

REDWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

APRIL 17, 2018

**CLOSED SESSION**

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to enter into Closed Session at 8:08 a.m. for the purpose of a real estate consideration pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05, Subd. 3. Present were Commissioners Forkrud, Groebner, Van Hee, Walling and Salfer, County Administrator Knobloch, County Attorney Jenna Peterson and Highway Engineer Keith Berndt. Closed Session ended at 8:26 a.m.
- Board will take action during Road and Bridge agenda.

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 VanHee, Dave Forkrud, Jim Salfer, Dennis Groebner, Lon Walling and County Administrator Vicki Knobloch. Also present were County Attorney Jenna Peterson; Auditor/Treasurer Jean Price; Sheriff Randy Hanson; Depute Auditor/Treasurer Rita Wieneke, Account Technician Sandi Wertish; Recording Technician Amy Gewerth; Highway Engineer Keith Berndt, A/T; County Assessor Kathy Hillmer and WOLD Architect John McNamera.

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

On motion by Walling, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the April 17<sup>th</sup> revised agenda.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda.
  - April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018 minutes.
  - Payment of bills as follows:

Revenue Fund	\$ 87,178.00
Building Fund	\$ 2,000.00
Ditch Fund	\$ 5,565.13
Insurance Fund	\$ 5.84
Health Fund	\$ 49,180.75

- Out of State Travel request for Keith Berndt to attend National Association of County Engineers Conference in Wisconsin Dells, WI.

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

- The Board recognized Sandy Wertish, Assessor’s Department, for 5 years of service, Lisa Bitker-Taber, Sheriff’s Department, for 15 years of service, Amy Gewerth, Recorder’s Office, for 5 years of service and Amber Rohlik, Sheriff’s Department, for 5 years of service and Rita Wieneke, Auditor-Treasurer’s Office for 35 years of service.

**BOYS AND GIRLS COUNTY DAY**

- Redwood County students entered the Board meeting at various times representing Wabasso, Red Rock Central, Cedar Mountain, Redwood and Westbrook-Walnut Grove.

**SHERIFF**

- Hanson updated the Board on the Redwood County Jail Population for March 2018.
- Hanson reviewed the Sentence to Serve quarterly report.
- On motion by Walling, second by Van Hee, in a roll-call vote with Forkrud, Van Hee, Groebner, Salfer and Walling all voting aye, the Board adopted the following resolution:

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF \$100 FROM SCHWARTZ FARMS, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, SCHWARTZ FARMS, INC., wishes to donate \$100 to Redwood County Sheriff’s Department and;

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff’s Department will utilize the donation of \$100 for the purpose of equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners appreciates the generosity of Schwartz Farms, Inc. in supporting the Redwood County Sheriff’s Department;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the acceptance of \$100 from Schwartz Farms to Redwood County Sheriff’s Department, on behalf of the County.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to send a letter of support to Superior Healthcare Management to consider a family based childcare provider to operate within Valley View Manor Healthcare Center in Lamberton, MN.

**AUDITOR/TREASURER**

- On motion by Walling, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:
  - Cash Balance Report
  - Investment Summary
  - Budget Reports, Revenue Fund, Building Fund, Ditch Maintenance, Solid Waste, Ditch Bond Interest and Human Services Fund
  - March Disbursements in the amount of \$1,141,513.72.

- On motion by Forkrud, second by Walling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Mid-State Computer Collaborative Joint Powers Agreement.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by Van Hee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Master Agreement to provide professional services between Mid-State Computer Collaborative and Computer Professionals Unlimited.

**RECESS**

- The Board recessed at 9:30 a.m.

**RECONVENE**

- The Board reconvened into regular session at 9:45 a.m.

