITCH 36

In the Matter of:

**the Petition to construct a lateral to connect
to Lateral X of Judicial Ditch 36**

ORDER FOR PUBLIC HEARING

A public meeting was conducted by the Redwood County Drainage Authority, sitting as the drainage authority for Lateral X of Judicial Ditch 36, on July 18, 2017. On motion by Groebner, seconded by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously for adoption of the following Findings and Order:

Findings:

1. Redwood County Drainage Authority is the drainage authority for Lateral X of Judicial Ditch 36.
2. On December 5, 2016, Petitioners, Mark and Jan Kelly filed a petition to seek approval for construction of a lateral to be connected to Lateral X of Judicial Ditch 36 located in Section 1, Township 110 North, Range 39 West, (Gales Township), Redwood County, Minnesota with the Redwood County Auditor with the \$10,000 bond being filed on March 30, 2017.
3. On April 18, 2017, the drainage authority adopted findings and an order accepting the petition and appointing Bill Helget of Bolten and Menk, Inc. as the project engineer. Bill Helget of Bolten and Menk, Inc. was ordered to prepare a preliminary engineer’s report and file a preliminary engineer’s report with the drainage authority.
4. The preliminary engineer’s report was filed with the Auditor on June 26, 2017, with an updated report filed on June 29, 2017.
5. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 103E.261, subd. 1, a public hearing must be noticed by mail to petitioners, owners of property, and political subdivisions likely to be affected by the proposed drainage project.

Order:

Based on the foregoing Findings and the entire record of proceedings before the Board, the Board, acting as the drainage authority for Lateral X of Judicial Ditch 36, hereby orders as follows:

- A. A hearing on the preliminary engineer’s report shall be held on August 15, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in the Redwood County Government Center Board Room, 403 S Mill St, Redwood Falls, MN.
- B. At least 10 days before the hearing, the Auditor shall mail notice of the time and location of the hearing to petitioners, owners of property, and political subdivisions likely to be affected by the proposed drainage project in the preliminary engineer’s report.
 - On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the sale/transfer of a Hydro-seeder and trailer from the Ditch Fund to the Road and Bridge Fund in the amount of \$6,000.
 - There being no further business, Chair Walling declared the Ditch Authority meeting adjourned at 8:39 a.m.

RECONVENED

- The Board reconvened into regular session at 8:39 a.m.

AUDITOR/TREASURER

- On motion by Van Hee, second by Groebner, the Board voted to approve the following:
 - Cash Balance Report
 - Investment Summary
 - Budget Reports, General Fund, Ditch Maintenance, Health Fund, State Fund and Solid Waste.
 - June 2017 Disbursements in the amount of \$9,538,362.02.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application for the repurchase of property from Bayview Loan Services, LLC for Parcel #86-670-0160 in the amount of \$4,583.65 as the repurchase will best serve the public interest.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Groebner, in a roll-call vote with Groebner, Van Hee, Forkrud, Walling and Salfer all voting aye, the Board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION FOR REPURCHASE OF TAX FORFEITED LAND

WHEREAS, Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, has applied to repurchase the hereinafter described parcel of tax forfeited land, in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section §282.241, which land is situated in the County of Redwood, Minnesota, and described as follows, to-wit:

#86-670-0160

Lot Eight (8) in Block One (1) of George W. Porter’s Addition to the Village (now City) of Morgan, according to the recorded plat thereof

WHEREAS, The Applicant has agreed to pay all delinquent taxes, assessments, penalties and interest owing on this particular parcel, along with all other costs related to the repurchase, plus full payment of the 2017 real estate taxes and penalty; and

WHEREAS, Allowing the repurchase will best serve the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Applicant's repurchase of the above described parcel of tax forfeited land is approved, and the Redwood County Auditor-Treasurer is hereby directed to permit such repurchase.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Redwood County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of July, 2017.

SHERIFF

- The Board reviewed the June Jail Population and the Sentence to Serve quarterly report.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve Out of State Travel for Julie Senst and Lisa Reynolds to attend the Auercher/LETG training in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on September 13-15, 2017.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Maintenance Contract Renewal #07.17 RCMN with Geo-Comm for 911 Mapping in the amount of \$5,230.00.

ENVIRONMENTAL

- On motion by Groebner, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the submission of a grant for the Greater Parks and Trails for the fiscal year 2018.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

- On motion by Salfer, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the submission for a grant to fund a Victim Advocate position in the County Attorney's Office.

ADMINISTRATOR

- On motion by Salfer, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to authorize to let bids on the sale of 3.91 acres of land, Parcel #60-020-4060 on August 10, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
- Consensus of the Board to not move forward with the adoption of the Clean Indoor Air Ordinance.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to award the bid for a county vehicle to Scott Preusse for a 2017 Chevy Traverse as per bid. No other bids were received.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the gambling license to the Lamberton Lions.
- On motion by Van Hee, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to set a Public Hearing date on August 15, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. to obtain public comment on the Redwood County Capital Improvement Plan years 2017 through 2021.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to discontinue the Agreement for Professional Services between Redwood Area Development Corporation and EsseX Capital LLC.

Personnel

- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge the resignation of Jerry Bohm from the part-time Sentence to Serve Crew Leader effective 8-4-17.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve to transfer/promote Jay Baune as full time Sentence to Serve Crew Leader effective August 5, 2017 on the AFSCME Scale, Grade 10, Step 3 at \$19.16/hour.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2018 and 2019 Non-Union and non-elected department head salary schedule as presented.

CLOSED SESSION

- On motion by Groebner, second by Salfer, the Board voted unanimously to enter into closed session at 9:57 a.m. for the purpose of Attorney/Client Privilege pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05, Subd. 1 (d). Present were Commissioners Walling, Forkrud, Salfer, Van Hee and Groebner, Administrator Knobloch and County Attorney Collins.
- Closed session ended at 10:37 a.m. No action taken.

RECONVENED

- The Board reconvened into regular session at 10:38 a.m.

BLANDIN FOUNDATION

- Economic Development Coordinator Mumme introduced the President and CEO of Blandin to the Board of Commissioners and held discussions on the Blandin funded community projects over the year.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- The commissioners reported on meetings they attended:

Salfer:

Western Mental Health; Redwood Area Development Corporation

Forkrud:

Redwood-Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority

Walling:

Redwood-Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority, Private Industry Council, MN Public Sector Collaborative

Groebner:

Gilfillan

Van Hee

Southwest Regional Development Annual Meeting

ADJOURN

- There being no further business, Chair Walling declared the meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Attest: _____

Vicki Knobloch
County Administrator

Lon Walling, Chair
Board of County Commissioners