**ROAD AND BRIDGE**

- The Board tabled the award of the Bituminous Road Repair Material due to an incomplete bid to the May 1, 2018 board meeting.
- The Board discussed the option of installing vehicle tracking systems with Verizon Wireless for the County's 6 motor graders. No action was taken.
- After the Board's closed session for real estate discussion at 8:00 a.m., Berndt provided a recap of the meeting. Berndt updated the Board on the required action necessary in order to complete the purchase transaction with Sterling Enterprises LLC. Because Parcel #88-005-1070 is owned by Sterling Enterprises and leased to Titan, the transaction included the County purchasing the \$5.2 million building for \$2.2 million due to the lease buyout negotiated with the current leaseholder, Titan. On motion by Walling, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to purchase parcel #88-005-1070, to include all legal forms necessary for the lease buyout of the current owner at the purchase price not to exceed \$2.2 million, and authorized payment of all associated closing costs. The Board also authorized Keith Berndt, Hwy. Engineer, to sign all related closing documents.

**ADMINISTRATOR**

- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the publication of the Spring 2018 Redwood County Connection with the addition of an article on the purchase of the Titan Building.

**PAGING EQUIPMENT – VESTA TOWER**

- Sheriff Hanson discussed the 1999 KRWF Tower Lease Agreement.

**RECESS**

- The Board recessed at 11:50 a.m. for lunch with Boys and Girls County Day.

**COUNTY DITCH AUTHORITY**

- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to enter into Ditch Authority.
- At 1:15 p.m., Chair Walling entered into a Public Hearing for the Redetermination of Benefits for County Ditch 12, 12-A, 12 Branch A Lateral A Branch 5, 12 Lateral B, 12 Lateral C, 12 Lateral D, 12 Lateral E, 1202 and 1203. Present were Commissioners Forkrud, Salfer, Walling, Groebner and Van Hee, Administrator Knobloch, Auditor/Treasurer Price, County

Attorney Peterson, Environment Director Wold, Ditch Inspector Lang, Ditch Viewers Bill Moldstad, Duane Bendixen and John Cunningham, Landowners Rick and Denise Siegfried, David Anderson, Brad Anderson, Jim Weidemann, Leland Larson, Gerald Patten, Daniel Gullickson, Brent Huhnerkoch, Arnold Steltz, Mike Anderson, Greg Anderson, Ross Dolezal, Glen Anderson, DuWayne and Lois Zonderman, Bryan Warner.

- Jean Price indicted in accordance with Statute requirements that the notices of the public hearing was published for three consecutive weeks in the Redwood Gazette (official paper), Wabasso Standard, the Standard-Gazette & Messenger and Lamberton News, posted on the county website, on the bulletin board and the front doors of the Government Center. All landowners were mailed a property owner's report and notification of the public hearing as well.
- Bill Moldstad presented an overview on how the data is derived from the benefits and damages statement for County Ditch 12 which is the main system. He commented that information on pages 2, 3 and 4 of the report is identical for each of the other eight lateral systems being redetermined. He then presented information from the viewer's report on those other eight drainage systems. Moldstad commented that work done on the tile portion of County Ditch 12 will only be paid for by the Landowners and Roads listed on that report and not be paid for by the rest of the systems receiving an outlet benefit since they do not benefit directly from the tile.
- The Ditch Authority then accepted public testimony. For public record no written testimony was received. Landowner Dan Gullickson questioned if the buffers will be recorded and if damages were awarded to a triangular grassy area in CD 12, Lateral C. Moldstad indicated no damages were awarded and Environmental Director Wold stated that certain information from the viewer's report which includes the buffer damages would be recorded. Landowner Glen Anderson questioned CRP acres. Moldstad indicated that CRP acres have no effect on how the land is redetermined. Jim Weidemann inquired if the Ditch System will seed the buffer. Wold indicated the Ditch system would be responsible. Landowner Brent Huhnerkoch asked about the payment system on the buffer. Price explained W-9's would be sent to landowners receiving a buffer payment once the 30 day appeal period ended. If a buffer check is warranted it would then be sent along with a bill for the redetermination costs. Her proposal to the board was two payment options; pay assessment in full within 60 days or have the cost spread out over the next three years and put on the tax statement at a 4% interest rate. Landowner DuWayne Zonderman wanted to know who had the jurisdiction on the buffer strip and Wold stated the buffer strip is still the property of the landowner. Chair Walling called for further public comments three times. Chair Walling closed the hearing to public comment.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Viewer's Report with Amendments and set interest rate and repayment term for County Ditch #12 per Price's recommendation and to recess the hearing to May 1, 2018 for consideration of the Findings and Order Approving the Redetermination of Benefits, Acquiring Grass Buffer, Confirming Damages, and Directing Payment.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Viewer's Report with Amendments and set interest rate and repayment term for County Ditch #12-A per Price's recommendation and to recess the hearing to May 1, 2018 for consideration of the Findings and Order Approving the Redetermination of Benefits.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Viewer's Report as Presented and set interest rate and repayment term for County Ditch #12

Branch A Lateral A Branch 5 per Price's recommendation and to recess the hearing to May 1, 2018 for consideration of the Findings and Order Approving the Redetermination of Benefits, Acquiring Grass Buffer, Confirming Damages, and Directing Payment.

- On motion by Forkrud, second by VanHee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Viewer's Report as Presented and set interest rate and repayment term for County Ditch #12 Lateral B per Price's recommendation and to recess the hearing to May 1, 2018 for consideration of the Findings and Order Approving the Redetermination of Benefits.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Viewer's Report as Presented and set interest rate and repayment term for County Ditch #12 Lateral C per Price's recommendation and to recess the hearing to May 1, 2018 for consideration of the Findings and Order Approving the Redetermination of Benefits, Acquiring Grass Buffer, Confirming Damages, and Directing Payment.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by VanHee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Viewer's Report as Presented and set interest rate and repayment term for County Ditch #12 Lateral D per Price's recommendation and to recess the hearing to May 1, 2018 for consideration of the Findings and Order Approving the Redetermination of Benefits.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Groebner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Viewer's Report as Presented and set interest rate and repayment term for County Ditch #12 Lateral E per Price's recommendation and to recess the hearing to May 1, 2018 for consideration of the Findings and Order Approving the Redetermination of Benefits.
- On motion by Salfer, second by Forkrud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Viewer's Report as Presented and set interest rate and repayment term for County Ditch #1202 per Price's recommendation and to recess the hearing to May 1, 2018 for consideration of the Findings and Order Approving the Redetermination of Benefits.
- On motion by Forkrud, second by VanHee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Viewer's Report as Presented and set interest rate and repayment term for County Ditch #1203 per Price's recommendation and to recess the hearing to May 1, 2018 for consideration of the Findings and Order Approving the Redetermination of Benefits.
- The public hearing for County Ditch #12, 12-A, 12 Branch A Lateral A Branch 5, 12 Lateral B, 12 Lateral C, 12 Lateral D, 12 Lateral E, 1202 and 1203 closed at 2:20 p.m.
- On motion by Groebner, second by Salfer, in a roll-call vote with Salfer, Forkrud, Walling, Van Hee and Groebner all voting yea to accept the Findings of Fact and Order Regarding Petition filed by Adam Guetter to outlet into Lateral 2B Judicial Ditch 36.
- There being no further business, Chair Walling declared the Ditch Authority meeting adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

#### **RECONVENED**

- The Board reconvened into regular session at 2:33 p.m.

#### **WOLD ARCHITECTS**

- John McNamera held discussion on future courthouse security planning.

#### **COMMISSIONERS**

- The commissioners reported on meetings they attended.

Walling: Judicial Ditch 10 Meeting, Water Retention Meeting, BSWR Buffer Meeting

Groebner: Redwood Soil and Water, Redwood County Historical Society

Salfer: Safety Committee Meeting, Sanborn and Lamberton Cottonwood River Dam Projects,  
Economic Development Meeting

VanHee: Redwood County Fair Board, Redwood Falls City Council

Forkrud: Restorative Justice, MN River Valley Master Plan, Safety Committee Meeting

**ADJOURN**

- There being no further business, Chair Salfer declared the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vicki Knobloch  
County Administrator

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Jim Salfer, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners